

MASTODON TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2024

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.

Attendees: Peter LaPin, Tom & Lisa Lesandrini, Summer Olson, Jackie Beaudoin, Andy Fleming, Neil Adank, Tammy Hendrickson, Jon Pickart, and Mary Kudwa.

Changes to agenda: Jan asked to add MC3 Recreational License Renewal under "New Business".

Prior Meeting Minutes - Dave made a motion to accept December minutes with a second by Mike. All in favor.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Review: Mike reviewed the General Fund checks 31282-31336, Water Fund #1841, and payroll DD989-1000. No questions. Mike made a motion to accept which was seconded by Dave. All in favor.

Treasurer Report: Stacey had nothing new to report.

Clerk's Report: We set up a date for our Spring Cleanup Saturday. It is tentatively scheduled for June 15, 2024. *Jan indicated that some new email addresses have been set up and now available for use:

Chad Skinner	supervisor@mastodontownship.com
Jan Lemke	clerk@mastodontownship.com
Stacey Watters	treasurer@mastodontownship.com
Mike Bjork	trusteemike@mastodontownship.com

A new email address for Dave Smith is being worked on. Use his current email for now.

Supervisor's Report: Chad started the budget process in working with the department heads. He hopes to have a preliminary copy out to everyone in February.

Road Commission Report: Dave attended the meeting. The Road Commission (RC) is advertising for a new Civil Engineer Construction Manager. *RC asked if there was anything this Board can do to assist with getting the dip on County 424 below Alpha fixed. Dave will give Peter LaPin all of the information after the meeting.

Assessor Report: Tammy had emailed her report. No questions.

Fire Department Report: Andy emailed his monthly report. Andy reported that he has been contacted by residents asking if the fire department can fill swimming pools next summer. Jan will check with our insurance company for liability. We will discuss further next month. *Dave mentioned that Kathy Miller asked about putting Dave's name on the Fire Department plaque. Jan would like to research all names that should be added to the plaque.

Planning Commission Report: No meeting in January.

Zoning Admin. Report: Stu had emailed his report to the Board.

Recreation Committee Report: No meeting

Village of Alpha: Peter reported that the Village does not want to give up the lot currently holding the tennis court. They would like to do some fund-raising to make improvements to the lot.

Maintenance Report: Dan reported that all normal plowing, etc. is being done.

Unfinished Business:

Dunn Mine: Jan indicated that she was up to reviewing the 1984 township minutes.

Alpha Lot: Mike will be putting together something for the budget proposal as a joint effort with Alpha.

New Business:

Medical Marihuana License - MC3: After review, Mike made a motion with a second from Jan to accept the license. All were in favor. Dave asked if any violations were reported. None were ever reported.

Recreational Marihuana License Renewal - MC3: After discussion, Chad made a motion with a second from Stacey to accept. All were in favor.

Cadet Program - William Hoffman: After discussion, Mike made a motion to approve Mr. Hoffman for our Cadet Program. The motion was seconded by Dave. All in favor.

Firefighter - Donald White: After discussion, Mike made a motion with a second by Dave to approve his application. All were in favor.

Other Business:

Public Comments: Peter stated that the Village of Alpha is planning on a village wide yard sale on Memorial Weekend. *Lisa and Tom Lesandrini wished to address the Board with some of the things that they have been doing for the community. They have been involved with:

- Stager Lake Road clean up with Glazed and Confused
- Purchased 12 pairs of gym shoes for needy elementary children at FP Schools
- Sponsored Go Go Golf Tourney (fundraising event outside of Iron County)
- Sponsor at Alpha 4th of July event
- Participated in Alpha Brewery Trunk or Treat event
- Donated to the Crystal Falls Contemporary Center annual fundraising event held at George Young
- Donated empty grow pots to the Crystal Falls Community Garden

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 6:06pm. by Mike and seconded by Stacey. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Lemke, Mastodon Township Clerk

MASTODON TOWNSHIP BOARD

Special Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2024

Supervisor Chad Skinner called the meeting to order at 5:15 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.

Attendees: Summer Olson, Joe Brozak, Andy Fleming, Neil Adank, Lisa Durr, Mary Kudwa, Becky Josvai, Kathy Miller, Walt Bjork, Patrick and Kim Olson, Erik Kleiman, John Paramski, Dan Kurtz, Steve Tinti, and TV6 News Rep.

Dunn Mine Well - The meeting was requested to assist the Dunn Mine residents. The well at the Dunn Mine location was not working properly and they were not able to get water to their homes.

Dan Kurtz started the meeting by explaining what had transpired since Wednesday, January 24th. Summer Olson notified Chad that no water was available to any of the residents. The well appeared to be dry and was unable to maintain any water in the reservoir.

Chad was notified before the meeting that a pipe had broken in Mr. Miller's house but no one knew the extent of the damage. The water was to be turned off to his home.

After discussion, it was determined that water needed to be carried until a solution could be determined. Erik Kleiman indicated that they were certified water carriers. Mike made a motion to engage Kleiman on a "time and material" contract basis to fill the well with water as needed. Dave seconded the motion and all were in favor.

A discussion took place regarding the fact that the well pump had no automatic shut-off valve. Chad made a motion to order a pump tech controller to put on the pump. Dave seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned by Mike at 6:03pm and was seconded by Stacey.

Jan Lemke
Mastodon Township Clerk

MASTODON TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2024

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, and Trustees Dave Smith and Mike Bjork. Treasurer Stacey Watters was absent.

Attendees: Peter LaPin, Mike Webb, Rick Herman, Joe Brozak, Summer Olson, Lisa Durr, Jackie and Brian Clancey, Cynthia Rahoi, Jackie Beaudoin, Stu Creel, Andy Fleming, Neil Adank, Tammy Hendrickson, and Mary Kudwa.

Changes to agenda: No changes

January Meeting Minutes - Mike made a motion to accept the minutes with a second from Dave. All in favor. Dave made a motion to accept minutes from the January special meeting with a second by Mike. All in favor.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Review: Mike reviewed the General Fund checks 31237-31386, Water Fund #1842-1844, and payroll DD1001-1009. No questions. Mike made a motion to accept which was seconded by Dave. All in favor.

