DRAFT MINUTES

Manistee County



Regular Board Meeting Minutes December 14, 2020 – 7:30 p.m.

Meeting call to order via ZOOM by Supv. Brian Moore followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. In attendance: Brian Moore, Kimberly Jones, Judy Wheelock, Penny Nelson. Absent: Keith Moore With the additions to the agenda to add new signature cards for the bank, a **motion by B. Moore; 2<sup>nd</sup> J. Wheelock to approve the agenda as changed. Carried.** 

Motion by J. Wheelock; 2<sup>nd</sup> B. Moore to approve minutes of the November 9, 2020 regular meeting. Carried.

<u>Treasurer's report</u>. R. Hitchingham, deputy treasurer reviewed last month's operating statement and balance sheet. He also explained that new signature cards need to be signed:

<u>General Account</u> (two signatures required) Authorized signers: Penny Nelson, clerk; Joan Cramer, deputy clerk; Kimberly Jones, treasurer; Richard Hitchingham, deputy treasurer.

<u>*Tax Account*</u> (one signature required) Authorized signers: Kimberly Jones, treasurer; Richard Hitchingham, deputy treasurer.

Motion by J. Wheelock, 2<sup>nd</sup> B. Moore to approve the above individuals to sign signature cards. Carried. Motion by B. Moore, 2<sup>nd</sup> J. Wheelock to pay all bills using checks #8464 through 8486. Carried.

Fire department. No report.

Library report. R. Hitchingham reviewed the library's last month's activities.

**<u>Correspondence</u>**: Manistee Community Foundation; Snowbirds thank you email message; EGLE water withdrawal request; FEMA letter re flood risk (Springdale has no risk).

## New business

- <u>Brian Peterson</u>: request to purchase vacant lawn owned by township. Mr. Peterson explained purpose of purchasing parcel 12-018-25-00 for \$22,000, 7.86 acres which is adjacent to township cemetery. Board discussion of past troubled history of this property but were receptive to the sale. Mr. Peterson would like to keep the property as is and not developed. Since the property was acquired due to delinquent taxes, deduct any monies used to clean up the property, pay back taxes (about \$13,000) and the balance would be returned to the county. Cannot keep anything over and above that. His father would like to buy a portion of the land. They would like to keep the land in its natural state. Offer to purchase needs to go through our township attorney and the county.
- 2. <u>ParPlan</u>: cyber security extra insurance. Clerk to request Adam Gandolfi attend next meeting to explain this extra coverage.

3. <u>Reminder of budget discussion at February meeting</u>. Clerk reminded board that we would be discussing during the February meeting what expenditures they would like to include.

## Old business

- 1. <u>Trailer ordinance</u>. Clerk is gathering other townships' ordinances pertaining to trailers.
- 2. <u>Snowbirds grant status</u>. Snowbird grant request was declined and the group haven't decided whether to reapply.

**Public comments**. 2-minute limit per person or group during public comments. None.

Brief board comments. Zoom was not an ideal way to conduct a meeting.

Adjournment: 8:45 pm.

Respectfully presented,

Penny Nelson

Clerk