

Manistee County

Regular Board Minutes August 10, 2020 – 7:30 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Supv. Brian Moore, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance,

In attendance: Brian Moore, Richard Hitchingham, Judy Wheelock, Penny Nelson. Keith Moore arrived five minutes late.

With no corrections or additions to the agenda from either the board or audience, motion by J. Wheelock; 2nd R. Hitchingham to approve the agenda. Carried.

Motion by J. Wheelock; 2nd R. Hitchingham to approve minutes of July 13, 2020 regular meeting. Carried.

<u>Treasurer's report</u>. R. Hitchingham reviewed July's operating statement and balance sheet.

Motion by P. Nelson; 2nd J. Wheelock to pay bills as presented using checks #8342 through 8369. Carried.

Fire department report. Supv. Moore read the report that was emailed to clerk.

<u>Library report</u>. Dick Hitchingham briefed the board on the library's activities in July. Library has opened to limited patrons at a time.

<u>Campground host</u>. Betsy Hale said that the fire pit rings were all replaced. Extremely busy; heavy turnover, staying longer and coming back too. Question about the dog sign for the day visitors still needed. Trees still need to be trimmed before branches fall on campers and/or vehicles. Toilets to be pumped at the end of the month. R. Hitchingham received a call asking if there was horse camping at Healy Lake. K. Moore questioned whether to remove dangerous branches before end of season.

Compliance officer. Rich Nelson: No activity or report.

Correspondence. None.

New business

1. Eliminating the Bear Creek drainage district by the county which was established in 1906; last serviced in 1909. Drain commissioner, Gary Schweiger explained the reasoning behind closing the Bear Creek drain. Expensive to maintain, up to \$5,000 per mile. (4.5 miles lone) Attorney cost to close the drain by township, plus hosting a public hearing; would like to have something in writing to close the drain from the township that the township would reimburse the commissioner for any costs incurred. (Approximately \$2,000-+) K. Moore stated that Leelanau is planning to add drainage districts. Needs to be discussed further at our September meeting. Tabled.

- 2. Healy Lake contract with Republic Services. Republic increased the bi-weekly monthly rate from \$80 to \$95, but decreased the extra pickup to \$40. Motion to accept new rate by J. Wheelock; 2nd K. Moore. Accepted.
- 3. Termination of Municipal Retirement Systems Pension Plan. Clerk advised board that the plan would be terminated. Todd Moore no longer works for the township which automatically closes that account, plus the remaining beneficiary agreed to close her account since the cost to maintain it (\$200/yr) far outweighed the contribution.
- 4. Advised the board that Municipal Underwriters Risk Management review is scheduled on Wednesday, August 12 at 10 a.m. at the hall and if available, are invited to attend.

Old business

- 1. Snow Birds grant status. But any decision or additional supporting paperwork to be held until September when the DNR will announce whether or not we're successful.
- Front entrance door bids reviewed. Eikenhout, Inc \$3,621.88; Somsel Lumber 3,259.00. Don Somsel will install but doesn't have his labor costs listed as there are repairs to the area around the door. Motion by P. Nelson; 2nd J. Wheelock to accept Somsel Lumber's bid. Carried.

<u>Public comments</u>. Rick Banker regarding disturbances including fireworks and explosions late into the night on the north side of the river by renters. Asked that the township to mail copies of the noise ordinance to all property owners on Old Grade Road #1 and #2 plus Holly Dr. It is absentee owners/rental properties that are increasing, creating problems for full time owners.

Brief board comments.

P. Nelson: Election went smoothly.

K. Moore: Response to J. Jurewicz about noise ordinance.

Adjournment: 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Nelson, Clerk