

MASTODON TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Meeting Minutes

September 08, 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, Alexis Heimerl, Cindy Scheoppey, Mark Leonhardt, Chris Larson, Elaine Weackler, Gene Byrge, and Steve Martin.

Changes to agenda: None.

August Meeting Minutes - Stand as written.

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

Clerk's Report: *Primary election expenses have been reimbursed by the State of Michigan. *Angela Stafford requested approval to attend the MAP annual conference. They are doing all classes through ZOOM. The cost will be \$185.00. Frank made a motion to pay for the classes which was seconded by Jan. All in favor.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Review: Mike reviewed checks #28652 through 28696 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 Alpha meeting. Roads and water projects delayed until next year. *Frank met with other county supervisors to discuss the designated assessor position that the county needs to have by the end of the year. *He also attended the Road Commission meeting. He asked Doug to check into whether Hill Farm Road will be maintained with this year's matching funds.

Fire Department Report: Andy reviewed his monthly report. *Andy found a truck at Bonduel Fire Department. The cost of the truck is \$18,500.00. With all updates needed, it could cost a total of \$40,000+. Mike made a motion for the fire department to proceed with getting a truck but not to exceed \$50,000 in total cost. Chad seconded the motion and all were in favor. *After discussion, it was determined that Jan would research files for an existing agreement between Mastodon Township and the Village of Alpha regarding maintenance of all the fire hydrants located in the Village of Alpha. If an agreement is not found, she will work with the Alpha Village Board to set one up.

Zoning Admin. Report: Jeff presented his report to the Board. *He also expressed a concern regarding the lack of communication between his position and the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). Sheri noted that Jeff has not been informed of these meetings, however, has now included him on all emails regarding the Board. She will also send an email out to the entire ZBA membership informing them of tonight's discussion.

Planning Commission Report: The Planning Commission met in September. They discussed the Recreation Plan.

Zoning Board of Appeals: Sheri reported that there were two ZBA meetings. Both requests met all criteria and were approved.

ICECA Report: Mike reported that Invest U.P. gave out funds for grants. After review of 70 applications, 55 were given grants.

Maintenance Report: Dan will be working on stripping and rewaxing the floors in the hall.

Unfinished Business:

Alpha Roads: Some board members of the Village of Alpha attended the meeting asking for assistance for road repair. Jan explained to the Village members that the township has no authority to give the Village any taxpayer funds for any reason. She informed them that she contacted Michigan Township Association who did confirm that fact. They also informed Jan that there was a possible opportunity within the law - the Urban Cooperation Act of 1967. This act would allow the two governmental entities to enter into an agreement where both sides agree what each unit can offer the other in exchange. After further discussion, it was determined that both government boards will work on reviewing this Act and will work together on an agreement.

New Business:

Road Commission Contract: All Board members signed the contract from the Road Commission covering repairs needed on Homecroft Road.

Camp 5 Fire Engine: Jan made a motion to salvage the fire engine from Camp 5 that was damaged during a break-in at the hall. Mike seconded the motion. All in favor.

Cleaning hire: Jan reported that we received one application for the cleaning position posted in the newspapers. This person will work during our office hours every other week. The going rate of pay to clean offices is \$25.00/hour. Frank made a motion to pay her this rate and the motion was seconded by Sheri. All in favor.

Other Business: Mike noted that he saw an ad in the paper that Iron River was having a fall cleanup with GAD. He would like to see Mastodon Township have one as well. Jan asked if it could be done in the spring since she is so busy with the election work. It would be an important service to offer our township. Jan stated she will try to make it happen. If not this fall, then in the spring for sure. Steve Martin indicated that if anyone has metal they want to get rid of, they can take it to Alpha. Contact the Alpha foreman so he can open the gate for dumping.

Public Comment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Lemke, Mastodon Township Clerk