Regular Meeting Minutes January 10, 2023

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 Trustees Chad Skinner and Mike Bjork.

<u>Attendees</u>: Brian Clancey, Dan Kurtz, Andy Fleming, Lisa Durr, Summer Olson, Joe Brozak, Rebecca Josvai, Joanne Burns and Jeff Seppala.

Changes to agenda: None

December Meeting Minutes - Stand as written.

Treasurer Report: The Treasurer's report was reviewed.

Clerk's Report: W-2 Statements have been mailed.

Zoning Admin. Report: No activity in December.

Assessor Report: Abbey emailed her monthly report.

<u>Accounts Payable & Payroll Review:</u> Mike reviewed checks 30595-30616, and DD858-867 from the General Fund and #1820-23 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.

<u>Supervisor's Report:</u> Frank attended the Road Commission Meeting. They do not want to seal coat Hermitage Trail because of the logging trucks that use that road. They will send us a quote on the cost to blacktop the road. We will discuss again when the quote is received.

Fire Department Report: Andy report was reviewed. *The radio system is working so much better.

<u>Planning Commission Report:</u> Chad said that they continued to review the Zoning Ordinance at their January meeting.

<u>Recreation Committee Report:</u> Dan would like to attend the Village of Alpha meeting this month. He would like an opportunity to see what is on their agenda for recreational areas before resuming meetings to discuss options for Mastodon Township.

ICECA Report: The annual report had been emailed to us.

<u>Maintenance Report:</u> The installation of the new garage door is complete. *Asked to plow boat landing at Stager Lake.

Unfinished Business:

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New Business:

<u>General Ledger Budget Review:</u> Jan presented a worksheet to cover budget changes that needed to take place. Once reviewed, she offered a resolution which was seconded by Chad to make the budget changes. A roll call vote was taken: Frank - yes; Stacey - yes; Chad - yes; Mike - yes; and Jan - yes.

The Board then reviewed expenditures made that could be covered by funds from the ARPA and Recreational Marihuana Accounts. Chad requested that the funds used for the year end Appreciation baskets be reimbursed by the ARPA funds. Jan will make the change.

Budget Meeting was set for March 15th at noon.

Dunn Mine:

Summer Olson had emailed a list of concerns that the residents of Dunn Mine have regarding their water system. *They need a part for their system and wondered if it could be purchased from anyone other than Kleiman who has ordered the part. Frank suggested they contact Paul at Kleiman. *They asked if their water system was covered by Mastodon Township insurance. Jan explained that it is a private water system and does not belong to Mastodon Township. Therefore, their system is not covered by Mastodon insurance. *Questioned water sample taken to Whitewater for testing. Dan picked up the report and gave them a copy. *Summer asked about raising rates to increase their funds. She wanted to know if it was a board issue. Jan stated that this was their issue and Mastodon Township had no authority over how they handled their funds to cover expenses. *Sommer asked if she could have more information regarding transactions already done. Such as Dan doing the water testing -how much is the township charging them for Dan to do this? Mike suggested putting together 3 years of bank statements for them. Jan could also put together check registers for those years. Jan will email that information to Summer. Summer asked for clarification between the wording used - 'well' and the 'water system'. It was noted that both were part of the private water system belonging to Dunn Mine.

Other Business:

Public Comments:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Regular Meeting Minutes February 14, 2023

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 Trustees Chad Skinner and Mike Bjork.

<u>Attendees</u>: Jackie and Brian Clancey, Dan Kurtz, Andy Fleming, Summer Olson, Joe Brozak, Noel Garcia Sanchez, Jon Zawislak, Dave Smith, Pam Jensen, Roy and Kathy Carlson and Jeff Seppala.

Changes to agenda: None

January Meeting Minutes - Stand as written.

<u>Treasurer Report:</u> The Treasurer's report was reviewed.

Clerk's Report: Budget Meeting date has been changed to March 16th.

Zoning Admin. Report: Jeff reviewed his report.

Assessor Report: Abbey emailed her monthly report.

<u>Accounts Payable & Payroll Review:</u> Mike reviewed checks 30617-30683, and DD868-877 from the General Fund and #1824-26 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.

<u>Supervisor's Report:</u> Frank requested the Road Commission to give us a new quote on the road repairs we requested. The quote sent was way out of line. *Residents of Treeline Road have requested that the road be classified as private. The Road Commission is considering their request.

<u>Fire Department Report:</u> Andy report was reviewed. *3 Calls in January *Adam Luft is back and will be aiding the Camp 5 area. *Started working on creating an ice rink in Alpha. * Installed the security system at the hall.

<u>Planning Commission Report:</u> Chad said that they continued to review the Zoning Ordinance at their February meeting. *Hoping to have a list of recommendations by April.

<u>Recreation Committee Report:</u> Dan presented some ideas for the board to think about to discuss at our budget meeting: swing set and rubber mats at Stager Lake, Flower boxes at the parks; Mastodon Township business signage displayed at the ball field; hiking trails on our property at Indian Lake with the possibility of 5 miles of trails - however we are land-locked. He will research it a little more.

ICECA Report: The January report had been emailed to us.

<u>Village of Alpha:</u> The SPARK grant plan is still active. *The museum will be having a bake sale on Memorial Weekend.

<u>Maintenance Report:</u> Dan asked if he could build some foldable picnic benches to be used at Stager Lake. Chad expressed a concern about people sitting on the tables. Chad made a motion to build 2 tables this year as a trial run and the motion was seconded by Mike. All in favor.

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Unfinished Business:

<u>Dunn Mine:</u> Started the work on a resolution and sending to attorney for review. Jan will also call Michigan Township Association to review the process.

New Business:

<u>MC3 License Renewal:</u> Jan presented their marihuana license for a renewal approval. Frank made a motion to approve the renewal and it was seconded by Stacey. All were in favor.

