

# MASTODON TOWNSHIP BOARD

## Regular Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2021

Supervisor Frank Siewiorek called the meeting to order at 5:25 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, and Trustees Chad Skinner and Mike Bjork.

Attendees: Neil Adank, Dave Smith, Courtney Franz, Dan Kurtz and Andy Fleming.

Changes to agenda: Chad requested to add "Ordinance" under New Business.

September Meeting Minutes - Stand as written.

Treasurer Report: The Treasurer's report was reviewed.

Clerk's Report: Street Lights: WE Energies is working on the light at Buck Lake Road and Rainbow Trail. Hopefully that will be fixed shortly. We can expect a credit from WE Energies for being charged for 2 street lights on M-69 at Lake Mary Road. \*Continuing to work on the ARPA Audit.

Assessor Report: Kim has notified the Township that he is resigning from his assessor duties as of October 31<sup>st</sup>. There were no questions from the Board and he was commended for his 13 years of service to the Township.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Review: Mike reviewed checks #29539-29606 from the General Fund, check 1364 from the Road Fund, and #1798-1802 from the Water Fund. Mike also reviewed the September payroll sheet. Chad made a motion to accept the A/P list. The motion was seconded by Stacey. All in Favor.

Supervisor's Report: Frank attended Road Commission meeting. We can expect a bill covering the work they did on Hill Farm Road. \*Frank was notified that any questions regarding the Iron County Airport will not be addressed by the Iron County Board of Commissioners. All questions must be directed to the Iron County Airport Manager, Mr. Atanasoff. Frank will continue to work on this project. \*Jeff Ofsdahl, Mastodon Township's Representative with Iron County Board of Commissioners (ICBC), indicated to Frank that the Alpha-Mastodon Senior Community Center had not filed the paperwork requested by the ICBC regarding their millage.

Fire Department Report: The Fire Report was reviewed. Andy will be meeting with Viasat on October 16<sup>th</sup> at Camp 5 hall. \*Joni Yackel has not turned in her equipment yet. It should be turned in at the next meeting.

Zoning Admin. Report: Jeff emailed his report. Frank questioned Jeff's absence again.

Planning Commission Report: Chad reported that there were two special land use applications discussed at their October meeting. According to our current Zoning Ordinance, they are not able to do anything with them at this time. \*Public meeting for Master Plan and Recreational Plan is scheduled for November 3<sup>rd</sup>. \*Courtney submitted a grant application for funds to help put in a playground at Stager Lake Park.

ICECA Report: Mike reviewed the monthly report received from ICECA.

**Maintenance Report:** Dan informed the Board that Camp 5 is now winterized. He also put together budget numbers for the Board to review at their next budget meeting regarding the Camp 5 hall. \*When Dan was in Marquette picking up a part for our new lawn mower, he was directed to someone who might be willing to trade a lawn mower for our old one. Dan did receive an offer for a 2019 Cub Cadet with 28 hours on it in exchange for our old mower. Frank made a motion to do the trade. Stacey seconded the motion and all were in favor. \*Dunn Mine project is complete. \*Frank asked Dan to get a street sign for Section 6 Road.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Insulation Project:** One bid was received for the insulation needed in the township hall. Frank made a motion to approve D-Pendable Kurtz Construction to do the job. The motion was seconded by Jan. All in favor.

**New Business:**

**Master Plan Review:** The Master Plan was reviewed. Jan made a motion to accept the Plan and it was seconded by Frank. All in favor. Mike stated it would be nice to have the current census data in the Plan. Jan will check to see if any census data has been released yet.

**Recreational Plan Review:** Jan noted that page 6 with the listings of boards and commissions is not complete. Frank made a motion to accept the Recreational Plan with page 6 completed. Stacey seconded the motion and all were in favor.

**Wall Map:** A discussion was held to replace the wall map in our conference room. It was also discussed to check into making maps for each of our fire trucks. It was determined that Jan will work with Rockford Maps to have 11 x 17" copies of the pages in the current plat book for each truck. We discussed reaching out to the Village of Alpha to see if they wanted the wall map we currently have. Frank made a motion to proceed with getting a new wall map and having maps made for each of the trucks. Chad seconded the motion and all were in favor.

**Zoning Ordinance:** Chad asked for a discussion to take place regarding having our Zoning Ordinance reviewed by our legal counsel. The issue with the special land use discussed at their last meeting brought up questions that we could not answer. After discussion, it was determined that with the Planning Commission hoping to begin a review of the Zoning Ordinance this year, it would be beneficial to begin with a review of the current ordinance with our attorney. Jan will contact him to begin the process. Jan made a motion to proceed as discussed. Mike seconded the motion and all were in favor.

**Other Business:** Frank informed the Board that the Road Commission will be sending out a 'road request form' for next year. He asked the Board members to think about what roads could be worked on.

**Public Comments:**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:31pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Lemke, Mastodon Township Clerk