

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