<u>Izzo License Renewal:</u> Jan presented their marihuana license for a renewal approval. Chad made a motion to approve the renewal and it was seconded by Mike. All were in favor.

<u>Workshop on Broadband:</u> The Board received an email from Courtney of the Planning Commission stating she thought someone should attend a Michigan Planning webinar on Broadband availability. Mike made a motion for someone from the Planning Commission to attend the webinar at a cost of \$75. Seconded by Jan. All in favor. <u>Rec Committee - New Member:</u> Jan presented an email received from Jackie Clancey requesting Board approval to become a member of the Recreational Committee. Frank made a motion to approve her membership. The motion was seconded by Chad. All in favor.

Other Business:

<u>Public Comments:</u> Noel Garcia Sanchez, Alpha Village President, asked about further improvements to the ice rink in Alpha. Working on improving the process.

Kathy Carlson presented an outline of proposed activities for the 4th of July festival along with a budget. They hope to increase all of what was available last year. They hope to increase port-a-potties, wash stations, seating, kid's activities and prizes, fireworks, and entertainment. Kathy has fund-raising activities in place.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:14pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Regular Meeting Minutes March 14, 2023

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 Trustees Chad Skinner and Mike Bjork.

<u>Attendees</u>: Jackie and Brian Clancey, Dan Kurtz, Andy Fleming, Summer Olson, Joe Brozak, Noel Garcia Sanchez, Dave Smith, and Pam Jensen.

Changes to agenda: None

February Meeting Minutes - Stand as written.

Treasurer Report: The Treasurer's report was reviewed.

<u>Clerk's Report:</u> Preparing for the Budget Meeting

Zoning Admin. Report: Report was emailed to everyone.

<u>Assessor Report:</u> Abbey reviewed her monthly report. Board of Review meetings held on Monday and Wednesday of this week.

<u>Accounts Payable & Payroll Review:</u> Mike reviewed checks 30684-30736, and DD878-889 from the General Fund and #1827-29 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.

<u>Supervisor's Report:</u> Frank requested the Road Commission to give us a new quote on the road repairs we requested for Bara Road. The quote sent seemed far too high.

Fire Department Report: Andy reviewed his report. *1 Call in February.

<u>Planning Commission Report:</u> Chad said that they continued to review the Zoning Ordinance at their March meeting. They should have something for this board to review at our May meeting.

Recreation Committee Report: Dan stated that they had a meeting to prepare for the budget meeting.

ICECA Report: The February report had been emailed to us.

<u>Village of Alpha:</u> Jackie reported that a fundraiser for the 4th of July will be at the Alpha Brewery on March 25th. *There will be an Easter egg hunt in the Village of Alpha on April 8th.

Maintenance Report: Dan worked on organizing the garage and preparing for the budget meeting.

Unfinished Business:

Dunn Mine: No new updates as of this meeting.

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New Business:

<u>UPSET Letter:</u> Mike felt that we should contact Mr. Sholander who had sent the letter and ask him if he could attend one of our meetings to discuss the agreement to join forces. Mike wanted to know what the funds would be used for and what benefit it would bring to the township. Frank to contact him.

Other Business:

Public Comments:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Regular Meeting Minutes April 11, 2023

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 Trustees Chad Skinner and Mike Bjork.

Closed Session: 13 minutes

<u>Attendees</u>: Jackie and Brian Clancey, Dan Kurtz, Andy Fleming, Summer Olson, Joe Brozak, Dave Smith, Mike Webb, Mark Taylor, Terry Skinner and Joanne Burns.

Changes to agenda: None

March Meeting Minutes - Stand as written.

<u>Treasurer Report:</u> The Treasurer's report was reviewed.

<u>Clerk's Report:</u> Working on General Ledger in preparation of annual audit.

Zoning Admin. Report: Reviewed a complaint on tree cutting at Lake Mary. All was good within our zoning ordinance. *Asked Jeff to email a copy of the Jacobs drafted letter to the Board. They would like to review it before it is mailed.

Assessor Report: Abbey emailed her report to the Board.

<u>Accounts Payable & Payroll Review:</u> Mike reviewed checks 30737-30809, and DD890-902 from the General Fund and #1830-31 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: He reviewed Camp 5 Road.

Fire Department Report: Andy emailed his report to us.

<u>Planning Commission Report:</u> Chad said that they had their annual organization meeting and set meeting dates for the year. They also continued to review the Zoning Ordinance and approved a land division.

Recreation Committee Report: No meeting was set for this month.

ICECA Report: The March report had been emailed to us.

<u>Village of Alpha:</u> Jackie reported that the fundraiser for the 4th of July held at the Alpha Brewery was a great success. *There was a good turnout for the Easter egg hunt.

Maintenance Report: Dan worked on equipment in preparation for spring.

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Unfinished Business:

<u>Dunn Mine:</u> Jan reported that she was able to get a start on reviewing all minutes in history so a determination can be made whether or not Mastodon Township was ever considered itself a 'utility provider.'

UPSET Letter: Frank contacted Mr. Sholander and he will attend our May meeting.

New Business:

<u>Supervisor Resignation:</u> The Board received a resignation from Frank Siewiorek as Supervisor effective April 8, 2023. Mike made a motion to accept the resignation and it was seconded by Stacey. All in favor. Jan asked the Board if any member wished to step into the Supervisor position at this time. Chad volunteered for that transfer. Mike made a motion to accept Chad's transfer of duties to Supervisor. The motion was seconded by Jan. All in favor. Jan then asked if anyone would be interested in filling the position of Trustee. Dave Smith expressed a desire to fill the Trustee position. Jan made a motion to have Dave fill the position of Trustee. Mike seconded the motion. All in favor.

