

# MASTODON TOWNSHIP BOARD

## Regular Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2021

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 Stacey Watters, Trustees Chad Skinner and Mike Bjork.

Attendees: Dan Kurtz, Joanne Burns, Dave Smith, Rick Herman, Courtney Franz, Vicki Browne, Joe Shubat, Lydia Novitsky, and Andy Fleming.

Changes to agenda: Mike requested that we add "Disk Golf" to our New Business.

March Meeting Minutes - Stand as written.

March Budget Minutes - Stand as written.

Treasurer Report: The Treasurer's report was reviewed.

Clerk's Report: Jan informed the Board that the "Spring Cleanup" project was underway. It should be held in May or June. \*Joanne is looking into Par Plan grants to see if we qualify for any.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Review: Mike reviewed checks #29135 - 29191 from the General Fund and #1788 from the Water Fund. Mike also reviewed the March payroll sheet presented. Chad made a motion to accept the A/P and was seconded by Stacey. All in Favor.

Supervisor's Report: Frank informed the Board that Merit cannot put fibre optics in residential areas. He was informed that there is a company called Star Link that offers satellite service. \*He attended the Road Commission (RC) meeting. We received a handwritten quote regarding Hill Farm Road. It would cost us \$24,000 less the Road Commission share of \$10,000. Jan made a motion to proceed as long as the RC lists the \$10,000 share in the contract. Stacey seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken. Frank, Stacey, Chad, Mike, and Jan all voted yes.

Fire Department Report: Andy presented his report. \*Training was held on 3/23. \*Andy asked the Board to consider partial payment for electrical work done at the Pump House on M-69. The electrical expense would be a shared cost with Mansfield Township. The cost to Mastodon would be approx.. \$380. Mike made a motion to pay for half of the bill but not exceed \$500 in payment. The motion was seconded by Chad. All in favor.

Zoning Admin. Report: Jeff was not in attendance and his report was emailed to the board.

Planning Commission Report: The Planning Commission (PC) did meet in April for the organizational meeting and their planned month meeting. The only change reported in organization was that Courtney Franz was elected as Chairperson and Rick Herman was elected to Vice-Chairperson. They will meet every other month. No other changes were made. In their regular meeting, they discussed the Master Plan and the Rec Plan. They are hoping to be able to move forward with getting the Master Plan approved this year. \*They also discussed the Anderson Ballpark project. The PC is planning a special meeting on May 5<sup>th</sup> so they can move forward on getting the project started while working on getting a recreational committee started. Jan verified that all quotes will need board approval before purchase.

ICECA Report: The Board had received the ICECA monthly report. Mike reported that they are close to making an offer for a new Executive Director.

**Maintenance Report:** Dan met with Norway Springs to evaluate our water. They recommended an EDS filter to take care of the smell for the cost of \$1680 with a five year guarantee. The water test revealed high levels of sulfur. \*He found a washer for fire department use. It will be shipped in 2-3 weeks. \*Dan received a call from American Docks stating that they cannot sell completed docks to us but only sell us the frames due to the lumber shortage. It was decided that we would purchase the frames, order the lumber and finish the build ourselves. \*Dan started working at Stager Lake Park around the swing set. The swing set broke apart. It was decided to not replace it at this time, We will work with the Rec Committee in the future regarding playground equipment in the parks. \*Dan noticed that MC3 has a large pile of top soil at their facility and wanted to reach out to them to see if they wanted to sell any of it. We could use it at Stager Lake Park. Jan will contact MC3 and ask.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Zoning Administrator Follow Up Visits:** Frank talked to Jeff and told him that it is his responsibility to do follow up visits on all zoning compliance applications and if he had any questions regarding job responsibilities to bring it to the Board.

**Recreational Marihuana Ordinance Change:** After discussion, it was determined that we would not consider adding event licenses at this time.

**Mutual Aid Box Alarm System:** Frank made a motion for our fire department to be a part of this statewide mutual aid agreement. The motion was seconded by Chad. All in favor.

**CPA Service for Township:** After discussion, it was determined that we would continue on with CLA Auditors.

**New Business:**

**Chicaugon Lake Association:** Vicki Browne, representing the Association, made a presentation requesting funds to combat milfoil in Chicaugon Lake. Mike stated that Mastodon Township has several parks and lakes that are dealing with the same issue. His concern, as well, was giving tax payer funds to a home owner's association, which is a private organization. Jan with research with MTA.

**Millage Resolution:** Jan presented new millage language to the Board for a vote. She changed the millage language to read that the millage renewal would last for 5 years and not 4 years. We have been submitting this millage renewal in non-election years and had to pay for the total cost of the election. She presented the language for the General Fund Millage and made a motion to accept. The motion was seconded by Stacey and a roll call vote was taken: Stacey, Chad, Mike, Jan, and Frank all voted yes. Jan read the language for the Road Millage Renewal and a motion was made by Mike to accept. The motion was seconded by Frank. A roll call vote was taken: Chad, Mike, Jan, Frank, and Stacey all voted yes.

**Recreational Marihuana Class B License Request - MC3:** Frank made a motion to accept their license for Class B license. The motion was seconded by Chad. All in favor.

**Disc Golf:** Lydia Novitsky made a presentation to the Board regarding the use of Mastodon Township land in Alpha to put in a 9 hole course to play disc golf. There were some concerns expressed: liability to the Township, that being a MediVac area, part of the area is already used for parking, and maintenance around the baskets. Jan asked Lydia to email a Mastodon Township proposal, along with a current map. Jan will also check with the insurance company regarding liability.

**Other Business:**

**Public Comment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Lemke, Mastodon Township Clerk