

MASTODON TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2022

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, and Trustee Mike Bjork. Trustee Chad Skinner was absent.

Attendees: Jeff Seppala, Dave Smith, Dan Kurtz and Jon Zawislak.

Changes to agenda: None

March Meeting/Budget Meeting Minutes - Stand as written.

Treasurer Report: The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Stacey updated the Board on the ARPA reporting due on April 30, 2022. She will continue to research our options.

Clerk's Report: A report was submitted to the Board with a few open issues. Disc Golf returned waiver for her league. Jan asked about getting waivers to all leagues. Mike suggested that we give out blank waiver forms to our current league leaders. They will be responsible for getting waivers signed from the leagues they are playing against. *Jan informed the Board that MC3 will not be renewing their medicinal license and will be growing strictly for recreational. *The Hannula Insurance bill was received in today's mail. The amount due is \$15,285. Mike made a motion to accept and pay the invoice. Stacey seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Review: Mike reviewed checks #29908, 29921-29956 from the General Fund, Road Fund #1365, and #1810-11 from the Water Fund. Jan made a motion to accept the A/P list and the motion was seconded by Frank. All were in favor.

Supervisor's Report: Attended the Iron County Road Commission. *Buck Lake Road Project due to start on July 11th with completion on August 19th.

Assessor Report: No Report Received.

Fire Department Report: The Fire Report was reviewed. *Possible Dry hydrant locations were discussed.

Zoning Admin. Report: Jeff reviewed his report with the Board.

Planning Commission Report: The Planning Commission report was emailed to the Board.

ICECA Report: The Monthly Report was emailed to the Board.

Maintenance Report: Dan reviewed his report with the Board.

Unfinished Business:

Policy Manual: Jan reviewed the final portion of the Policy Manual. Jan will make the final changes and get a copy of the updated manual out to all employees.

Grant Writer Program: It was decided that we will pay our grant writers \$15.00/hour to write grants. Jan made a motion to move forward with that rate. The motion was seconded by Frank and all were in favor.

New Business:

2022-2023 Annual Resolutions: Jan presented the first resolution covering the schedule of the Township Board Meetings. The resolution was seconded by Mike. Roll call vote: Stacey - yes; Mike - yes, Jan - yes, Frank - yes.

The second resolution presented by Jan covered the legal representative for the Township - Ryan Law Offices.

The resolution motion was seconded by Frank. Roll call vote: Mike - yes; Jan - yes; Frank - yes; Stacey - yes.

Recreation Committee Members: Jan received 4 requests from residents to be volunteer members for our newly established Recreational Committee. They were from Dan Kurtz, Kathy and Roy Carlson, and Courtney Franz.

Mike made a motion to accept all four as members. Frank seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Recreational Marihuana Ordinance Changes: After discussion, it was determined that we would add "curbside pickup" to our ordinance. This does not include drive through service. We would also add a sentence indicating that the renewal date of the licenses would be the date that the original license was authorized by the Township Board.

Recreational Marihuana State Funds: \$56,453.44 was received from the State of Michigan as our share of the Recreational Marihuana sales within the state. Mastodon Township had committed in our Ordinance that 10% of any funds received would be allocated to our Recreational Fund. That leaves a balance of \$50,808.10. Jan recommended that we send out a survey asking the residents how they feel the funds should be spent within the township. We could consider a Recreational program, Spring and Fall Cleanup program, upgrading our Garbage Program, more Road Work. She will include a survey letter in with the garbage vouchers that are ready to be mailed.

Miss Mary LLC - Recreational License Renewal: Mike made a motion to approve the renewal. Frank seconded the motion and all were in favor.

MC3 - Recreational License Renewal: Frank made a motion to approve the renewal. Stacey seconded the motion and all were in favor.

State of Michigan - GIS: After discussion, it was determined that we would not move forward with this issue.

New Trailer Bids: The bid approved was from Tool Time out of Iron Mountain for the amount of \$2,645.00.

Frank made a motion to accept their bid. The motion was seconded by Mike. All in favor. Jan also brought up the fact that we need to purchase the gravel needed on the east side of the new garage in preparation for the Spring Clean Up. Stacey made a motion to purchase the gravel with an estimated cost of \$1,500. Frank seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Master Plan Amendment: Chad made a request of the Board that we ask the Planning Commission to further research and provide a detailed amendment before proceeding with the process of doing the actual amendment. The Board agreed and will let Courtney know what was decided.

Other Business: Frank received two quotes to have the area of the Anderson Ball Park surveyed. It was determined that we would have Stebbins Surveying do the survey for the amount of \$1,000.00 Frank made a motion to move forward with the survey and the motion was seconded by Stacey. All were in favor.

Public Comments:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Lemke, Mastodon Township Clerk