

**Regular Board Meeting Minutes
September 12, 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

Additions or corrections to the agenda by Board and/or audience: B. Moore added “cemetery” to agenda.

Motion by J. Wheelock; 2nd K. Moore to approve the agenda with “cemetery” addition. Carried.

Motion by K. Moore; 2nd K. Jones to approve the August 8, 2022 minutes. Carried.

Treasurer’s report.

- Treasurer, K. Jones stated taxes are coming in, Point & Pay is being used more and everything is going smoothly. **Motion by J. Wheelock; 2nd K. Moore to pay all bills using checks #8978 – 9011. Carried.**

Fire department report. Chief, Mark Griner distributed last month’s report. Cleon Township’s millage for facilities and operations passed, plus the county’s ARPA monies \$150,000 was awarded to the project. They are still looking at other grant opportunities. Hoping to break ground this year. Ambulance service in this area is becoming a challenge.

Campground host. Lisa Cypert. Everything is going very well. Need to replace some boards on benches. New pumping service did a phenomenal use.

Blight Enforcement Officer. Kenneth Millard reported that one case suspended due to illness, another is in process, and one refused to allow a court-ordered entry and will go to a “show cause” hearing. Still have more complaints to take.

New business.

- DTE proposal to extend natural gas service. Jonathan Wilson presented the proposal to the board asking for both a letter of support of the project, and a franchise agreement ordinance outlining the entire project. **Motion by K. Moore; 2nd P. Nelson to have our attorney review the franchise agreement/ordinance first before it goes into effect. Carried.**
- Recycling agreement. Representative, Karla Smith-Kasten was not present. Tabled to October meeting.
- **Motion by P. Nelson; 2nd K. Moore to reappoint Theol Wasco to the library board for four years. Carried.**
- The new septic service, Elliott’s Ken-Jack Septic Service already pumped the campground and did a good job.
- E-mail extension change. Clerk, P. Nelson advised the board that after a Zoom meeting with Heather Doxon from the Center for Internet Security; Election Infrastructure Information Sharing

and Analysis Center (EI-ISAC) that we consider changing our email address extension from .com to .gov., a Google project and costs \$6 a month. EI-ISAC agency offers a wide range of resources to support the cybersecurity needs of the election community. **Motion by J. Wheelock; 2nd K. Jones to change email extension from .com to .gov. for a more secure internet address. Carried.**

- Eliminate monthly Zoom payments. Yes, eliminate Zoom as we don't use it anymore.

Old business.

- BS&A update. Final data extraction will occur in the next few weeks with in-person training here in the hall from Tuesday, October 11 through the 14th, and October 18 through the 21st.
- DNR grant for Bear Creek Bridge project has been replaced by Networks Northwest, Manistee County Community Fund and the State of Michigan from the EDA ARPA funds and will cover the cost of the bridge; the DNR grant process will be rescinded. We are "off the hook" in managing any of the details.
- Cemetery. B. Moore led a discussion on the status of the cemetery, cost of graves, marking gravesites, marking corners with flags, unmarked graves, and identifying whose remains are buried. County Medical Examiner may be interested in helping our project. Maybe MSU may have equipment to locate graves. Andy Saarm is researching ways to find the ways and means to work on it. Suggestion: to look into the old records for any information on the cemetery.

Library report. Distributed to the board. Library board member, Theol Wasco explained a library project that loans out "hot spots" to use where there is either poor or no internet service.

Correspondence. MTA's Focus magazine, a flyer on a MTA summit/conference in five locations, Cherryland's Country Lines magazine, Manistee County Summit on September 29th at the Wagoner Center and Manistee MTA annual dinner that evening.

Public comments. Kenneth Millard suggested adopting a yard sale ordinance to control the junk situation. More discussion about the cemetery and cremation burials. Theol Wasco surveyors were hired to discover markers when she was a clerk for another township a few years ago.

Board comments. None.

Adjournment: 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Penny Nelson
Township Clerk