

**Regular Board Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2021 – 7:30 p.m.**

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

In attendance: Brian Moore, Kimberly Jones, Judy Wheelock, Keith Moore, Penny Nelson

With no additions or corrections to the agenda by either the board and/or audience, a **motion by K. Moore; 2nd J. Wheelock to approve agenda as presented. Carried.**

Motion by K. Moore; 2nd K. Jones to approve minutes of the August 9, 2021 regular meeting. Carried.

New business.

- Sarah Archer discussed the recycling situation with the board. Bids were solicited and GFL/American Waste was low bidder. Springdale's recycling amounted to 8% of the county's waste. Cost to remain \$18 per household. Agreed to move the recycling container from our parking lot to another location. Our community can still use any other bin in Manistee County. Widget available for our website to answer recycling questions. **Motion by P. Nelson; 2nd J. Wheelock to extend the agreement to participate in the recycling program another year and to move the bin from our property. Carried.** Bin to remain here until the end of 2021.
- Manistee Conservation District: Renee Mallison, Executive Director did not attend.
- Appointment of new Blight Enforcement Officer, Kenneth Millard who introduced himself to the board and answered questions from the board. K. Moore suggested buying voucher to give to homeowner to take to the dump.

Fire department report. Chief Griner reviewed last month's activities. He explained that due to the growing meth problem, the fire department will not respond unless accompanied by law enforcement. Only if a building was confirmed to have a person actually inside it would they respond. Also said that there are continuing problems with MMR being able to cover the county adequately. Needs to be addressed by the county commissioners. He introduced an addendum from Cleon Township to Springdale Township to cover service dates omitted from previous contract from April 2021 through March 2022.

Campground Host – Betsy Hale said that the campground was slowing up. Wasps and bees are a problem. How to manage them? To contact Hogarth next spring. Cap's to pump before end of the season. Concerned about rumors of Healy Lake Campground being closed. Asked if we could split the large campsite between the host site and the dock into two sites. Seems large enough to do that. Clerk to contact the DNR about that.

Treasurer's report. K. Jones said that there was nothing unusual about last month's financials. Just busy with tax payments. Agreed that investigating on-line payment options would be a good idea. Problems associated with the post office is a major concern. Clerk and Treasurer will review these and present to board in October. **Motion by P. Nelson; 2nd B. Moore to authorize clerk and treasurer to investigate such options. Carried. Motion by K. Moore; 2nd J. Wheelock to pay all bills using checks #8674 - 8693. Carried.**

Library report. Dick Hitchingham distributed the library report to the board and briefly outlined statistics and upcoming programs.

Correspondence. Township Focus, Carrot Top catalog, Manistee Conservation District newsletter, Betsie Valley Library board meeting minutes, Country Lines, MDOT AMAR letter re corrections made.

Old business.

- Healy Lake Campground playground equipment status. Tabled.
- Disposal of Billy Goat leaf blower. Needs repair. Clerk to transport to Fergusons when they are ready to work on it. Could be used to keep court cleared of debris.
- Minger Foundation grant status. Approved in the amount of \$14,130. Township responsible for 10% for a total of \$15,700. Work to begin in the spring.
- ARPA federal grant was reviewed and approved. Disbursement is pending. Clerk asked the treasurer to keep these funds in a separate line item to facilitate reporting to the federal government.
- Cyber liability insurance discussion. Concern whether a tiny township needs to be worried about cyber-crime. **Motion by K. Moore; 2nd P. Nelson to the initial quote of \$100,000 @\$672 premium. Yes: K. Moore; J. Wheelock; K. Jones; P. Nelson. No: Brian Moore. Carried.**
- Marijuana proposal; discussion about Cleon Township meeting on Tuesday, September 7th. A robust discussion on this subject. Concern about lack of attendance at the Cleon Township meeting by residents. Three volunteers (Patty Millard, Betsy Hale and Aubrey Honeycutt volunteered) from the audience agreed to serve on an exploratory commission, not involving the township board, focusing on all aspects of the proposal along with three volunteers from Cleon Township, before a special meeting would be set.

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

Brief board comments. B. Moore will be attending road commission meeting next Wednesday and asked for complaints/comments to present to commission.

Adjournment: 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Penny Nelson
Township Clerk