

# MASTODON TOWNSHIP BOARD

## Regular Meeting Minutes

October 11, 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 (arrived at 5:40), Treasurer Stacey Watters, and Trustees Chad Skinner and Mike Bjork.

Attendees: Jeff Seppala, Dave Smith, Brett Smithson, Brian Clancey, Cynthia Raho, and Dan Kurtz.

Changes to agenda: None

September Meeting Minutes - Stand as written.

Treasurer Report: The Treasurer's report was reviewed.

Clerk's Report: EAGL grant has been approved and the check will be issued. \*Ballots being sent for absentee voters. \*Received a word from Jacob Lynch regarding review of our Zoning Ordinance changes - he will have an answer before our next meeting.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Review: Mike reviewed checks 30394-30452, and DD827-838 from the General Fund, #1377 from the Road Fund, and #1817 from the Water Fund. Chad made a motion to accept the A/P list and the motion was seconded by Stacey. All were in favor.

Supervisor's Report: 18 people brought in items during our Fall Cleanup program. TruCycling did not show up with their trailers. \*Street signs are being stolen so we need to replace them. Dan working on a new source.

Assessor Report: Abbey sent in her monthly report.

Fire Department Report: Andy sent in his report.

Zoning Admin. Report: Jeff reviewed his report.

Planning Commission Report: Planning Commission continues to work on changes to our Zoning Ordinance.

Recreation Committee Report: They had their first official meeting and officers were elected. Started discussing ideas for all areas of recreation. They will be meeting monthly to prepare for the upcoming budget meeting in March of 2023. Kathy Carlson had suggested doing a grant to cover some pickle ball courts. After discussion, Mike thought we should wait until spring to apply. They will hold monthly meetings the first Tuesday of the month at 9:00 at the township hall. The meeting is open to the public.

ICECA Report: The report had been emailed to us previously. Brett Smithson from ICECA was here and said that either Zack or himself plan to attend our meetings each month.

Maintenance Report: \*Dan working on opening an account for us to order street signs. \*The gate at the Ball Park has a new lock. \*Dan asked if for a larger garage door could be installed on the main building. This will allow the new truck and plow to enter the garage since the current door is too small. Frank made a motion to go ahead with the purchase. The motion was seconded by Stacey and all were in favor. \*Dan asked about putting grass in the infield of the Ball Park. Mike felt we should do a little more research on sodding the infield verses leaving it as is. Dan can present his findings at the budget meeting.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Security System:** Frank called SimpliSafe to get a quote for 10 smoke alarms and monitoring system. The quote came to \$274.93. The monitoring system by SimpliSafe is free for 60 days. After that the monthly charge is \$17.99. There is no contract required for this service. Chad made a motion to go ahead with the purchase and the motion was seconded by Mike. All in favor.

**New Business:**

**ARPA Funds:** Jan suggested that the new garage door be paid with the ARPA funds. Mike said to add the security system and the monitoring system. Jan also suggested a new roof or updating our siding on the building. Chad suggested that we consider the addition to be Camp 5 fire hall. All items can be discussed at our budget meeting. Jan also mentioned that we have funds available from income received from the State marihuana fund. She thought perhaps using some of those dollars to fund some of the recreational projects. Mike agreed stating that we already give 10% of monies received for that purpose so if there were additional projects, this would be a perfect place to take the funds from.

**Renewal of Recreational Marihuana - Dynamacore:** Mike made a motion to accept the renewal application from Dynamacore and the motion was seconded by Chad. All were in favor.

**Fire Hydrants - Alpha:** The question to the Board was who is responsible for the maintenance of the fire hydrants in Alpha. Several requests were made to Steve Martin, Village Trustee, asking for a list of hydrants that are in need of repair and that perhaps the township could help with that. No response or list has ever been presented to the township. Jan recommended that we reach out to our legal counsel and ask for a legal opinion of which entity is responsible. After discussion, it was determined that we will ask for a legal opinion before moving any further. Frank made a motion to have a request sent to legal for an opinion regarding the responsibility of the fire hydrants in the Village of Alpha. The motion was seconded by Chad and all were in favor.

**Other Business:**

**Public Comments:**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Lemke, Mastodon Township Clerk