<u>Township Office Position</u>: Chad requested that this be moved to next month's agenda. Mike made the motion to do so and it was seconded by Dave. All in favor.

<u>Maintenance Position</u>: It was determined that a different wage rate needed to be set for special projects performed by our maintenance department. Mike made a motion to accept the rate discussed and the motion was seconded by Jan. All in favor.

<u>Spring CleanUp Date:</u> The annual spring cleanup day is planned for May 20th from 8:00 - 12:00. Jan will add announcement to the website, the Facebook page, email residents, and put an ad in the paper. We will also send the ad to WIKB to announce. Dave thought a sign would be good by the driveway. Jackie will check with the Village of Alpha to see if the Village would be interested in opening their area to receive metal.

<u>Alpha Lots:</u> Alan Kurtz expressed an interest in purchasing lots owned by Mastodon Township in the Village of Alpha. Chad recommended having an appraisal if the Board decided that it wants to sell any property.

<u>ICECA Pledge:</u> Stacey made a motion to pay the annual fee of \$1,338.00. Mike seconded the motion and all were in favor.

<u>Road Commission Contract:</u> The Board reviewed the contract Chip Seal covering McClaren Road. Mike made a motion to accept the contract and the motion was seconded by Jan. All in favor. The Board also discussed Bara Road needing gravel. Stacey made a motion to complete the work on Bara Road. A bid was received for \$53,549.40. The motion was seconded by Mike and all were in favor.

<u>Other Business:</u> Dave would like to go to the Village of Alpha meeting to discuss the issue of fire hydrants not in use.

Public Comments:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Regular Meeting Minutes May 9, 2023

Supervisor Chad Skinner 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 Chad Skinner, Clerk Jan Lemke, Treasurer Stacey Watters, and Trustees Dave Smith and Mike Bjork.

<u>Attendees</u>: Jackie and Brian Clancey, Andy Fleming, Summer Olson, Joe Brozak, Mary Kudwa, Bill Santilli, Becky Josvai, Patrick Olson, Lisa Durr, Mike Webb, Mark Taylor, Austin Izzo, Renee Saudan, Jackie Rosek, Chris Moore, Cynthia Rahoi, Jerry Divine, Melissa Carswell, Jodi Formolo, Steve Tinti, Rick Herman, John and Judi Bjork, Ted & Mikayla Pineau, and Noel Sanchez.

Changes to agenda: None

April Meeting Minutes - Stand as written.

<u>Treasurer Report:</u> The Treasurer's report was reviewed.

<u>Clerk's Report:</u> The advertising for the Spring Cleanup is complete. Looking for volunteers.

Zoning Admin. Report: The report was received.

Assessor Report: Abbey emailed her report to the Board.

<u>Accounts Payable & Payroll Review:</u> Mike reviewed checks 30810-308062, and DD903-917 from the General Fund, Road Fund check 1382, and #1832-33 from the Water Fund. Dave made a motion to accept the A/P list and the motion was seconded by Stacey. All were in favor.

Supervisor's Report: Chad is meeting with all department heads.

<u>Fire Department Report:</u> Andy requested additional funds for the 4^{th} of July treats. Stacey made a motion to increase the budget to \$1600. The motion was seconded by Jan and all were in favor.

<u>Planning Commission Report:</u> Chad said that they continue to review the Zoning Ordinance.

<u>Recreation Committee Report:</u> Cindy Rahoi, the new Chairperson, made a presentation to the Board for a pickleball court at Stager Lake Park. Chad recommended that they take the proposal to the Planning Commission to get their input before coming back to the Board.

ICECA Report: The April report had been emailed to us.

Village of Alpha: Jackie reminded everyone that the Village will collect metal on the spring cleanup day.

<u>Maintenance Report:</u> The maintenance report was reviewed. It was determined that he should proceed with the Stager Lake Concrete sidewalk at \$23/hr; the Stager Lake Parking Area and fence, the two person swing for Buck Lake and the swing set at Stager Lake at \$21/hr. Chad made a motion to accept. Stacey seconded the motion and all were in favor. *After discussion regarding a skid steer, Stacy made a motion for Dan to rent one for 1 month. Dave seconded the motion and all were in favor.

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Unfinished Business:

<u>Dunn Mine</u>: Summer Olson presented the board with a proposal and documentation indicating that the township owns the Dunn Mine well.

<u>UPSET Letter:</u> They were unable to attend. Will let us know when it is convenient to reschedule. <u>Alpha Lots:</u> The board made a decision not to sell the lots located within the Village of Alpha.

New Business:

Annual Resolutions: Once the meeting date of August 19th was set to be held at Camp 5, a resolution was presented by Jan and supported by Mike indicating the Mastodon Township board meetings will continue to be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 5:30. A roll call vote was taken: Chad, Stacey, Dave, Mike, and Jan all voted yes. A second resolution was presented by Jan and seconded by Stacey to continue to retain Peter Ryan as our legal representative. A roll call vote was taken: Dave, Mike, Jan, Chad, and Stacey all voted yes.

Planning Commission Appointees: A request by both Courtney Franz and Ashlee Kinsey was received requesting approval to remain on our Planning Commission board. Mike made a motion, supported by Dave, to approve Courtney's request. All were in favor. Stacey made a motion, supported by Dave, to approve Ashlee's request. All were in favor.

Zoning Administrator's position: Chad volunteered to step into the position until we are able to fill it. Mike made a motion to have Chad take on that responsibility and the motion was seconded by Dave. All were in favor. Jan will put an ad in the paper to fill the position.

<u>Letter to Jacobs</u>: Chad wrote a letter and mailed it on May 4th. Chad will give them some time and follow up. <u>Marihuana Retail Facility Application</u>: Jan informed the board that an application for retail was received by Miss Mary. After discussion, a motion was made by Mike to accept the application with a second by Jan. The final vote was "yes" by Chad, Stacey, Mike and Jan and a "no" vote by Dave.

