

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