

MASTODON TOWNSHIP BOARD

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

Attendees: 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.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Review: 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.

Clerk's Report: 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.

Supervisor's Report: 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.

Road Commission Report: 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.

Assessor Report: 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.

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

Village of Alpha: 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.

Maintenance Report: 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:

Dunn Mine: 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.

Alpha Tennis Court - Quit Claim Deed: 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.

Stager Lake Signs: 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:

G/L Budget Review: 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:

Public Comments: 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,

Jan Lemke, Mastodon Township Clerk