Other Business:

<u>Blight Issue on Stager Lake Road:</u> After discussion, it was determined that Chad would discuss with the Planning Commission at the next meeting. Jackie Rosek indicated that she knew this individual and would talk to him about the issue.

<u>Electrical Proposal for Alpha:</u> Roy Carlson presented the Board with a proposal for additional electrical outlets in the Village of Alpha in hopes the township could contribute toward the project. The Township cannot make donations to private organizations.

<u>Stager Lake Road Cleanup:</u> Jackie wanted the Board to know that next Thursday a crew from Glazed and Confused, along with MC3, will be walking down Stager Lake Road to clean up any garbage.

<u>Public Comments:</u> Pat Olson wanted to state that he worked at Santi Excavating back in 1994 when they did some work on the Dunn Mine well. He thought the project was paid for by Mastodon Township. *Rick Herman wanted the Board to know that he was interested in the Zoning Administrator position.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Regular Meeting Minutes June 13, 2023

Supervisor Chad Skinner 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 Chad Skinner, Clerk Jan Lemke, Treasurer Stacey Watters, and Trustees Dave Smith and Mike Bjork.

<u>Attendees</u>: Jackie and Brian Clancey, Andy Fleming, Pam Jensen, Mary Kudwa, Lisa Durr, Chris Moore, Cynthia Rahoi, Paul Dalpha, Rick Herman, Stu and Julie Creel, Teresa Seppala, Abbey Taylor, Noel Sanchez.

Changes to agenda: None

May Meeting Minutes - Stand as written.

Treasurer Report: The Treasurer's report was reviewed.

Clerk's Report: Preparing for our audit visit in July.

Zoning Admin. Report: The report was received.

Assessor Report: Abbey emailed her report to the Board.

<u>Accounts Payable & Payroll Review:</u> Mike reviewed checks 30863-30958, and DD918-928 from the General Fund, Road Fund check 1383-1384, and #1834 from the Water Fund. Dave made a motion to accept the A/P list and the motion was seconded by Stacey. All were in favor.

<u>Supervisor's Report:</u> Chad spoke with Road Commission regarding Stager Lake Road. To be discussed under 'New Business.'

<u>Road Commission Report:</u> Dave attended Road Commission (RC) meeting. RC discussed speed sign at Stager Lake park which would cost \$5,000. No decision made. *Dave has been reviewing all township roads to prepare a report for a 3 year plan for the RC.

<u>Fire Department Report:</u> Andy submitted a report. Dave asked about replacement of road signs. Andy will get us a list so we can discuss replacement. *Andy reported change in some officer positions.

<u>Planning Commission Report:</u> Chad said they had started discussion regarding broadband/internet services throughout the township. It will be a long process but they are committed to work on it.

<u>Recreation Committee Report:</u> Cindy Rahoi informed the board that the Planning Commission has approved the Rec Committee to move forward with planning for a pickleball court at Stager Lake Park. Cindy will get all bids and information for the board to review at our next meeting.

ICECA Report: The May report had been emailed to us.

<u>Village of Alpha</u>: Jackie requested permission to set up volleyball on the 4^{th} of July at Anderson Ballpark. The Board approved the use of the park once we receive the Certificate of Insurance.

<u>Maintenance Report:</u> The maintenance report was reviewed. Dan asked if topsoil should be put down to cover the gravel on our lot in Alpha. Dave made a motion to spend \$600 for topsoil to complete the job. Mike seconded and all were in favor. *The Board approved to use a volunteer to pick up garbage at the parks on a daily basis.

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Unfinished Business:

<u>Dunn Mine:</u> Chad indicated that the information regarding Dunn Mine was still being reviewed.

UPSET Letter: No request was received to attend a meeting.

New Business:

July 4th Permit Application: The Board received an application for a fireworks permit covering the 4th of July. Stacey made a motion to sign the application and the motion was seconded by Chad. All in favor. Stager Lake Road - Rumble Strips: Dave received an approx. price for speed signs - \$5,000 for the sign and \$8,000 for the portable signs. After discussing several options, Chad asked for a little more time to discuss options with Brad from the Road Commission.

Assessor Position: An ad will be put in the papers.

Other Business:

<u>Public Comments:</u> Paul Dalpra of the Lake Mary Association asked to speak. He suggested that the township may be interested in joining the Michigan Lakes & Streams Association. Along with the membership, a magazine is published quarterly and offers good information. He also gave an update on the milfoil situation in Lake Mary. He said that the situation has greatly improved.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:18pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Regular Meeting Minutes July 11, 2023

Supervisor Chad Skinner 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 Chad Skinner, Clerk Jan Lemke, Treasurer Stacey Watters, and Trustees Dave Smith and Mike Bjork.

<u>Attendees</u>: Brian Clancey, Cynthia Rahoi, Mark Erhart, Summer Olson, Joe Brozak, Stu Creel, Tammy Hendrickson, Roy Carlson, and Heather Casagranda.

Changes to agenda: None

June Meeting Minutes - Stand as written.

<u>Accounts Payable & Payroll Review:</u> Mike reviewed checks 30959-30114, and DD929-937 from the General Fund, Road Fund check 1385-1388, and #1835 from the Water Fund. Jan asked to add Spielbauer fireworks invoice. Our portion to pay is \$5,000. Stacey made a motion to accept the A/P list and the motion was seconded by Jan. All were in favor.

<u>Treasurer Report:</u> The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Stacey reported that the final settlement of last year's taxes has been received from the county Treasurer.