Treasurer Report: Stacey will email her report.

Clerk's Report: Early voting begins February 17 - February 25th. Normal election day will be on February 27th.

Supervisor's Report: Chad is working on the budget process and will have the report to the board within a week or two.

Road Commission Report: The Road Commission (RC) is working on brushing the sides of Stager Lake Road and hope to get to Kalla Walla Trail and Carney Dam Road this season. *Dave spoke to them about the fiber optic lines coming through Mastodon Township. The RC had some concerns. Will discuss more as it is an agenda item.

Assessor Report: Tammy had emailed her report. No questions.

Fire Department Report: Andy emailed his monthly report.

Planning Commission Report: Mike reported that they were able to review ordinance changes suggested by the zoning administrator.

Zoning Admin. Report: Stu had emailed his report to the Board.

Recreation Committee Report: Cindy had a copy of a proposal for a pickleball court to be placed at the Stager Lake Park.

Village of Alpha: Peter asked for help from our Fire Department to check the hydrants in Alpha.

Maintenance Report: Dan not able to attend the meeting

Unfinished Business:

Dunn Mine: Jan hopes to have time to work on the project during the election process.

Alpha Lot: Mike asked again to know if Alpha is willing to have the Quit Claim deed covering the area which now holds the tennis court be reverted back the Mastodon Township. We need to have a proposal presented to the Alpha Board requesting a determination of whether they want to do this or not. Mike made a motion to request a revision of the Quit Claim Deed to return the property back to the township. Dave seconded the motion and all were in favor. Chad will present a proposal to the Village of Alpha requesting a determination.

New Business:

Metro Act Permit: After discussion, Chad made a motion to request a 45 day extension of the contract. If they deny the extension, he will inform them that we will not be signing the contract and they can resubmit it once they put everything in order. Dave seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Election Wages: The State of Michigan will reimburse the township for election inspector wages of \$15.00/hour. Chad made a motion with a second from Mike to pay all of our inspectors a wage of \$15/hr. especially since the amount of hours needed to cover 10 days of voting would require more workers and time put in.

Other Business: After discussion regarding a request to have the fire department fill swimming pools or ponds, Dave made a motion that it would be an unnecessary liability to the township to provide this service and therefore the township will not give authorization for such. Mike seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Public Comments: Summer thanked the board for holding a special meeting to discuss the "no water" issue at the Dunn Mine Location. *Summer asked about whether the main water to the Green house was shut off. Chad will check with Dan. *Rick Herman notified the township that Feeding America will be coming to Crystal Falls this Wednesday. Future dates will be in April, June, and August. *Cindy let us know that there is a sign at Stager Lake that does allow fishing from the dock. Chad will check with Dan to have the sign removed.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 6:06pm. by Mike and seconded by Da. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Lemke, Mastodon Township Clerk

MASTODON TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2024

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, and Trustee Dave Smith. Treasurer Stacey Watters and Trustee Mike Bjork were absent.

Attendees: Mike Webb, Joe Brozak, Summer Olson, Lisa Durr, Jackie and Brian Clancey, Cynthia Rahoi, Stu Creel, Andy Fleming, Neil Adank, Dean Stolberg and Mary Kudwa.

Changes to agenda: No changes. Motion to approve agenda by Jan, Second by Dave. All in favor

February Meeting Minutes - Chad made a motion to accept the minutes with a second from Jan. All in favor.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Review: Jan reported the General Fund checks 31387-31449 were issued, Water Fund #1845-1846 paid, and payroll DD1010-1022 were issued. No questions.

Treasurer Report: Stacey was not available

Clerk's Report: Early voting place was discussed for the August Primary. After discussion, Chad made a motion to hold early voting for the August Primary at the Mastodon Township Hall. Jan seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Supervisor's Report: Chad talked to Brad from the Road Commission and he agreed to put down a crosswalk with signs by Stager Lake Park.

Road Commission Report: The Road Commission (RC) has completed brushing on the sides of Kalla Walla Trail and Carney Dam Road this season. Chad indicated that Brad also mentioned that what limbs were cut in Mastodon Township would be chipped soon. *Seasonal weight restrictions are still on.

Assessor Report: Tammy had emailed her report.

Fire Department Report: Andy emailed his monthly report.

Planning Commission Report: No meeting was held this month.

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

Recreation Committee Report: Cindy reported that they had a meeting in March. There is one available position on the committee. Chad will also check with Courtney since there needs to be a representative on the committee from the Planning Commission.

Village of Alpha: Village of Alpha did approve Highline going through the Village to provide fiber optics.

Maintenance Report: Dan emailed his report.

Unfinished Business:

Dunn Mine: No updates

Alpha Lot: Chad will be attending the Village of Alpha meeting on Thursday to request an answer regarding the Quit Claim Deed covering the tennis court area.

Metro Act Permit: Our attorney did review the paperwork. He recommended that we request a Performance Bond from Highline. After discussion, Chad made a motion to approve the contract from Highline with a \$100,000 Performance Bond. Dave seconded the motion and all were in favor.

New Business:

Annual Resolutions: The resolutions were tabled until the budget meeting when all board members would be in attendance.

Miss Mary License Renewals: Dave indicated that there was an odor coming from the grow operation from time to time. Stu will check into it when he does his annual review of the property. Chad made a motion with a second from Dave to approve the Grow Marihuana License Renewal. All in favor. Jan made a motion with a second from Dave to approve the Retail Marihuana License Renewal. All in favor.

Abandonment and Right of Way: Chad received information from the Iron County Road Commission regarding their process of handling this issue. They would have to approve this first before handing the issue over to Mastodon Township. If it does get turned over to us, Chad would need to check into what the process is for us to approve or not. Chad will follow up with that.

Recreation Committee applications: We received a request from Allison Soderberg and Tom Lesindrini expressing interest in being on the committee. After discussion, Chad made a motion with a second from Jan to offer the position to Tom. All were in favor.

ZBA Member Renewal: Sheri Skrzyniarz's position on the ZBA ends this month. Chad made a motion with a second from Dave to approve renewal of her position on the ZBA. All in favor.

