

# MASTODON TOWNSHIP BOARD

## Regular Meeting Minutes

January 14, 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, and Trustees Chad Skinner and Mike Bjork. Treasurer Sheri Skrzyniarz was absent.

Attendees: Dan Kurtz, Dave Smith, Jackie and Dan Rosek, Rick Herman, Stacy Waters, Jeff Seppala, Stosh Wosit and Logan Stauber.

Changes to agenda: None.

December Meeting Minutes - Stands as written

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

Clerk's Report: Jan informed the board that Sheri's printer/copier stopped working and we need to order a new one. \*Road Commission contracts have not been corrected by the Iron County Road Commission regarding Homecroft Road repair for 2020. They said they are too busy to correct at this time. \*Board of Review dates for the March meeting need to be changed to March 11th and 12th. The resolution covering the change was made by Jan and seconded by Chad. Roll call: Mike - yes; Jan - yes; Frank - yes; Chad - yes. \*March meeting date needs to be changed. It is currently scheduled for March 10<sup>th</sup> which is the Michigan election. Board members will review their calendars and we will finalize a date at the February 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Review: Chad made the motion to accept the list and was seconded by Mike. All in favor. It is noted that Mike had reviewed checks #28087 through 28127 from the General Fund.

Supervisor's Report: Frank reported that he attended the Road Commission meeting that morning. He requested an explanation from them regarding the poor quality of the road repair done on Cty 424, east of Alpha to US2. They were not sure why the road buckled but any work planned for that section is not scheduled for another 15 years. The Township Board feels this is unacceptable and wants the Board of Commissioners of the Road Commission to hold the contractor responsible and to give us an explanation of what happened. Frank will work with Jan to have a letter sent requesting engineering detail of why this happened and what will be done to repair it.

Fire Department Report: Andy reported that he was on a call because a tree fell on a powerline during an ice storm. He had requested an assist three times for a sand truck from the Road Commission. They never showed up. Frank will address this concern at the next Road Commission meeting. \*The Department decided that they would like to continue working on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade with serving ice cream and cracker jacks after the parade.

Zoning Admin. Report: Jeff reported increased activity of marihuana inquiries. \*He also will be attending zoning administrator certification classes down state on February 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Planning Commission Report:** Chad stated that the Planning Commission continues to work on a new Recreation Plan. Rick requested that the Board consider setting funds aside to address more property improvements within the township. Chad stated that there are grants that could be applied for however the township would still need matching funds. Putting some funds aside to address that issue would be beneficial. The Board will address the issue at our budget meeting.

**ICECA Report:** Paul Schuytema may be attending our February meeting.

**Maintenance Report:** A new Bara Road sign is up.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Chloride Program:** After a discussion, it was determined that we would not move forward with this project at this time.

**Recreational Marihuana Ordinance:** Jan continues to work with our attorney to get the ordinance completed.

**New Business:**

**4<sup>th</sup> of July:** Frank will contact vendors for the availability of fireworks in Alpha. He will then meet with the Village Board to discuss what their intentions are regarding all 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities including their intentions regarding the continuation of fireworks.

**ZBA Membership Renewal:** A request was made by Stu Creel to remain on the Zoning Board of Appeals for another 3year term. Frank made a motion to accept his request and the motion was seconded by Mike. All were in favor.

**Other Business:**

**Public Comment:** Jan noted Election Inspector training will be February 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> at the courthouse.

\*Any resident can now request an application to vote via an absentee ballot. A reason to vote this way is no longer needed. \*Jan also informed the Board that the State of Michigan is pushing townships with multiple precincts to consolidate them. They feel any precinct with less than 2,500 people should consolidate especially now since anyone can vote using an absentee ballot. Jan wants to reach out to all residents of Camp 5 before a Board decision is made.

Mike wanted it noted that anyone signing a legal document should make sure to write out the entire year as "2020" instead of just using "20" which can be changed by outside parties.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Lemke, Mastodon Township Clerk