<u>Clerk's Report:</u> Annual audit is complete. *Jan reviewed the options available for our Zoning Administrator to get certified. After discussion, Mike made a motion to approve the online course. The motion was seconded by Chad. All were in favor. *Jan received an email regarding a problem with dogs at Stager Lake. They are being allowed on the docks where children are swimming, etc. and in areas where they are not allowed. It was determined that we would get additional signs up showing where dogs are allowed and where they are not. Hopefully additional signs will help the situation. *Chad will begin the interviewing process for a new Assessor.

<u>Supervisor's Report:</u> Chad spoke with Road Commission regarding Stager Lake Road. To be discussed under 'New Business.'

<u>Road Commission Report:</u> Dave finished reviewing all roads in the township. He reviewed the Lake Mary area. He noted the end of South Shore Road will need work - possibly in the next 5 years. *He will talk to Iron Cty Road Commission (ICRC) about a rock sticking up from the road on Rainbow Trail. *He is going to call Brad at ICRC to meet with him to discuss several issues.

<u>Fire Department Report:</u> Andy submitted a report. Dave asked about replacement of road signs. Dan has a list started and would like to order 6 of the most needed. Dave made a motion for Dan to replace 6 signs and the motion was seconded by Chad. All in favor.

Planning Commission Report: There was no meeting in July.

Zoning Admin. Report: Stu reviewed the report. He asked Jan to print off stop work orders and permits. *Stu also mentioned that we will have to review hobby farming with the Planning Commission to determine how to address it in our zoning ordinance.

<u>Recreation Committee Report:</u> Cindy presented a report listing out all of the quotes received regarding a pickle ball court. The board will review.

ICECA Report: The June report had been emailed to us.

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<u>Village of Alpha:</u> Jackie was not able to attend the meeting.

<u>Maintenance Report:</u> The maintenance report was reviewed. Dan also indicated that someone had left a slide in the water. He was asked to remove it and bring it to the township hall.

Unfinished Business:

<u>Dunn Mine</u>: Chad indicated that there is no update.

New Business:

 4^{th} of July Update: Everything went well. The Fire Dept received compliments on the ice cream and new bags of popcorn distributed. It was a very busy day. Thanks to Roy and Kathy Carlson for all their work to make this event a success.

Alpha Tennis Court - Quit Claim Deed: Mike presented the deed indicating that the tennis court would revert back to the township should the area not be maintained or used for recreational purposes. After discussion, it was determined that Chad would reach out to the Village Board to discuss their feelings Stager Lake Safety: After discussion, it was determined that Chad will reach out to the Road Commission to discuss the solar speed lights at Stager Lake Park. Depending on assurance of the solar lights, Mike made a motion to purchase two of the speed signs for Stager Lake Road at the park. The motion was seconded by Dave and all were in favor.

Other Business:

Public Comments:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Regular Meeting Minutes August 19, 2023

Supervisor Chad Skinner called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Camp 5 Mastodon Township Hall. He asked all to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance. Board Members present: Supervisor Chad Skinner, Clerk Jan Lemke, and Trustees Dave Smith and Mike Bjork. Absent: Treasurer Stacey Watters

<u>Attendees</u>: Brian and Jackie Clancey, Cynthia Rahoi, Chris Moore, Jim Cichanofsky, Mark Taylor, Paul Dalpra, Gordon Marcinak, Mark Leonhardt, Summer Olson, Adam Luft, Daryl Greene, Tammy Hendrickson, Shannon & Quest Ditzenberger, and Ed Mattson, Bob & Darlene Taylor, Heidi Morgan, Dan Kurtz and Andy Fleming.

Changes to agenda: Chad requested that we add Stager Lake Signs under Unfinished Business.

July and August Special Meeting Minutes - Stand as written.

<u>Accounts Payable & Payroll Review:</u> Mike reviewed checks 31025-30163, and DD938-944 from the General Fund, Road Fund check 1389, and #1836 from the Water Fund. Mike made a motion to accept the A/P list and the motion was seconded by Dave. All were in favor.

Treasurer Report: The Treasurer's report was reviewed. No Questions.

<u>Clerk's Report:</u> Jan noted that a FOIA was received regarding the fire at Menominee last fall. She is working with Andy to complete. *Jan received an email from Stu Creel, our Zoning Administrator requesting that he be considered for the open seat on the Board of Review. Chad made a motion to accept and was seconded by Mike. All in favor. *Jan also received an email from Chris Moore requesting to be added as a member to our Recreational Committee. Jan made the motion to accept and was seconded by Mike. All in Favor.

<u>Supervisor's Report:</u> Chad spoke with Road Commission regarding Stager Lake Road speed signs. Brad from the Road Commission is checking into getting more details for us regarding the signs. He felt, however, that the Road Commission would be able to install the signs when received. Chad also asked about the pointing of a crosswalk at the park as well. Brad thought they might include the cost of the paint in next year's budget.

<u>Road Commission Report:</u> Dave attended the Iron Cty Road Commission (ICRC) meeting. He informed the board that they will be working on Camp 5 Road - ditching and adding more gravel.*Bara Road will begin after Labor Day.

Fire Department Report: Andy submitted his report. No questions from the Board.

Planning Commission Report: There was a meeting on August 2nd. Reviewed and approved a special land use.

Zoning Admin. Report: Stu had emailed his report. No questions.

<u>Assessor Report:</u> Tammy gave the Board a proposal to purchase PivotPoint to help maintain Assessor records including pictures, etc. needed to assessor properties. She stated she would eventually like to have an "Assessor" tab on our website giving information to the public. Jan made a motion to purchase PivotPoint software and the motion was seconded by Mike. All in favor.

Recreation Committee Report: Cindy asked about whether or not the handicapped swings discussed for Buck Lake were approved. Dan stated it was not a handicapped swing approved but a 2-person swing which will be built yet this year. *She asked about students at Forest Park possibly making bird houses for the trail at Buck Lake. It was determined that we would approach them at the time we were making the benches etc. for the trail.

