

MASTODON TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2020

Supervisor Frank Siewiorek called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Mastodon Township Hall. He asked all to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance. Board Members present: Supervisor Frank Siewiorek, Clerk Jan Lemke, Treasurer Sheri Skrzyniarz, and Trustees Chad Skinner and Mike Bjork.

Attendees: Dan Kurtz, Dave Smith, and Renee Saudan.

Changes to agenda: None.

July Meeting Minutes - Stand as written.

Treasurer Report: The Treasurer's report for July was reviewed.

Clerk's Report: *Elections went well. Big thanks to the Fire Department for preparing the fire hall for voting. And big thanks to Dan for making protective shields and preparing the main hall for the elections. A lot of extra work was put in because of the COVID virus restrictions. *Frank will check with Road Commission to make sure they will apply our current township funds of \$15,000 to gravel Hill Farm Road. *Jan asked the board to approve the hiring of someone to clean the office. Board said to go ahead and put an ad in the paper.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Review: Mike reviewed checks #28572 through 28598 from the General Fund. Sheri made the motion to accept the list and the motion was seconded by Chad. All in favor.

Supervisor's Report: *Frank had a conversation with the Iron County Sheriff regarding Camp 5 break in. Jan informed the Board that a meeting did take place with Adam Schiavo, Andy Fleming, and Jan on August 8th. Adam assured Andy that he is doing everything he can with the investigation. *A repair quote was received from Kurtz Diesel to repair the truck. The total was \$48,314.79. A copy was sent to the insurance company. *Rainbow Trail is done. Road Commission went ahead with striping on the road without approval. The Road Commission should be responsible for the cost.

Fire Department Report: Andy emailed the Board his monthly report. No questions or concerns.

Zoning Admin. Report: Jeff emailed his report to the Board. No questions.

Planning Commission Report: The Planning Commission did not meet in August.

ICECA Report: Mike reported that they will begin interviewing for a new director.

Maintenance Report: Dan checked on the dust issue on Mastodon Road. It was determined that we would not need to add more chloride. *Dan informed the board that there was a 4-wheeler riding slowly behind the building on that past Sunday. Sheri will check the cameras.

Unfinished Business:

Alpha Roads: Frank handed out a copy of the 2020 road budget he received from Alpha and indicated that they had \$102,000 in their Road savings account for road repair. He reviewed the budgeted operating costs. After discussion, it was determined that they have money saved to begin work on their streets, however, nothing can be done on the roads until after the water project. The water project has been put on hold until next year, allowing more time to accumulate funds toward road repair.

New Business:

Other Business: Dan asked the Board if he can hold a training session for school bus drivers here at the township hall on August 14th and 15th. The Board decided that since the drivers would be coming from different areas in the Upper Peninsula, it would be better to hold the meeting somewhere else.

Frank asked Dave and Dan if there was any news on the fire hydrants in Alpha. Dan said that Steve Martin indicated that he had all the parts to repair them. Frank asked Dan to get an update on the process of getting them repaired.

Public Comment:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Lemke, Mastodon Township Clerk