

Manistee County

Regular Board Meeting Minutes February 14, 2022 – 7:30 p.m.

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

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

Motion by K. Moore to approve agenda as presented. Carried.

Motion by J. Wheelock; 2nd K. Jones to approve minutes of the January 10, 2022 regular meeting. Carried.

Fire department report.

Chief Mark Griner reviewed the activities of the past month. Working on building plans to replace the existing fire hall and township offices. Contract for the next three years is expected to be \$20,000 per year.

Treasurer's report.

- K. Jones said that the online payment of property taxes is going well with minor blips that were easily answered. Will plan to add a short note for the next tax bill regarding online service. Has other improvements in mind to make the job smoother and less costly.
- Due to the continued problems with QuickBooks, the clerk presented a table with the bills to be approved but the payroll not included in the table. The clerk had to use the treasurer's computer to print checks. Motion by K. Moore; 2nd K. Jones to pay bills as presented.
- K. Jones explained that there was an oversight when we added her name to the township's bank accounts. We missed one apparently. Motion by K. Moore, 2nd P. Nelson to ask Honor Bank to add the treasurer's name, Kimberly Jones, to all township banking accounts. Carried.

New business.

- o **Bear Creek bridge grant application**. Lara Treemore Spears representing the Snowbirds explained the process, asking that board hold a public meeting on March, 2022 regarding applying for the DNR grant for the bridge. Have more matching funds than last attempt as many people want to see a bridge built at this point. But the cost of steel has gone up substantially. Public hearing March 14, 6:30 p.m., budget meeting at 7 p.m. and regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- ADA railing damage amounts to \$2,350. Josh Corey of JKM Metal Works will remove and re-make the damaged railing. Our insurance company, Tokio Marine reimbursed the township \$1,850.00 with the balance paid by the township. If the damage-causing driver is identified and ticketed, the insurance company would pursue reimbursement from him. Board didn't think erecting barrier columns should be pursued.

o **Internet service change**. Discussion about Mardex's proposal to re-do the internet service. Need to get references from those that use this type of equipment. Also need to be certain that it would work.

Library report.

Received via email and distributed to the board. Library now has four "hot spots" available to loan for those that do not have internet.

Correspondence.

Township Focus, campground license, EGLE water withdrawal notification, Country Lines, Manistee Conservation District, Carrot-Top flyer.

Old business.

 Zoning question. No discussion. Clerk planning to visit Brown Township as they share the same attorney. B. Moore asked if the board would like to take a field trip to visit Brown Township. He'll talk to that township's supervisor about this trip.

Public comments. Bill Mathes. Asked if anyone would like to tour a 20,000 sf grow facility in Kalkaska.

Board comments. None.

Adjournment: 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Nelson

Township Clerk