Other Business:

Public Comments: Dean Solberg spoke regarding the abandonment of Treeline Drive. He does not believe Mastodon Township should abandon it and have it used for personal use.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 6:05pm. by Dave and seconded by Chad. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Lemke, Mastodon Township Clerk

March 26, 2024

BUDGET HEARING MINUTES OF THE MASTODON TOWNSHIP BOARD

Supervisor Chad Skinner called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Board members present: Supervisor Chad Skinner, Clerk Jan Lemke, Treasurer Stacey Watters, Trustee Dave Smith and Trustee Mike Bjork. Absent: None. Public Attendance: Dan Kurtz – Township Maintenance, Andy Fleming – Fire Chief

New Business:

Annual Resolutions: A resolution was made by Jan and seconded by Stacey to keep township meetings the same as 2023/2024. All meetings will be held at the Township Hall on the second Tuesday of the month with the exception of September 14th which will be held at the Camp 5 township hall at 10:00am. Actual monthly meeting dates were discussed. A posting will be on our website and on the bulletin board at the hall. Roll Call Vote: Chad, Stacey, Dave, Mike, and Jan all voted yes. A resolution was made by Jan and seconded by Chad to retain Peter Ryan as out legal representative. Roll Call Vote: Stacey, Dave, Mike, Jan, and Chad all voted yes.

Budget Resolution: A resolution was made by Jan and seconded by Chad to change our 2023/2024 General Fund budget by \$30,850 and our Road Fund budget by \$2,000. Roll Call Vote: Dave, Mike, Jan, Chad, and Stacey all voted yes.

Budget Review and Approval: The following was approved as 2024/25 budgeted numbers for each cost center: Revenue total projected: \$520,386.00

Individual cost centers were reviewed and total annual costs projected were as follows:

- Supervisor - \$27,475; Trustees - \$13,492; Elections - \$13,400; Township Office - \$57,685; Assessor - \$27,439; Clerk - \$31,839; Deputy Clerk - \$646; Board of Review - \$2,175; Treasurer - \$28,975 and Deputy Treasurer - \$375; Township Hall - \$88,934; Garage - \$8,350; Cemetery - \$2,700; Garbage Program - \$41,000; Library Program - \$1,000; Fire Department: \$135,050; Zoning/Planning - \$18,624; Street Lighting - \$2,800; Buck Lake Park -\$4,141; Stager Lake Park: \$5,991; Recreation - \$00; Anderson Ball Park - \$7,917; Camp 5 Community Center - \$550; Recreational - \$62,300; Employee Benefits - \$7,500.

A review of payroll took place. A resolution was made to increase the Supervisor salary to \$25,000/yr. A roll call vote was taken: Mike, Jan, Chad, Stacey and Dave all voted yes. A resolution was made to increase the Clerk's salary to \$29,000/yr. A roll call vote was taken: Chad, Stacey, Dave, Mike, and Jan all voted yes. . A resolution was made to increase the Treasurer's salary to \$25,000/yr. A roll call vote was taken: Dave, Mike, Jan, Chad and Stacey all voted yes. A resolution was made to increase the Trustee's Salary to \$300/mo. and \$75/meeting. Jan, Chad, and Stacey voted yes. Mike and Dave voted no. The following positions received pay increases as well: Zoning Administrator - \$7,800/yr; Deputy Treasurer - \$15/hr.; Maintenance has 3 pay grades depending on assignment - \$20/24/27; Cleaning - \$30/hr.; Zoning Board of Appeals will be paid the same as the Planning Commissions: Chairperson and Secretary - \$75/meeting and members \$60/meeting; (Jan made a motion to increase the Fire Chief salary with a second by Stacey. All were in favor) Fire Chief - \$1,000/mo.; and Assistant Fire Chief - \$300/month. A motion was made by Mike and supported by Chad to have the Office Manager paid hourly so the salary was converted to hourly with a limit of 12 hours per week. All were in favor.

The 2024/25 budget for the General Fund had expenditures at \$590,357

It was determined that we would transfer \$30,000 received from the State of Michigan (marihuana funds) to our Recreational Fund; transfer \$20,000 from our General Savings to the Fire Department Fund and \$5,000 to a savings account for future capitol outlet purchases.

The Road Fund shows \$156,126 in revenue and \$11,150 projected for expenditures.

Dunn Mine's fund shows \$1,770 in revenue and \$1,500 projected in expenses.

The Mastodon Township General Appropriations Act resolution was put on the table. A motion was made by Jan Lemke to accept the Resolution and seconded by Dave Smith. The roll call vote was as follows: Stacey Watters - yes; Dave Smith – Yes; Mike Bjork– yes; Jan Lemke – yes; Chad Skinner – yes;

Meeting adjourned at 7:22p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Lemke
Mastodon Township Clerk

MASTODON TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2024

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, Trustee Mike Bjork and Trustee Dave Smith.

Attendees: Joe Brozak, Summer Olson, Lisa Durr, Brian Clancey, Cynthia Rahoi, Stu Creel, Andy Fleming, Neil Adank, Rick Herman, Peter LaPin, Tammy Hendrickson, Jackie Beaudoin, Paul Dalpra and Mary Kudwa.

Changes to agenda: No changes. Motion to approve agenda by Chad, Second by Mike. All in favor

March Meeting Minutes – Stacey made a motion to accept the minutes with a second from Jan. All in favor. Stacey made a motion to accept the budget meeting minutes with a second from Dave. All in favor.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Review: Mike reported the General Fund checks 31450-31523 were issued, Water Fund #1847 paid, and payroll DD1023-1034 were issued. No questions. Mike made a motion to accept the payables with a second from Chad. All in favor.

Treasurer Report: Stacey's report was reviewed. No questions.

Clerk's Report: Spring Cleanup date has been set for June 29th. Details to follow as we get closer. *Garbage vouchers will be mailed shortly. She is working on the letter to enclose with the vouchers. Letter to include general and spring cleanup info as well as the information regarding fire number requests.

Supervisor's Report: The crosswalk signs for Stager Lake Park will be installed soon. *Reviewed skid steer information Dan received with Dan and Dave. *Will start to review minutes regarding Dunn Mine.

