

# MASTODON TOWNSHIP BOARD

## Regular Meeting Minutes

July 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, Treasurer Sheri Skrzyniarz, and Trustees Chad Skinner and Mike Bjork.

Attendees: Dan Kurtz, Andy Fleming, Dave Smith, Jeff Seppala, and Stacey Watters.

Changes to agenda: None.

June Meeting Minutes - Stand as written.

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

Clerk's Report: \*Road signs missing at Chicken Farm Road and Mastodon Township sign on Bible Camp Road. Dan will take care of. \*Pre-buy propane this year will be \$1.39/gallon. Board approved the pre-buy program. \*Jan stated that there are some questions regarding our chloride program covering township gravel roads. So she reviewed the township chloride program since it started in 2010. The cost to the township from 2010-2013 (4 years) was \$104,835.90. The program was reevaluated by a new board. The township was able to drop the cost covering 2015 - 2018 (4 years) to a total of \$36,284.00. The current board again reviewed the program and it was suggested by Dan Kurtz that we do the chloride job ourselves for an even greater savings. The total cost for the township to do it in 2019 and 2020 (2 years) is \$5,974.38. Jan stated that if anyone wanted a copy of the worksheet to please let her know. Copy attached.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Review: Mike reviewed checks #28500 through 28556 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 attended the Iron County Road Commission (ICRC) meeting. Nothing pertaining to the township was discussed. Buck Lake Park Road and Homecroft Road is finished. Jan reminded the Board that the contracts covering Homecroft Road have not been signed. She is waiting for a corrected addendum.

Fire Department Report: Andy presented the fire department monthly report. The Department approved the hiring of Jennifer Hoffman as a firefighter. Frank made a motion to accept and the motion was seconded by Sheri. The Board approved the motion with completion of the probationary period. \*No new updates on the Camp 5 break in.

Zoning Admin.Report: Jeff presented his report to the Board. Three cases have been turned over to the Zoning Board of Appeals and all were approved.

Planning Commission Report: Chad stated that the Planning Commission did not meet in July.

ICECA Report: Mike reported that they are looking for a new director.

Maintenance Report: Dan has worked on repairs at the Camp 5 hall. \*He is having problems with the bathroom doors being locked. Will monitor the situation.

Zoning Board of Appeals: Sheri presented the three cases that were presented to the Board. The Board found that all the requests met requirements and the variances were approved.

**Unfinished Business:**

July 4<sup>th</sup> Update: The township received \$300 from the Alpha Rifle Range and \$200 from Wimpy's Restaurant to help with the costs of the fireworks. The cost to the Township for the fireworks was \$3500 and the total funds received to offset the cost was \$1,251.90.

Garbage in the Parks: The new park garbage containers seem to be working a lot better. Jan noted that Dan Kurtz personally donated 2 of the garbage containers for Buck Lake Park.

**New Business:**

Park Docks: There is a concern that the new dock is not out far enough. Dan will determine whether we can use pieces from the old dock to extend the new docks out further.

Unauthorized Use of Township Vehicles: Frank allowed an unauthorized and uninsured driver to drive the township truck. The Board reminded him that he cannot allow that to happen.

Rainbow Trail Road Repair: Jan received contracts from the Road Commission for additional road work to be done at a cost of \$11,000.00. Frank gave approval to the Road Commission without calling for a special meeting and getting board approval. The board told him again that he cannot make those decisions on his own. A special meeting could have been called for the next morning. Mike made a motion to do the work at the cost of \$11,000.00 to the township. Sheri seconded the motion and all were in favor. Frank then questioned whether we should have the road striped. It was determined that we would not.

MC3 Extension Request: MC3 Botanicals asked for a 6 month extension on their medical marihuana application. The Board did approved the extension with a motion from Frank and a second from Sheri.

**Other Business:** Frank asked the board to put the Alpha request for road funds on next month's agenda. Jan said she will not further discuss nor vote on the issue when she has been asking for additional spending information from them since last year. Steve Martin gave the Board information last month showing they receive approx. \$50,000 a year from the State to cover road issues in the Village. Jan said that if they received that over the past ten years, then she would like to see how they spent the \$500,000.00. She specifically asked for the information from Steve in an email after the last meeting. Frank said he was ready to vote and wanted it voted on at the next meeting. Jan asked other board members if they wanted the additional information. Sheri and Chad said they felt they could not move forward either without the additional information requested.

Mike stated that there is confusion regarding residents on Bara Road and Buck Lake Park Road that have no fire numbers at their residences. He wanted the fire department and Dispatch to know this. Jan also worked with the residents and contacted Jerry Anderson at the Construction Code office for them. She gave Jerry their telephone numbers and he was to research the issue.

**Public Comment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Lemke, Mastodon Township Clerk