

# MASTODON TOWNSHIP BOARD

## Regular Meeting Minutes

February 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 Skrzyaniarz, and Trustees Chad Skinner and Mike Bjork.

Attendees: Dan Kurtz, Andy Fleming, Dave Smith, Jackie and Dan Rosek, Rick Herman, Stacy Waters, Jeff Seppala, Jerry Divine, Renee Saudan, and Jon Pickart.

Changes to agenda: None.

January Meeting Minutes - Stands as written

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

Clerk's Report: \*Policy Manuals will be reviewed in April. \*Andy and Jan had their meeting w/Par Plan. \*Election classes are underway and the Public Accuracy test will be on the 24<sup>th</sup>. \*Joanne will be going to Marquette on Thursday to begin the process to get accredited as Deputy for Elections.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Review: Mike requested Jan to verify whether or not the township can pay for an unusual expense of \$412.20 incurred to send Joanne to Election Accreditation class. It is noted that Mike had reviewed checks #28142 through 28175 from the General Fund. \*Sheri made the motion to accept the list and was seconded by Chad. All in favor.

Supervisor's Report: Frank reported that he attended the Road Commission meeting that morning. He reported that a discussion took place regarding our letter sent requesting an explanation regarding the poor quality of the road on County 424, east of Alpha to US2. They said they were going to wait until spring to see if the bumps go down. If not, they will review the issue at that time. \*Frank received a call from a Stager Lake resident with a concern that the road crew working on US2 next summer will take water from the lake. They asked the Board to put up a sign indicating that taking water from the lake is prohibited. Frank will check with the Road Commission regarding this issue.

Fire Department Report: Andy reported that there was one fire call in January - a snowmobile fire. \*The Department hosted a meeting for the Sheriff's Department to report on drug awareness and exposure during fire calls. \*Andy asked the Board to consider not allowing Butane Hash Oil extraction methods within the township - possibly add it to our marijuana ordinances. Mike suggested we consider addressing it as a whole and not allowing it in any industrial business. Board will look into this issue. \*Andy asked the Board for direction regarding Truck #5 - repair or replace. Frank indicated that we will be discussing the issue at our budget meeting. Andy was asked to include an estimate to repair the truck as well as an estimate for the cost of a used truck to be included in the annual Fire Dept report for our budget meeting.

Zoning Admin. Report: Jeff reported that activity continues regarding marijuana issues. He also had a question regarding a land division. \*Jeff attended zoning administrator certification classes. He needs to take the final exam to complete certification.

**Planning Commission Report:** Chad stated that the Planning Commission is finalizing their work on the Recreation Plan. They should have a draft to us by next month. The Board will address the issue at our budget meeting. \*As of April, the Planning Commission will begin meeting every other month unless the Board needs their help on a special project.

**ICECA Report:** Mike reported that they are in the process of finalizing their annual budget.

**Maintenance Report:** Dan reported he is working on projects in the township hall. He will complete the office furniture build and will then start on the main conference room. Paint, redo the floor etc.

**ZBA:** Sheri reported that there was a training for ZBA members. Sheri learned that ZBA and Planning Commission minutes need to be specific with information. Sheri will get a copy of her paperwork to the Planning Commission.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Recreational Marihuana Ordinance:** Jan passed along a draft received from our lawyer. \*Jerry Divine asked if the draft could be made public before the Board approves it. After discussion, no determination was made how the Board will handle the request.

**New Business:**

**March Meeting Date:** After discussion, it was determined that our monthly meeting would be held on Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 and the annual budget meeting will be held on Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 12:00.

**Annual Resolutions:** Jan presented the following annual resolutions for approval:

- Ryan Law Offices as legal representation - resolution supported by Mike. Roll call: Sheri - yes; Chad - yes; Mike - yes; Jan - yes; Frank - yes.
- Township Board 2020-2021 Meeting Schedule - resolution supported by Sheri. Roll call: Frank - yes; Sheri - yes; Chad - yes; Mike - yes; Jan - yes.

**Other Business:**

**Public Comment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Lemke, Mastodon Township Clerk