Road Commission Report: Dave attended the Road Commission (RC) meeting. *Re: the Idlewild Bridge - the RC began the application process for submittal to the LA Bridge Program. Completed and submitted application 3/28/24. *Treeline Drive lawsuit is moving to a hearing to be held on May 14th at 10:00am. *Fiber Optic discussion took place. The company will have 10 crews working this summer to complete Iron County. Dave asked about repairs from any damage to personal property. They indicated to Dave that the goal was to repair within 30 days or they would be shut down.

Assessor Report: Tammy had emailed her report. No questions.

Fire Department Report: Andy emailed his monthly report. No questions. Andy did say that Truck #2 needed repair. The differential needed to be replaced. The approx. cost would be around \$12,000.

Planning Commission Report: Minutes were emailed in. Mike reviewed the minutes.

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

Recreation Committee Report: Cindy reported that an organizational meeting is set for April 24th at 9:00.

Village of Alpha: Peter asked about an agreement dating back to the 1980's/90's regarding monies the township had for replacement of roads within the Village of Alpha. Jan indicated that it is illegal for the township to use township taxpayer funds to repair roads within the Village and the Village does receive federal funding for that

purpose. *Dave asked about the fire hydrants within the Village. Pete said he knew that one needed to be repaired and one replaced.

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April 9, 2024

Maintenance Report: Dan stated that the new dock for Stager Lake Park has been ordered and will take a couple weeks to come in. May need some gravel for the parking lot.

Unfinished Business:

Dunn Mine: Chad to work with Jan to review minutes.

Alpha Lot: Chad did attend the Village of Alpha meeting regarding the Quit Claim Deed covering the tennis court area. They needed to know three things before making a decision. 1) That Mastodon Township would not sell the land; 2) The basketball court would stay; and 3) The Township would agree to have events there. All agreed that their concerns could be agreed to. Chad to write a letter to the Village indicating so.

New Business:

Equipment Purchase: Chad, Dave and Dan reviewed availability of used skid steers. They narrowed it down and have decided on one. Chad made a motion, seconded by Dave for Dan to review the item in person and purchase it if all checks out. All in favor.

4th of July Fireworks Budget: Chad made a motion to donate \$5,000 toward the 4th of July fireworks again this year. The motion was seconded by Stacey and all were in favor.

Recreation Committee Nominee: Last month we had appointed Tom Lesindrini to the committee. He approached Chad and stated he felt he could not be a member at this time. Chad did reach out to the other candidate, Allyson Soderberg, and she was still interested. Chad made a motion to add Allyson to our Rec Committee and the motion was seconded by Mike. All were in favor.

Other Business:

Public Comments: Paul Dalpra spoke concerning the Milfoil problem at Lake Mary. He wanted to know if Mastodon Township would be open to a special assessment to cover costs to maintain the problem. Chad stated that we would have to do some research into the possibility of moving forward. Paul indicated that Lake May Association would be meeting in May and would discuss at that time as well. Summer Olson stated that she submitted garbage coupons incorrectly and was concerned that she had not received communication from the Clerk. The Clerk had contacted the person who had given her their vouchers but did not contact her directly and she was upset.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 6:12pm. by Mike and seconded by Stacey. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Lemke, Mastodon Township Clerk

MASTODON TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2024

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. Trustee Mike Bjork was absent.

Attendees: Summer Olson, Lisa Durr, Stu Creel, Andy Fleming, Jon Pickart, Neil Adank, Rick Herman, Peter LaPin, Chris Peterson, Jackie Beaudoin, Paul Dalpra, Mike Webb, Mark Taylor, Anthony Camomilli, and Mary Kudwa.

Changes to agenda: No changes.

April Meeting Minutes – Dave made a motion to accept the minutes with a second from Stacey. All in favor.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Review: Jan reported the General Fund checks 31525-31573 were issued, Water Fund #1848 paid, and payroll DD1035-1047 were issued. No questions. Chad made a motion to accept the payables with a second from Stacey. All in favor.

Treasurer Report: Stacey's report was reviewed. No questions.

Clerk's Report: Quit Claim Deed was received from Alpha. Jan will take to the Register of Deeds office. *A new computer was ordered for the Supervisor.

Supervisor's Report: Worked with Alpha to finalize the Quit Claim Deed. *Worked on minutes regarding the Dunn Mine well. *Worked with the newly formed Recreational Committee to move forward on projects.

Road Commission Report: Dave attended the Road Commission (RC) meeting. New road markings scheduled for Stager Lake Road this summer. The RC is looking for summer help. Seasonal weight limits are lifted. After the meeting, there was a public hearing regarding Treeline Drive – a road that has not been maintained. The property owners on that ½ mile stretch wish the road to be abandoned. The Road Commission tabled the discussion until their next meeting on June 11th.

Assessor Report: Tammy had emailed her report. No questions.

Fire Department Report: Andy emailed his monthly report. No questions. Andy did say that they had an OSHA audit. The outcome of the audit was "very well".

Planning Commission Report: The May meeting will be held on May 29th at 5:00pm.

Zoning Admin. Report: The monthly report was emailed. Stu asked for research on a BS&A module to be used by Zoning Administrator's to input their information. Will check into what is available and the pricing.

Recreation Committee Report: Rick reported that their meeting went well and they will begin looking for direction on moving forward with a pickleball court and projects that need to be implemented. They will be meeting the third Tuesday of the month through the month of September at 5:30 here at the hall.

Village of Alpha: Village wide rummage sale coming up on Memorial weekend. *Permanent signs are being purchased for the disc golf posts. *When the fire department needs to fill a truck with water, please text Steve ahead of time whenever possible. *Will be auctioning 14 properties in Alpha soon.

Maintenance Report: Dan submitted his report. Any questions, reach out to Dan.

Unfinished Business:

Dunn Mine: Chad and Jan continuing to work on reviewing minutes.

Alpha Lot: Jan received the Quit Claim from Jackie today.

New Business:

4th of July Fireworks Budget Resolution: Jan presented a budget resolution to add \$5,000 for 4th of July fireworks to the 2024-25 budget. The motion was seconded by Chad. A roll call vote was taken: Stacey – Yes; Dave – yes; Jan – yes; and Chad – yes.

