

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