

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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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