Forest Park Senior Night: After discussion, it was determined that the Township will continue to contribute \$100 again towards the night. We would give them \$50 in cash and \$50 in gas cards.

Zoning Board of Appeals Nominee: A request from Rose Loehrke to be considered for a position on the Board of Appeals. Chad made a motion to accept and the motion was seconded by Stacey. All in favor.

Cemetery Contract: The cemetery contract increased from \$2,419.53 to \$7,140.36. After discussion, it was determined that we would sign the contract and pay the bill. We would ask for a quarterly or semi-annual report throughout the year.

Pickleball Court: All three options were reviewed. Chad recommended that we consider the area behind the ball park in Alpha. It has the greatest amount of room. We could also do some improvements at the basketball court as well. Jan asked if the pickleball court could be made to the specs of a pickleball court and tennis court combined. Rec committee can check into.

Other Business:

Public Comments: Paul Dalpra asked the Board if we would be willing to have a special assessment with the Lake Mary residents to collect funds to address their milfoil issue. Chad stated that it is an issue that we cannot address at this time. If Lake Mary moves forward with a petition and all the laws have been followed, then we will be able to review what is presented and make a decision at that time.

Anthony Camomilli asked to speak regarding the Treeline Drive issue for he is one of the residents of the area.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 6:41pm. by Jan and seconded by Chad. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Lemke, Mastodon Township Clerk

MASTODON TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Meeting Minutes

June 11, 2024

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.

Attendees: Summer Olson, Joe Brozak, Lisa Durr, Stu Creel, Andy Fleming, Jon Pickart, Dan Kurtz, Rick Herman, Chris Peterson, Jackie Beaudoin, Mary Bjork, Karen Mallon, Jacki & Brian Clancey, Allison Soderberg, and Lydia Novitsky.

Changes to agenda: No changes.

May Meeting Minutes – Stacey made a motion to accept the minutes with a second from Mike. All in favor.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Review: Mike reviewed the General Fund checks 31574-31667, Water Fund #1849 paid, and payroll DD1048-1057 issued. No questions. Jan requested to add an invoice received from Oshkosh for Firemen Boots and mileage reimbursement for 2 firemen. Dave made a motion to accept the payables with those changes and a second was made from Mike. All in favor.

Treasurer Report: Stacey's report was reviewed. No questions.

Clerk's Report: A reminder that our Spring Clean up is scheduled for June 29th. This year we are able to receive car and light truck tires as well. All information has been published in the paper, our website, and Facebook. *Jan introduced Karen Mallon as the new Clerk Deputy. Karen has been a township Clerk for many years and brings a great amount of experience and information with her. She will be a great asset to the township.

Supervisor's Report: Road Commission is checking on some damage on Kalla Walla Road. Chad will follow up with them to find out what happened.

Road Commission Report: Dave called the Road Commission and found out that the issue with Treeline Drive was tabled until next month. Dave wants to know that it can be made into a seasonal road and if the City of Gastra wants to maintain the portion that falls in their jurisdiction.

Assessor Report: Tammy had emailed her report. No questions.

Fire Department Report: The fire department is set for 4th of July.

Planning Commission Report: Mike reported on the special meeting that was held on May 29th to discuss adding language to our ordinance regarding agriculture. Stu will work on language and present to the Planning Commission at their next meeting on June 26th.

Zoning Admin. Report: The monthly report was emailed. Stu indicated that everything is moving forward smoothly. No one had questions regarding his report.

Recreation Committee Report: Rick presented the board with 3 draft proposals for the pickleball courts. They will attend the Planning Commission meeting to review possibilities with them.

Village of Alpha: Village rummage sales were successful. This weekend the Village is hosting a “Village Picnic” in hopes of continuing the event in the future.

Maintenance Report: Dan reported that the docks have been put in Stager and Buck Lake. *Chloride will be put down next week. *He is fixing the fence in the Alpha Park area. *He asked if he needs to have picnic tables or garbage receptacles in the Alpha Park for the 4th of July. Chad said he will check into and get back to him. Jackie also stated the Village has plenty garbage cans that could be used.

Unfinished Business:

Dunn Mine: Chad and Jan continuing to work on reviewing minutes.

New Business:

Mitigation Resolution: A discussion took place regarding the plan and resolution that was presented by Chris Petersen. Dave indicated after reading the 240 page report that there was no plan within the report. Chris then stated it would fall under the Iron County Emergency Operations Plan, which no one had copies of. Chris sent a copy of it to Andy who will forward a copy to the Board Members. Mike felt it was more beneficial to the township to sign on to the Iron County Plan however Chris stated that if we did not sign the Mitigation Plan then we would not receive any funds from FEMA should certain disasters occur. The resolution was tabled until the next meeting.

Recreation Committee Volunteer: Lydia Novitsky requested to fill an open position on the Recreation Committee. Chad made a motion to accept Lydia on the Committee and the motion was seconded by Stacey. All were in favor.

Zoning Admin Duties vs. Marihuana Ordinance: There are certain times that our Zoning Administrator (ZA) must review a business that falls under our Marihuana Ordinance. This does not fall under the responsibility of the ZA. Under we are able to review the job description, Chad made a motion to pay the ZA \$50 per visit that is required by the State of Michigan. The motion was seconded by Mike and all were in favor.

Other Business:

Public Comments:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 6:36pm by Mike and seconded by Dave. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Lemke, Mastodon Township Clerk

MASTODON TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Meeting Minutes

July 9, 2024

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, and Trustees Dave Smith and Mike Bjork. Treasurer Stacey Watters absent.

Attendees: Summer Olson, Lisa Durr, Stu Creel, Andy Fleming, Jon Pickart, Dan Kurtz, Rick Herman, Ann & Joe Novitsky, Lydia Novitsky, Ashlee Kinsey, Fred Erwin, Jacki & Brian Clancey, Allison Soderberg, Peter LaPin, Tammy Hendrickson, and Neil Adank.

Changes to the agenda: No changes.

June Meeting Minutes – Dave made a motion to accept the minutes with a second from Mike. All in favor.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Review: Mike reviewed the General Fund checks 31671-31728, Water Fund #1851-52 paid, Road Fund 1395-1397, and payroll DD1058-1068 issued. Check #31714 and 31715 were voided. No questions. Chad made a motion to accept the payables and a second was made from Dave. All in favor.

