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ELK TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

August 11, 2020

Lou Fitz, Supervisor, called the meeting to order @ 7:00pm

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance, led by L. Fitz

Roll call, officials present: Lou Fitz, Supervisor; Karen Fickies, Clerk; Brandy Myers, Treasurer; Dave Bass, Trustee, Jack Hankiewicz, Trustee. Citizens in attendance, 4; call-ins, 2

Agenda Revisions: Supervisor Report: Township Hall Parking lot, Covid-19 Testing. Old Business: Cheryl Steenwyck, BBLA. New Business: Process for administering BLSAD, Security system, Equalization Documents. J. Hankiewicz-motion to approve agenda as revised. D. Bass-seconded; motion carried 5-0-0

Minute's approval- L. Fitz-motion to approve July 14 2020 Regular Meeting minutes as printed; D. Bass-seconded; motion carried 5-0-0

Board Member Reports:

L. Fitz, Supervisor

- Brining of the roads completed for the summer
- Central Fire Station Proposal passed in all three townships
- Trash Day at Skinner Park, Saturday August 15th 9am-noon
- LCTOA August 27, 2020 7pm location undetermined, township pavilion offered, no response at this time
- BLSAD list of property owners provided to association with 228 properties
- Township parking lot vandalism numerous donuts done in center of parking lot, photos were sent to Sgt. Meyers, L. Fitz and Jack Puff spent 2 hours repairing damage
- Covid-19 testing will be done August 14, 2020 2pm-6pm at Baldwin school parking lot
- Brooks Rd, 9 Mile, Johnson Rd, 8 Mile road project has been postponed till next year due to Covid-19, grant still in effect
- Bass Lake Road is in bad shape, L. Fitz has talked to LCRC about this, maybe next year

K. Fickies, Clerk

- Add FOIA Request under Correspondence
- Non Periodicals –None
- Request Board approval on bills paid in July 2020. B. Myers-motion to approve payments D. Bass-seconded; motion carried 5-0-0
- Hall leases, Monday Exercise, Wednesday Crafters, SEEJBA August 14th 9am-Noon
- Correspondence –FOIA request from “True the Vote” received August 7th via e-mail, explained request for all digital information from August 4, 2020 Primary election and a waiver of the fee. As this is a very complicated, MTA, County Clerk, and Michigan Bureau of Election have been contacted for instructions on how to proceed with request.



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L. Fitz-motion to postpone any action on request except for send FOIA time extension to requester, K. Fickies-seconded, Roll Call Vote: K. Fickies, yes; D. Bass, yes; J. Hankiewicz, yes; B. Myers, yes; L. Fitz, yes. Motion carried 5-0-0. Reason for extension: Awaiting information on how to proceed from MTA,, BOE, and Lake Co. Clerk.

- Election Results and voter turnout results

B. Myers, Treasurer

- Read Treasurer's report for July. K. Fickies-motion to accept Treasurer's report. D. Bass-seconded; motion carried 5-0-0. L. Fitz reported that during a conference with Thrun Law regarding the millage for the Central Fire Station, the millage will not be placed on this year's Winter Taxes.

D. Bass, Trustee

- Would like to cancel the Trash Day on Saturday due to Covid-19. He will not participate this year. Reported on EO regarding indoor events, pavilion that has a roof and closed on one side is considered an indoor facility.

J. Hankiewicz, Trustee

- No Report

Public Comments:

- Sharon Puff commented on the Snowmobile Trail work on 8 Mile, standing water. L. Fitz responded that there will be a culvert installed to remove water

Dignitary Reports:

- County Commissioner-Don Arquette gave report .
- Sheriff-No report, calls for June and July on file
- Fire Board- K. Fickies read report, July runs – 29
- SEEJBA Board-L. Fitz reported nothing at this time. Bonds will be sold in February 2021, start construction in spring 2021
- Road Commissioner – No Report
- Assessor-L. Fitz read report.
- Ordinance Enforcement Officer – Joyce Durdel, the revised Junk Ordinance will go into effect August 28, 2020. Report on file
- Big Bass Lake SAD-Dave Bass reported that the DASH project has been completed at no cost to the BBL SAD, cost will be covered through private donations
- Harper Lake SAD – No report
- Road Committee-No report
- Cemetery Committee-J. Hankiewicz cemetery mower has been cleaned and prepared for storage
- Emergency Management-No report.

Old Business:

- Cheryl Steenwyck Big Bass Lake/Little Bass Lake Association Trustee reported on the research she has done for the new 2021 SAD and the possibility of a resolution from the township board without petitions. She contacted 13 associations and 10 used a resolution. She gave reasons for not using petition was the Covid-19 and issues going door to door for signatures, the time involved with verifying signatures, etc. She asked that the township board consider a resolution to implement the SAD, L. Fitz requested Cheryl put the request in writing to present to the board for consideration. She will do so and asked to be placed on the September agenda. L. Fitz read information from the SAD manual



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pertaining to this process. There is a difference in the number of properties listed by the assessor and the treasurer. The assessor states there are 228 properties, the Treasurer has 190. B. Myers will contact the assessor to resolve the difference. Cheryl was also advised that she will need to go to the Sauble Township for the request as well.

New Business:

- L-4029 reviewed millage rates, no changes needed. L. Fitz read resolution to approve. L. Fitz-motion to authorize L. Fitz and K. Fickies to sign L-4029, K. Fickies-seconded. Roll Call Vote: L. Fitz, yes; K. Fickies, yes; B. Myers, yes; J. Hankiewicz, yes; D. Bass, yes. Resolution adopted 5-0-0
- Budget Amendment \$1,000 from General Fund to 101-262-701 Election Wages L. Fitz-motion to approve budget amendment, B. Myers-seconded. Roll Call Vote: J. Hankiewicz, yes; D. Bass, yes; B. Myers, yes; L. Fitz, yes; K. Fickies, yes. Motion carried 5-0-0
- Budget Amendment \$400 from General Fund to 101-262-861 Election Travel. L. Fitz-motion to approved budget amendment, K. Fickies-seconded. Roll Call Vote: B. Myers, yes; L. Fitz, yes; K. Fickies, yes; D. Bass, yes; J. Hankiewicz, yes. Motion carried 5-0-0
- Stipend for Kevin Storberg for assistance in sanitizing during August election in the amount of \$100. B. Myers-motion to approve payment, L. Fitz-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0
- Process for administering BLSAD – Petition vs Resolution. L. Fitz-motion to postpone until September meeting, B. Myers-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0
- Security system on township hall, B. Myers will contact the security company that services the bank and have them contact L. Fitz.
- Equalization Document checklist, K. Fickies-motion to approve checklist and return to Equalization Dept., D. Bass-seconded. Roll Call Vote: L. Fitz, yes; B. Myers, yes; J. Hankiewicz, yes; D. Bass, yes; K. Fickies, yes. Motion carried 5-0-0

Public Comment:

- Joyce Durdel thanked Cheryl Steenwyck for her presentation and work on the BLSAD

B. Myers-motion to adjourn; D. Bass-seconded; motion carried 5-0-0.

Adjourned @ 8:27 pm
Respectfully submitted,

Karen Fickies, Clerk
August 11, 2020