

# MASTODON TOWNSHIP BOARD

## Regular Meeting Minutes

June 9, 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, Mary Bjork, Joanne Burns, Kathy Carlson, Steve Martin, Stu and Julie Creel, and Renee Saudan.

Changes to agenda: None.

May Meeting Minutes - Stand as written.

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

Clerk's Report: \*Received signed letter from Sue Neyrinck regarding scrap metal pick up at Camp 5 Hall.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Review: Mike reviewed checks #28402 through 28485 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. They will check on damage on Jule Lake Road. They have started work on Rainbow Park Road. Buck Lake Road is scheduled for work next year. \*Frank stated he received a call regarding no chloride on Lower Dam Road. He said it was a public road and therefore the Road Commission needed to put chloride down. He will call the resident back and explain the situation. \*Frank attended Village of Alpha meeting to update their board on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities, discuss using the ball park, and use of fire hydrants. It was determined that the ball park mostly falls on the township land and we will want liability waivers signed before it is used.

Fire Department Report: Andy presented the fire department monthly report.

Zoning Admin. Report: Jeff presented his report to the Board. Three cases have been turned over to the Zoning Board of Appeals. \*Jan discussed a form she discovered regarding zoning violations. She asked Jeff to review the form for use in the future.

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

ICECA Report: Mike reported that there is reduced staffing. The township did receive an update from them.

Maintenance Report: Dan put in a new window by Sheri's desk so that people can pay taxes without coming into the office. New locks put on both doors that enter the office. \*Roads have been chlorided however Mastodon Road and West Rainbow Trail have been regraded. If we need to put chloride down again on these roads, we will need to reorder another pallet of chloride at \$900. We will wait to reorder if needed. \*New docks for Stager Lake will be delivered within next 10 days. \*Will put the boat docks in at both parks.

### Unfinished Business:

Recreational Marijuana Ordinance: After discussion, it was determined we would accept the Recreational Marijuana Ordinance draft as is. A motion was made by Sheri to approve and was seconded by Chad. A roll call vote was taken: Frank - yes; Sheri - yes, Chad - yes; Mike - yes; Jan - yes.

Completion of Nature Trail - Liability: The project is on hold. Caution tape has been put up but is generally ripped down.

**Unfinished Business - con't:**

**Mastodon Township Signs at Lakes:** Now that the US2 Highway road repair has been cancelled, there is no longer a need to put up signs at our parks prohibiting removal of water from the lake.

**Gravel at Buck Lake Park:** Dan did some research on bringing gravel into Buck Lake Park. After discussion it was determined that we would bring in 300 tons of gravel for the boat launch, parking lot, and the extended road. Dan will level the gravel once delivered.

**Capitol Outlays:** All capitol outlays OK'd at our March budget meeting were reviewed. Fire Department: Washer/Dryer - on hold; 2 radios - order; and truck #5 repairs - OK to repair. Township Hall: Generator - on hold; storage for water - on hold; security - moving forward with new door locks; cameras in the hall - on hold.

**July 4<sup>th</sup> Update:** Flag raising at 9:00. The Fire Department will plan on distributing ice cream and cracker jacks as well as be a part of the parade. The firework display will go on as planned.

**New Business:**

**Buck Lake Rinsing Station:** On hold.

**Social Media Policy:** After discussion, it was determined that we would accept a social media policy to add to the Mastodon Township Policy Manual. A roll call vote was taken: Sheri - yes, Chad - yes, Mike - yes, Jan - yes, and Frank - yes.

**Garbage in Parks:** Jan received a call from Cindy Rahoi about the problem at Stager Lake Park regarding garbage. People are leaving personal garbage at the park and animals are getting in and making a mess. We have had this problem for a while. Dan checked into cement garbage containers where animals could not get into. He found a vendor who would sell 6 of them to us for \$500. Generally they cost up to \$400 each. Sheri made a motion to purchase the 6 trash cans and the motion was seconded by Chad. All were in favor. Dan was given permission to open up the park bathrooms.

**Crackfill Roads:** It was determined that there is no need for the township to pay for any crack fill on any township roads.

**Other Business:** Steve Martin from the Village of Alpha was there to answer questions on roads. Jan stated that she wanted time to review what paperwork was given to the board on roads that need work within the Village. Jan asked Steve how much money was in their road fund and how much money does the Village receive for roads each year. Steve was not sure. He would check with Sharon, the Village Clerk and let us know. She also asked Steve for the detail of all the "in and out's" of the road accounts as well. Mike asked why the Road Commission does not take care of 424 within the Village Limits. Steve said that they receive "Major Road" funds to take care of that piece.

Dan asked about the liability of "volunteers" who wish to volunteer some time to the township. For example, picking up of garbage at the parks. Is there a waiver that should be used? Jan will address the issue with MTA to ask their recommendation.

A concern was raised by Andy Fleming about lack of fire numbers at places of residence. His concern was locating the property in case of fire. It was noted that fire numbers were not mandatory and each individual property owner makes the decision to mark his property with address numbers.

**Public Comment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Lemke, Mastodon Township Clerk