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ICECA Report: The July report had been emailed to us.

<u>Village of Alpha:</u> Jackie informed the Board that the Village Board is gathering facts to change their charter to allow the ability to dissolve and to be able to hire a Clerk and Treasurer from outside the Village.

<u>Maintenance Report:</u> Dan reviewed his report. He will be ordering road signs for Hermitage Trail, Bara Road, Carney Dam/W. Rainbow Trail, Armstrong Lake Road, and a three-way sign covering Camp 5 Road/Camp 5 Road/Lower Dam Road. *Dan reviewed his project quote covering replacement of the siding on our township hall. Jan explained that the funds used to cover this project were from the ARPA funds received. After discussion, it was decided that we would approve the \$32,000 to have the project completed. Jan made a motion, seconded by Chad to finish the project this fall. All were in favor. *The Board discussed a date for the Fall Cleanup. It was determined that we would have it on Saturday, September 30th.

Unfinished Business:

<u>Dunn Mine:</u> After discussion, it was indicated that Jan is in the process of reviewing all 60+ years of minutes to determine if there is anything indicating ownership of the well at Dunn Mine.

Stager Lake Pickleball Project: Cindy will update the proposal for the Budget Meeting.

<u>Alpha Tennis Court - Quit Claim Deed:</u> Mike indicated that if the deed was enforced, then the consideration for a pickleball court in Alpha should be discussed. Jackie indicated that she would still like to see if the Village of Alpha would receive a grant for recreation in Alpha.

<u>Stager Lake Signs:</u> Estimates are being received to cover two speed/traffic control signs for the Stager Lake Park area. Last month the Board approved the dollar amount of \$10,000 to cover the two signs. Chad feels it is going to be more and would like a motion to up the dollar amount so that if the estimates come in above the \$10,000, he will be able to approve the purchase. Mike made a motion to approve up to \$15,000 and the motion was seconded by Dave. All were in favor.

New Business:

<u>G/L Budget Review:</u> A General Ledger review took place. Due to the increased cost of insurance and expenses at Stager Lake Park, Jan presented a resolution to increase the budget for those accounts. The resolution was seconded by Chad and a roll call vote was taken. Dave, Mike, Jan, and Chad all voted yes. Stacey was absent.

Other Business:

<u>Public Comments:</u> Mark Taylor asked if the Zoning Ordinance had been corrected on the website. It was. *Paul Dalpra invited the Board to attend this Labor Day weekend meeting of the Lake Mary Association. *Gordon asked if there could be a better way to handle zoning complaints by individuals who wished to remain anonymous - perhaps through the Clerk's office. The Board asked for patience in allowing the new Zoning Administrator to do his job in addressing issues. Ed Mattson addressed the same issue by stating that all documentation - whether handled through the Clerk's office or not - was public information and could be requested by anyone. *Jim C. asked about sending out an email to the Camp 5 residents to see if there is any interest in joining the fire department. Jan will send another email.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30am.

Respectfully submitted,

Regular Meeting Minutes September 12, 2023

Supervisor Chad Skinner 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 Chad Skinner, Clerk Jan Lemke, Treasurer Stacey Watters and Trustee Dave Smith. Absent: Trustee Mike Bjork.

<u>Attendees</u>: David Spear, Brian and Jackie Clancey, Cynthia Rahoi, Gordon Marcinak, Summer Olson, Joe Brozak, Stu Creel, Rick & Jackie Beaudoin, Mary Kudwa, and Lisa Durr.

Changes to agenda: None

August Meeting Minutes - Stand as written.

<u>Accounts Payable & Payroll Review:</u> After review, Stacey made a motion to accept the A/P listing. The motion was seconded by Chad and all were in favor.

Treasurer Report: The Treasurer's report was reviewed. No Questions.

<u>Clerk's Report:</u> Jan noted that the Fall Cleanup is scheduled for September 30th from 8:00am to 12:00pm. *Stu had submitted a FAQ's listing regarding our Zoning Ordinance. The list will be added to our website.

<u>Supervisor's Report:</u> Stager Lake radar signs are in and the radar units will be in on Monday. After discussion, the board decided to put the signs up right away. *Chad indicated that we had received a letter from Kathy Carlson regarding their dissolving the 4th of July Committee. The letter will be tabled until next month.

Road Commission Report: Nothing to update at this time.

<u>Fire Department Report:</u> Andy submitted his report. No questions from the Board.

<u>Planning Commission Report:</u> No regular September meeting.

Zoning Admin. Report: Stu had emailed his report. No questions from the Board.

Assessor Report: Tammy had emailed her report. No questions from the Board

<u>Recreation Committee Report:</u> Cindy asked for Board clarification regarding the Pickleball Project at Stager Lake. She wanted to know if a definite decision was made by the board to pursue the Quit Claim deed in Alpha and have the tennis court turned into a Pickleball court. Chad said no decision had been made and to plan on presenting updated costs at budget time.

ICECA Report: The August report had been emailed to us.

<u>Village of Alpha:</u> Nothing to report at this time.

<u>Maintenance Report:</u> Dan emailed his report. The question of level of pay for putting up the new siding on the building was asked. After discussion, Chad made a motion to pay Dan \$23/hr and the motion was seconded by Jan. All were in favor.

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Unfinished Business:

<u>Dunn Mine:</u> Jan spoke to the township attorney. He asked for copies of all documentation that the township has regarding the well put in place at Dunn Mine.

New Business:

<u>Auditor's Report:</u> Scott Sternhagen attended the meeting to review the auditor's report for the year of 2022-2023. He felt that the township was in good shape financially and the audit went very well.

<u>Publish a Zoning Ordinance Reminder:</u> Stu will update the draft previously done so that a notice can be put in the local newspapers.

