

MASTODON TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Meeting Minutes

March 16, 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, Jackie and Dan Rosek, Joanne Burns, Angela Stafford, Jeff Seppala, Jerry Divine, Mr. & Mrs. Saudan, and Courtney Franz.

Changes to agenda: None.

February Meeting Minutes - Stands as written

Treasurer Report: The Treasurer's report for February was reviewed. Sheri indicated that she has been updating our website. If anyone has anything to add, please let her know.

Clerk's Report: *Received a letter from Forest Park requesting donations for Senior Night. Sheri made a motion to get \$100 in gift cards. Motion seconded by Frank and all were in favor. *Jan and Joanne set up for 2 election training classes - one on April 8th and one on April 23rd.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Review: Mike reviewed checks #28207 through 28280 from the General Fund. Chad made the motion to accept the list and was seconded by Frank. All in favor.

Supervisor's Report: Frank reported that he attended the Road Commission (RC) meeting. Mike indicated that the dip in the road on 424 at the bottom of the Alpha hill needs to be addressed. It is deep enough to be a hazard. *Frank asked the RC whether or not the water at Stager Lake would be used this summer to aid in the road work planned for US2. RC suggested that Frank contact the DEQ. *Frank attended the Village of Alpha meeting. They have agreed to contribute \$1,500.00 towards the 4th of July fireworks. He suggested a committee in hopes of promoting better communications. Mike stated he had already been in contact with the Village Inn and discussed forming a 4th of July committee. *At that same meeting, Frank discussed our concern regarding the fire hydrants with the Village. Steve stated all the hydrants are in working order. Andy stated that was incorrect - that he had given Steve a list of hydrants that were not working. Andy asked Steve to get an estimate regarding repair. He informed Steve that the township had put funds aside to help with the repairs. Chad suggested that any hydrant issues in the future must be followed up with a report - one filed with the Village Board and one copy here. *Frank talked to the Village Board about the ball field. He informed them that we are considering putting work into the field but wanted reassurance that the Village would be responsible for the maintenance. The Village Board indicated that they would be responsible for the upkeep of the field.

Fire Department Report: Andy presented the fire department monthly report and stated that there was one fire call in February.

Zoning Admin. Report: Jeff presented his report to the Board. No major issues. Received 4 zoning applications. *Would like to redesign some of our forms being used.

Planning Commission Report: Chad stated that the Planning Commission had a land division at their last meeting that was authorized. Finished up Recreational Plan and it is being presented to the Board for approval.

ICECA Report: Mike reported that their annual budget has been approved. They are now waiting for the State to indicate what they are able to do in dealing with the Coronavirus.

Maintenance Report: Dan reported he had to repair the furnace and water issue at the Camp 5 hall. *Dan will have time to continue on with the repairs and painting of the hall.

Unfinished Business:

Recreational Marihuana Ordinance: The Board reviewed the draft copy received from the attorney. Jan noted that on page 15; 8.(c) had an incomplete sentence. She read the remainder of the sentence to be "act of the Township Board." *Chad made a motion to add to the ordinance a mandate stating that once the township starts receiving sales tax revenue, 5% of the revenue would be put towards education on the issue of marihuana and 10% of the revenue would be put towards implementing our Recreation Plan. The motion was seconded by Jan and all the board was in favor. *After discussion of point 8.(b) on page 15, the following statement will be added to the sentence "unless using METRC, the system set up by the State of Michigan, or any following predecessor."

*After discussion of point C.(8) on page 8, the sentence will read "Site plan and interior floor plan of the Permitted Premises and the Permitted Property must adhere to all state requirements." *After discussion, it was determined that we would remove 1.(f) on page 8 which required background checks by Mastodon Township. The State of Michigan already requires background checks therefore it would be a duplication of effort.

Flight Change Charge: Jan checked with Michigan Township Association (MTA) regarding the flight change charge that the township incurred due to a request for the Deputy Clerk to change her vacation plans to attend a class by the Michigan Board of Elections in Marquette. Without this accreditation class, she would not be able to act as a deputy clerk during the March Primary Election. MTA verified that this was an exception that could be accepted by the Board.

BHO Extraction Issue: Andy maintains that this needs to be addressed in an ordinance covering all industrial use.

New Business:

Camp 5 Resolution: Jan presented a resolution to consolidate precincts as requested by the State of Michigan. The State of Michigan requested all precincts with less than 2,500 voters to consolidate. The resolution was seconded by Sheri. Roll call vote as follows: Chad - yes; Mike - yes; Jan - yes; Frank - yes; and Sheri - yes.

Recreation Plan: The Board reviewed the Recreation Plan. Courtney Franz indicated that she will be applying for grants to help with the costs. She asked the Board to consider putting funds aside to be used for the plan. Angela stated that they would also like to start a committee to work on the implementation of the plan. After discussion it was determined that we will discuss a budget at our annual budget meeting and will work next on the creation of a recreation committee.

Other Business: Chad asked for our budget meeting to be moved up due to the Coronavirus issue. It was decided to move it to March 24th.

Public Comment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Lemke, Mastodon Township Clerk