Treasurer Report: Stacey's report was reviewed. No questions.

Clerk's Report: Jan noted that the office is preparing for the upcoming 10 days of election voting. *Auditors coming in on July 10th.

Supervisor's Report: Spring Clean-up went well.

Road Commission Report: Dave stated that the Road Commission meeting was postponed until July 16th. *Dave reviewed a few 2 track township roads and wanted to know how much maintenance we should be doing on those roads. He asked us to review some of these roads for future discussion.

Assessor Report: Tammy had emailed her report. No questions. Board of Review meeting set for next Tuesday.

Fire Department Report: The fire department was reviewed. Any questions, reach out to Andy.

Planning Commission Report: Mike reported that the meeting reviewed the proposals of the Recreation Committee and are continuing with the discussion on proposed changes to our Ordinance.

Zoning Admin. Report: The monthly report was emailed. Stu indicated that everything is moving forward smoothly. No one had questions regarding his report.

Recreation Committee Report: Rick wanted to thank Kathy Carlson for all the wonderful work she put into the 4th of July celebration in the Village of Alpha. Each year gets better and better due to her work. *They reviewed Stager Lake and Buck Lake. Suggested signs for the nature trail at Buck Lake, electricity to the pavilion, and possibly a playground. They discussed a snowmobile trail throughout the township as well. *They presented proposals to the Board for possible placement of a pickleball court. Will be further discussed under "Unfinished Business".

Village of Alpha: Jackie Clancey reported that she will be resigning as Clerk effective July 15th. *A new lock was put on their gate that opens to their scrap iron pile.

Maintenance Report: Dan reported that the Chloride has been put on the roads.

Unfinished Business:

Dunn Mine: Chad and Jan continuing to work on reviewing minutes.

Mitigation Resolution: The Board agreed to send the information to our attorney to review.

Pickleball Court: A discussion took place regarding the two proposals presented to the Board by the Recreational Committee. Dave asked if he could meet with some members of the Recreational Committee at the proposed sites to discuss any questions he may have. Rick said that he would meet with Dave after the Board meeting. The topic was tabled until the next Township Board meeting.

New Business:

Zoning Board of Appeal Member & Alternate: Jan indicated that she received emails from Melissa Carswell requesting to renew her position on the ZBA and from Paul Mallon requesting to be considered for the ZBA as well. Chad made a motion to extend Melissa's position and was seconded by Mike. All were in favor. Mike made a motion to accept Paul's request and place him in the Alternate position on the ZBA. The motion was seconded by Dave and all were in favor.

Recreation Board Appointment: Jan received an email request from Kathy Carlson to have her position on the Recreation Committee renewed. Chad made a motion to approve Kathy as a member of the Committee. The motion was seconded by Jan and all were in favor.

Dave Smith – Trustee Board Approval: Dave is on the August ballot to be reelected as a Trustee of the Mastodon Township Board. Because he is considered an employee as fireman on our fire department, the Township Board must approve his position as Trustee. Chad made a motion to approve Dave to move forward with his request to be on the Board. The motion was seconded by Mike and all were in favor.

Other Business:

Public Comments: Allison Soderberg wanted to comment on her position on the Recreation Committee and her commitment to the 3 year plan that the Committee presented to the Board.

Summer Olson commented on how wonderful our committees are and the importance of what they present to the Board.

Dan Kurtz expressed concern about the ability to expand the pickleball court as it was laid out on the Alternate Proposal. He thought a lot of dirt would have to be removed. Lydia, however, did feel it could be done. Rick commented that the basketball court could be painted so that it could be used as a pickleball court as well.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 6:29pm by Mike and seconded by Dave. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Lemke, Mastodon Township Clerk

MASTODON TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2024

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, Trustees Dave Smith and Mike Bjork.

Attendees: Summer Olson, Lisa Durr, Dawn & Phil Heil, Stu Creel, Andy Fleming, Jon Pickart, Dan Kurtz, Joe Novitsky, Lydia Novitsky, Peter LaPin, and Neil Adank.

Changes to the agenda: No changes.

July Meeting Minutes – Mike made a motion to accept the minutes with a second from Dave. All in favor.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Review: Mike reviewed the General Fund checks 31729-31813, Road Fund 1398-1399, and payroll DD1069-1094 issued. No questions. Dave made a motion to accept the payables and a second was made from Chad. All in favor.

Treasurer Report: Stacey's report was reviewed. No questions.

Clerk's Report: Annual Audit is completed. *August election completed. State of Michigan will pay for election inspector wages again for early voting in August. The Reporter did not print the election results for Dave Smith and Stacey Watters. They will post a correction next week. *Our firewall and Microsoft programs are expiring at the end of the year. She is working with Tech Solutions for quotes.

Supervisor's Report: Road Commission will not abandon Tree Line Road. *We need to work on a 3 year plan for the Road Commission.

Road Commission Report: Dave stated that the Fiber Optics project is progressing slowly. Road Commission is still trying to get the culvert in on Bara Road and handle the rock on Rainbow Trail. They are not sure they can complete this year.

Assessor Report: Tammy had emailed her report. No questions.

Fire Department Report: The fire department was reviewed. No questions.

Planning Commission Report: Mike reported that there was no July meeting.

Zoning Admin. Report: The monthly report was emailed. No questions regarding his report.

Recreation Committee Report: Lydia reported that they were working on reviewing all of the Mastodon Township parks.

Village of Alpha: Peter reported that he attended the Road Commission meeting to question the dip in the road on County 424 - at the bottom of Main Street before leaving or entering the Village. He presented the findings to the Alpha Village Board and it was tabled until next month. The Village did some work on sidewalks and looking at road signs for within the Village.

Maintenance Report: Dan asked if the part-time help hired for the summer months could be extended one more month into September. Board approved.

Unfinished Business:

Dunn Mine: Review has been completed and the Board members have each received copies of all the minutes since 1953 whenever the well was discussed.

Mitigation Resolution: It was sent to the attorney and he is reviewing it.