<u>Removal of Trees at Buck Lake:</u> A review of the damaged trees at Buck Lake Park took place. Stacey made a motion to remove the trees. The motion was seconded by Dave. All were in favor. A discussion to replace trees that had to be removed will be done at our next budget meeting.

Other Business:

<u>Public Comments:</u> Summer indicated that she had a document with Dunn Mine information on it. She was told that Frank and Jan had prepared this document. Jan indicated that she had not worked on any project with Frank concerning Dunn Mine so she is unfamiliar with the document that Summer has. Jan asked if the township can get a copy of the document she is referring to. *Summer asked for more detail in the meeting minutes. Rick added that the township could broadcast their meetings. *Summer questioned whether minutes should be approved with a motion at the beginning of our meeting. *Gordon M. suggested that the article discussed to put in the paper regarding zoning changes include information on the Greenbelt area. Stu felt that he could include that in the 100' setback information.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 6:09pm. by Dave and seconded by Stacey. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Regular Meeting Minutes October 10, 2023

Clerk Jan Lemke called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Mastodon Township Hall. She asked all to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance. Board Members present: Clerk Jan Lemke, Treasurer Stacey Watters and Trustees Dave Smith and Mike Bjork. Absent: Supervisor Chad Skinner

<u>Attendees</u>: Andy Fleming, Cynthia Rahoi, Chris Moore, Summer Olson, Joe Brozak, Stu Creel, Jackie Beaudoin, Mary Kudwa, Wendy Schiavo, Neil Adank, Courtney Franz and Rick Herman.

Changes to agenda: None

September Meeting Minutes - Dave made a motion to accept the minutes with a second by Mike. All in Favor.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Review: After review, Dave made a motion to accept the A/P listing with a second by Mike. All in favor.

Treasurer Report: Stacey reported status of summer tax collection. No questions regarding her report.

<u>Clerk's Report:</u> Jan asked the Board to think of ideas for the Appreciation Program. Will discuss at our November meeting.

<u>Supervisor's Report:</u> Chad wanted the board to know that he is still working with Brad from the Road Commission regarding the signs at Stager Lake.

<u>Road Commission Report:</u> Dave noted the meeting had been canceled until next Tuesday.

<u>Fire Department Report:</u> No questions for Andy regarding his monthly report. Dave asked about all residences having fire numbers available. A discussion took place and Dave will talk to the Construction Code office about this and Jan will research different sign companies to see what they have to offer.

<u>Planning Commission Report:</u> A question arose about speed signs on South Shore Road and McClaren Road. Dave will let the Road Commission know. *A discussion took place regarding getting a Planning Consultant to aid in research and development of our Zoning Ordinance and Master Plan. Courtney received a list of names from MTA. She will forward the list to Jan for the position will have to be advertised for.

Zoning Admin. Report: Stu had emailed his report. He added that 2 enforcement letters have been mailed.

Assessor Report: Tammy had emailed her report.

Recreation Committee Report: Cindy stated no meeting was held in October.

<u>Village of Alpha:</u> Nothing to report at this time.

Maintenance Report: Dan emailed his report.

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Unfinished Business:

<u>Dunn Mine:</u> Jan reported that steady progress is being made.

<u>Alpha Lot:</u> Mike asked about an update on the grant Alpha had applied for. Jan confirmed that she had spoken to Jackie and they did not receive the grant.

New Business:

 4^{th} of July Committee Leter: After discussion, it was determined that Mastodon Township would accept the offer to receive the assets involved with the dissolution of the Alpha July 4^{th} Committee. The funds are to be used for fireworks, Cracker Jacks, and ice cream. Dave made a motion to accept the restricted funds as directed by legal council

and put the funds in a separate savings account to be used specifically for that purpose. Mike seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Stacey - yes; Dave - yes: Mike - yes; and Jan - yes.

<u>Glazed and Confused Renewal of the Rec Marihuana License:</u> Mike made a motion to accept the renewal and the motion was seconded by Stacey. A roll call vote: Dave – yes; Mike – yes; Jan – yes; and Stacey – yes.

Other Business:

<u>Public Comments:</u> Wendy S. had questions about the ad that was put in the paper regarding zoning issues. She had a question regarding temporary structures. Stu directed her to attend a Planning Commission meeting to address her concerns.

Cindy R. informed the board that zebra mussels have been found at Stager Lake. She thought Dan should be aware of that when pulling out the docks.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 6:13pm. by Dave and seconded by Mike. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Regular Meeting Minutes November 14, 2023

Supervisor Chad Skinner 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 Chad Skinner, Treasurer Stacey Watters and Trustees Dave Smith and Mike Bjork. Absent: Clerk Jan Lemke

<u>Attendees</u>: Andy Fleming, Summer Olson, Stu Creel, Jackie Beaudoin, Gordon Marcinak, Tammy Hendrickson, Jackie Clancey, Noel Garcia, and Jesse Trecce

Changes to agenda: None

October Meeting Minutes - Stacey made a motion to accept the minutes with a second by Mike. All in Favor.

<u>Accounts Payable & Payroll Review:</u> Mike reviewed the General Fund checks 31186-31242, Water Fund #1839, Road Fund Checks 1392-1393 and payroll DD970-980.. No questions.

<u>Treasurer Report:</u> Stacey reported that she is close to printing out of the winter tax bills which are due December 1st

<u>Clerk's Report:</u> Jan will be working from home for the next couple weeks. She can be contacted there.

Supervisor's Report: Chad checked the speed signs at Stager Lake and both of now working.

<u>Road Commission Report:</u> Dave checked into the request as to whether speed limit signs can be put up on side roads. They told Dave it was a 3 step process and very difficult to get approved. *Dave also asked about a culvert for Bara Road and Buck Lake Road. He received many complaints regarding the rock pushing up on Rainbow Trail. The Road Commission stated they will address those issues next year.

