

**Regular Board Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2023 – 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

Additions or corrections to the agenda by Board and/or audience. Clerk added Ed Bradford from *Michigan Class* under the treasurer's report. **Motion by J Wheelock; 2nd K. Moore to accept the agenda with the addition of Ed Bradford under the treasurer's report. Carried.**

Motion by K. Moore; 2nd K. Jones to approve the August 14, 2023 minutes. Carried.

Treasurer's report. Mentioned that two CDs would mature at the end of October and that she has some ideas regarding that.

- **Motion by K. Moore; 2nd J. Wheelock to pay all bills presented using checks #9277 through 9295. Carried.**
- Ed. Bradford, Michigan Class distributed information and gave a briefing about it. Over 750 Michigan entities and \$4B under management, with no minimums and daily liquidity. 5.46% return currently. Clerk and treasurer to create a comparison between Honor Bank and Michigan Class in order to determine the best path to use.
- Honor Bank's "Sweep" bank accounts to be discussed next month.

Fire department report. Distributed report to the board. Read aloud by B. Moore.

Campground Host. Lisa Cypert. The month was quiet. Had to replace a hose on their 250 gallon container. Needs to be reimbursed. A few posts need to be replaced. One complaint but the complainant didn't speak with the host. Requested their money back and the board denied the request. Still looking for bathroom solar lights.

Blight Enforcement Officer. Kenneth Millard reported on last month's activities. Investigating Healy Lake & Plagney Rds property. Clerk investigating how to re-coop our costs to clean up properties by placing the costs on tax bills. Arcadia and Green Lake townships place costs on tax bills. Green Lake hires the crew, bills owner the costs, given 45-60 days to pay the township. If not paid, township takes unpaid bill to judge to request placing lien on tax bill, which is then given to township treasurer to place on tax bill.

New business.

- Proposition 2 election changes. Clerk explained the changes now in the constitution. Eight other townships are pooling election workers together at Maple Grove Township resulting in cost sharing or go it alone for the 9 days. Contract with the county will be signed by the clerk. Local election will still be held at our hall.

- Review of septic field bids were read: Carpenter Excavating \$4,900, Griz Excavating \$4,200. **Motion by K. Moore; 2nd J. Wheelock to accept the Griz Excavating bid of \$4,200 to replace septic drain field. Carried.**
- Manistee chapter of MTA meeting at Springdale Township on Wednesday, September 27 at 7 pm.

Old business.

- Cemetery. Andy Saarm presented draft pricing, selling only single plots rather than block plots, seasonal pricing, and cremation burial with the person's name. Recommends putting monies received from sale of plots be placed in a separate fund. Also, to create a separate area for cremations.
 - ✚ Review of Certificate of Burial Use. Clerk to order book of certificates.
 - ✚ Draft letter to site owners regarding removal of 4x4s, bushes, trees. To be typed rather than signed by the board.
 - ✚ Need D-2 to clean stones which would expose names. 5 gallons would be enough to clean every stone.
- Form letter to use to permanently ban individuals from the campground. DNR has not responded to clerk's request. Clerk to review the lease wording to see if anything applies to this situation.

Library report. Report distributed to board.

Correspondence. None; just advertising.

Public comments. None.

Board comments. K. Moore thanked Dave Purkiss, Andy Saarm and Brian for the tremendous effort they put into the cemetery.

Adjournment: 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Penny Nelson
Township Clerk