Pickleball Court: A discussion took place regarding the proposals presented. Dave reviewed the property and suggested that we move forward with refurbishing the tennis court and adding lines for basketball, tennis, and pickleball. He suggested contacting an engineering company to get a professional bid on the cost. Mike mentioned that the Village had worked with GEI Engineering to get a quote that would allow them to apply for a grant. Pete said he could have the Village forward that bid to us to review. Chad also asked for more information from cities and townships that have done this in the past.

New Business:

Poverty Exemption Resolution: The Annual Guideline Resolution for Poverty Exemption was reviewed. Mike made a motion to accept and it was seconded by Chad. Roll Call vote was made and all voted yes - Stacey, Dave, Mike, Jan, and Chad.

Request to be a member of the Board of Review: A request was made from Paul Mallon who had completed the training through the State Tax Commission this past February. Chad made a motion to accept his request and the motion was seconded by Stacey. All were in favor.

Alpha Brewing Company Request to Use the Upper Alpha Park: The Board did not have a problem with the request as long as no holes would be drilled into the concrete.

Recreational Marihuana Renewal – Glazed and Confused: Stacey made a motion to accept the application and the motion was seconded by Mike. All were in favor.

Other Business:

Public Comments: Summer Olson expressed concern that there were some months that minutes were posted beyond the 8 business days, and there was a special meeting not posted on the website. She thought that the cost of the early voting Election Workers were not reimbursable. Jan assured her that they were. She thought that Mastodon should have consolidated early voting with Crystal Falls having our residents go to their City Hall to vote. She thought that the Dunn Mine review of minutes had already been done and now reviewed again. She didn't understand why there was a "No Parking" Sign behind the ball park in Alpha. She also asked if she could get a copy of the document discussed above under "Dunn Mine". Chad stated that he would work with Jan to get them a copy.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 6:08pm by Mike and seconded by Dave. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Lemke, Mastodon Township Clerk

MASTODON TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2024

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

Attendees: Summer Olson, Lisa Durr, Mary Kudwa, Stu Creel, Jon Pickart, Dan Kurtz, Jim Cichanofsky, D. Q. Ditzenberger, Kathy Carlson, Cindy & Rick Herman, Daryl Greene, Brian Schiavo, Karen Mallon, Allison Soderberg and Bill Jennings.

Changes to the agenda: No changes.

August Meeting Minutes – Stacey made a motion to accept the minutes with a second from Chad. All in favor.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Review: Mike reviewed checks issued. Mike made a motion to accept the payables and a second was made from Stacey. All in favor.

Treasurer Report: Written and submitted.

Clerk's Report: Jan presented her report which included preparation for next election.

Supervisor's Report: No updates at this time

Road Commission Report: Dave presented updates regarding the township roads

Assessor Report: Written and submitted.

Fire Department Report: Written and submitted. Andy asked for authorization to update seals and valves on truck 2 with an estimate cost of \$5,000.00. Chad made a motion to authorize \$5,000 for this maintenance. Mike seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Planning Commission Report: Draft Minutes written and submitted.

Zoning Admin. Report: Written and submitted.

Recreation Committee Report: Allison updated the board with their progress.

Village of Alpha: No update

Maintenance Report: Dan updated board on progress at Stager Lake Park

Unfinished Business:

Dunn Mine: Chad read minutes from 2003 and 2007 Ordinance Amendment. He made a motion to send a 60 day notice to residents that the well located at Dunn Mine is their responsibility. No second was made. After discussion, it was determined that Chad would contact Mr. Tinti to see if his office sent out notices at that time to the residents.

Mitigation Resolution: No update

Pickleball Court: No motions were made to move forward at this time

New Business:

New Cemetery Agreement: A revised cemetery agreement was sent to the Board to cover a period of 5 years. Mike made a motion to accept the new agreement and it was seconded by Jan. All were in favor.

Renew ZBA Membership – Cindy Herman: Stacey made a motion to accept Cindy's request to remain on the Zoning Board of Appeals. The motion was seconded by Dave. All were in favor.

DNR Grant – Brian Schiavo - Brian Schiano, from GEI Consultants (GEI), informed the board of a DNR Grant available to help with the cost of the Pickleball Court. The deadline date to file is April 1, 2025. GEI could help with the Grant Application for an estimated cost of \$3,000-\$4,000. Stacey made a motion to move forward with the grant with assistance from GEI. Mike seconded the motion and all were in favor. GEI gave an estimate of \$1,500 to assist in preparing an updated Recreation Plan. No motion was made for that.

Other Business:

Public Comments: Public comment made and heard.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 10:55am by Mike and seconded by Dave. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Lemke, Mastodon Township Clerk

MASTODON TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2024

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, Trustees Dave Smith and Mike Bjork.

Attendees: Summer Olson, Lisa Durr, Mary Kudwa, Becky Josvai, Joe Brozak, Stu Creel, Jon Pickart, Jim Haney, James P., Mike Webb, Gordon Marcinak, Kathy Carlson, Adam & Carol Winger, Peter LaPin, Brian Schiavo, Karen and Paul Mallon, Allison Joy, Pat and Kim Olson, Jackie Beaudoin, Neil Adank, Walt Bjork, Tammy Hendrickson, and Bill Santilli.

Changes to the agenda: Added CLA Audit Review and Pot Hole in Parking Lot

September Meeting Minutes – Dave made a motion to accept the minutes with a second from Mike. All in favor.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Review: Mike reviewed checks issued. Mike made a motion to accept the payables and payroll. A second was made from Dave. All in favor.

Treasurer Report: Written and submitted.

Clerk's Report: Written and Submitted

Supervisor's Report: No updates at this time

Road Commission Report: Dave presented updates regarding the township roads. Dave asked for a “go-ahead” to fix pot hole in parking lot. Mike made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Stacey. All in favor.

Assessor Report: Written and submitted.

Fire Department Report: Written and submitted. Andy asked for approval of fire fighter application submitted from Adam Winger. Mike made a motion to approve and it was seconded by Stacey. All in favor.

Planning Commission Report: No meeting in September

Zoning Admin. Report: Written and submitted.

Recreation Committee Report: Kathy Carlson stated that there was no update.