<u>Assessor Report</u>: Tammy had emailed her report. Mike complimented her on the addition to our website relating to assessor information.

Fire Department Report: No questions for Andy regarding his monthly report.

Planning Commission Report: No Planning Commission meeting this month.

Zoning Admin. Report: Stu had emailed his report. Stu asked for guidance from the board regarding the two open issues at Lake Mary. Stu will respond to one with a "second notice" letter and a fine as per our zoning ordinance. Chad will check into the best way to handle the other issue regarding the statements from their legal council.

Recreation Committee Report: Cindy stated no meeting was held in November.

<u>Village of Alpha:</u> A Christmas party is being planned in the Village on the 16th of December. *Two new board members appointed at their last meeting. Peter LaPin was appointed as President, and Gene Byrge was appointed as a trustee.

Maintenance Report: Dan emailed his report.

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Unfinished Business:

<u>Dunn Mine:</u> Jan reported that steady progress is being made. She has completed a review of the minutes covering the 1950's, 1960's, and the 1970's. She is working on the 1980's now. She has informed the board that new information has been brought to light. She suggested that once the project is complete, all board members would review the copies and then make a decision as to how to proceed.

<u>Alpha Lot:</u> Jackie confirmed that the Village did not receive the rec grant. Mike checked with an attorney regarding the Quit Claim Deed we have regarding a piece of property in Alpha. The attorney advised that the Township has two options: 1) Both sides agree to return the property 2) Both sides argue the point regarding the provision in the deed. No further discussion took place.

New Business:

<u>Iron County Hazard Mitigation Plan:</u> After discussion, it was determined that more research needs to be done. Chad tabled the plan at this time to get additional information.

<u>Fire Numbers for Residents:</u> After discussion, Stacey will check into coordinating winter tax bills and a letter informing residents how to update their fire number signs. Chad will follow up with getting the information on the website for our residents now.

<u>Appreciation Recognition:</u> Mike recommended a VISA gift card for everyone. He made a motion to enclose a \$25 gift card into a thank you card that was signed by each board member. The motion was seconded by Dave. All in favor.

Other Business:

<u>Public Comments:</u> A resident had a few questions regarding our garbage program. It was suggested that he call GFL or Jan to get more information.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 6:03pm. by Mike and seconded by Stacey. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Regular Meeting Minutes December 12, 2023

Supervisor Chad Skinner 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 Chad Skinner, Treasurer Stacey Watters and Trustees Dave Smith and Mike Bjork. Absent: Clerk Jan Lemke

<u>Attendees</u>: Peter LaPin, Julie Harp-Creel, Rosie Loehrke, Summer Olson, Stu Creel, Jackie Beaudoin, Andy Fleming, Neil Adank, Tammy Hendrickson, Jon Pickart, Jackie and Brian Clancey, and John & Lynn Waclawski.

Changes to agenda: Move Zoning Administrator to speak first.

November Meeting Minutes - Stacey made a motion to accept the October minutes with a second by Mike. All in Favor. November meeting minutes stand as is.

<u>Accounts Payable & Payroll Review:</u> Mike reviewed the General Fund checks 31243-31281, Water Fund #1840, and payroll DD981-988.. No questions.

<u>Treasurer Report:</u> Stacey wanted to mention that she had an incorrect due date on the winter tax bills. The date should have been February 29, 2024 - not February 29, 2023.

Clerk's Report: Nothing to report.

Supervisor's Report: Only item to be discussed is on the agenda under New Business - 3 Year Plan

Road Commission Report: Dave attended the meeting. Dave discussed with Brad that he wanted Kalla Walla Trail on our 3 year plan. He suggested that maintenance be done this next year and black top the following year.

Assessor Report: Tammy had emailed her report.

Fire Department Report: Andy emailed his monthly report. Radios have been ordered.

<u>Planning Commission Report:</u> Planning Commission meeting working on the zoning ordinance. They changed their next two meeting dates: they will meet on February 6th and April 4th.

Zoning Admin. Report: Stu had emailed his report to the Board. He remarked that two issues from Lake Mary have been turned over to legal council and he is waiting back for a response.

Recreation Committee Report: No meeting

<u>Village of Alpha</u>: A Christmas party is being planned in the Village on the 16th of December from noon to 3:00.

Maintenance Report: Dan emailed his report. No questions.

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Unfinished Business:

<u>Dunn Mine:</u> No new updates. Jan will continue to work on it when she is able to return to the office.

Alpha Lot: No update

New Business:

<u>Planning Commission Appointee:</u> After discussion, Mike volunteered to be the liaison to the Planning Commission.

<u>Authorization for Attorney Input:</u> Chad reported to the board that there were times when the Zoning

Administrator needed to contact our legal council. Chad made a motion to allow the Zoning Administrator to ask
the Supervisor for authority to make that contact. Mike then made another motion to allow the Zoning

Administrator to coordinate with the Supervisor for second notification on zoning violations to keep it within the
legal process. Dave seconded the motion. All in Favor.

<u>Road Commission - 3 year Report:</u> Overall, the township roads are in good shape. Dave reiterated his input as stated above regarding Kalla Walla Trail. He reminded everyone that Camp 5 Road, Stager Lake Road and Tobin Alpha Roads are out of our jurisdiction. Mike asked about options for the dip at the bottom of the Alpha Road. Dave stated that he had already spoken to the Road Commission about it and they again stated that it is the Village of Alpha's responsibility to take care of it.

<u>January Meeting Date Change:</u> Jan requested that the January meeting be moved from January 9th to January 16th. The change was agreeable with everyone.

<u>Other Business:</u> Neil asked for more information regarding a new fire number. He was told to contact the Construction Code office and they could order one for him.

Public Comments:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 5:55pm. by Mike and seconded by Stacey. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,