Village of Alpha: No update

Maintenance Report: Written and Submitted

Unfinished Business:

Dunn Mine: Chad stated that after speaking with the Township attorney, it was determined that the well at Dunn Mine be considered a municipal well. Chad indicated that the Board will review the Ordinance presented by Summer Olson. Summer will send a digital copy to Chad.

Mitigation Resolution: No update

New Business:

CLA – Audit Review: Scott Sternhagen from CLA indicated that Mastodon Township was in a good financial position.

Firewall/Microsoft/WIFI Updates: Mike made a motion to accept the quote from Guide Star to update the firewall and Microsoft. The motion was seconded by Stacey. All were in favor.

Thrasher Found - Dave Smith informed the board that an antique thrasher was discovered in a collapsed building. It had many names and dates written on the machine. He would like to begin steps to preserve it. It was determined that he would turn the project over to the Recreation Committee to begin working with the Alpha Museum on the project.

FOIA Coordinator: Jan made a motion to appoint Karen Mallon as the Mastodon Township Coordinator. The motion was seconded by Stacey and all were in favor.

Pot Hole in Parking Lot: The issue was discussed again and Dave indicated that Mudd Tech could do the job for approx.. \$1,000. Stacey made a motion to have them make the repair and the motion was seconded by Dave. All in favor.

Other Business:

Public Comments: Public comment made and heard.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 6:07 p. by Mike and seconded by Dave. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Lemke, Mastodon Township Clerk

MASTODON TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2024

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, Trustees Dave Smith and Mike Bjork. Treasurer Stacey Watters was not present.

Attendees: Summer Olson, Lisa Durr, Mary Kudwa, Joe Brozak, Stu Creel, Brian Schiavo, Karen Mallon, Tammy Hendrickson, Andy Fleming, Rick Herman and Lydia Novitsky.

Changes to the agenda: None

October Meeting Minutes – Dave made a motion to accept the minutes with a second from Mike. All in favor.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Review: Mike reviewed checks issued. Dave made a motion to accept the payables and payroll. A second was made from Chad. All in favor.

Treasurer Report: Written and submitted.

Clerk's Report: Written and Submitted

Supervisor's Report: No updates at this time

Road Commission Report: Dave's updates: Idlewild Bridge repair scheduled for 2027; Work will continue on 424 up to Alpha; and he talked to Brad from the Road Commission about removing large rocks in the roads.

Assessor Report: Written and submitted.

Fire Department Report: Written and submitted.

Planning Commission Report: Presented new Zoning Ordinance draft to the Township Board

Zoning Admin. Report: Written and submitted.

Recreation Committee Report: Meeting planned for November 26th to discuss thrasher project

Village of Alpha: No update

Maintenance Report: Written and Submitted

Unfinished Business:

Dunn Mine: Chad suggested that a meeting take place between some board members and the Dunn Mine residents to discuss how to continue. Chad and Mike will represent the Board.

Mitigation Resolution: The lawyer's letter was reviewed and it was decided that Mastodon Township will not proceed at this time with a mitigation plan.

New Business:

Planning Commission – Additional Meeting: After discussion, it was determined that an additional meeting is not needed at this time. It was decided that should an addition meeting be needed before their scheduled meeting of February 26, 2024 the board will approve the additional budget funds needed to cover another meeting. A motion to approve was made by Chad and seconded by Mike. All were in favor.

Renew Board of Review Members for 2025-2026: Chad made a motion to approve Stu Creel as a member for the Board of Review (BOR). The motion was seconded by Mike. Chad made a motion to approve Dave Stanek as a member of the BOR. The motion was seconded by Mike. Dave made a motion to approve Paul Mallon as a member of the BOR. The motion was seconded by Jan. All were in favor of all the motions.

Election Grant \$5000 received – New Tabulator - Jan requested an additional budget approval of \$1500 to be added to the grant money received for election needs. A new tabulator cost approx. \$6,500. Chad made a motion to approve spending the additional \$1500 needed to purchase a new tabulator. The motion was seconded by Jan. All were in favor.

Employee Appreciation: It was determined that the Township would give \$30 gift cards to all volunteers and employees in appreciation of the contribution to the township this year.

Other Business:

Public Comments: Public comment made and heard.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 6:10pm. by Mike and seconded by Dave. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Lemke, Mastodon Township Clerk

MASTODON TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2024

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, Trustees Dave Smith and Mike Bjork.

Attendees: Summer Olson, Brian Schiavo, Andy Fleming, Rick Herman, Dan Kurtz, and Peter LaPin.

Changes to the agenda: None

November Meeting Minutes – Stacey made a motion to accept the minutes with a second from Dave. All in favor.

Accounts Payable & Payroll Review: Mike reviewed checks 32001 - 32050 issued from the General Fund; checks 1858 – 1859 from the Dunn Mine Water Fund and check 1400 from the Road Fund. Dave made a motion to accept the payables and payroll. A second was made from Mike. All in favor.

Treasurer Report: Written and submitted.

Clerk's Report: Written and Submitted

Supervisor's Report: No updates at this time

Road Commission Report: Dave's updates: Mastodon Township will request quotes for future projects including continued work on Kalla Walla Trail and gravel on Armstrong Lake Rd.

Assessor Report: Written and submitted.

Fire Department Report: Written and submitted.

Planning Commission Report: Mike reported that they are planning to have a special meeting in January but no date has been set yet.

Zoning Admin. Report: Written and submitted.

Recreation Committee Report: Dave reported on the Recreation Committee meeting held November 26th. One item discussed was the thrasher project. Dave will work with Dan on ideas for a building.

Village of Alpha: New signs have been purchased. Pete indicated that there were 3 projects that they are submitting for a grant.

Maintenance Report: Written and Submitted

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

Civil Infraction Ordinance: After discussion, Mike made a motion to accept the Ordinance that was reviewed. Stacey seconded the motion. Jan called for a roll call vote: Chad – yes; Stacey – yes; Dave – yes; Mike – yes; and Jan – yes.

Zoning Ordinance Draft: After discussion, it was determined that the next step would be to have our attorney review the changes.

Other Business:

Public Comments: Public comment made and heard.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Lemke, Mastodon Township Clerk