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ELK TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

September 8, 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, 9; call-ins, 2

Agenda Revisions: New Business: Budget Amendment, Year to Date Actual Budget. K. Fickies-motion to approve agenda as revised. D. Bass-seconded; motion carried 5-0-0

Minute's approval- D. Bass-motion to approve August 11, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes as printed; J. Hankiewicz- seconded; motion carried 5-0-0

Board Member Reports:

L. Fitz, Supervisor

- Trash Day – Defer to Clerk's report
- ORV Damage to parking lot, 2 incidents, talked to Leroy Williams and if this occurs again, LCRC will repair and charge the ORV Permit Funds
- Letter to LCRC authorizing the access site for the Little Manistee River at Johnson Rd, to be closed during the re-construction of Johnson Rd.
- L. Fitz was appointed to Chairperson of the JBA Advisory Committee along with Mary Bombich and Greg Bombich.

K. Fickies, Clerk

- Non Periodicals –Bloom & Sluggett, Junk Ordinance Revision, \$1,155.00
- Non Periodicals-LCRC for 2020 Road Brining, L. Fitz-motion to approve payment, D. Bass-seconded. Roll Call Vote: L. Fitz, yes; D. Bass, yes; K. Fickies, yes; B. Myers, yes; J. Hankiewicz, yes. Motion carried 5-0-0
- Request Board approval on bills paid in August 2020. L. Fitz-motion to approve payments B. Myers-seconded; motion carried 5-0-0
- Hall leases, Monday Exercise, Wednesday Crafters, Scrap bookers 9/11 & 9/24 9am-6pm
- Correspondence –Mason Co. Planning & Zoning Dept. asking for suggestions
- FOIA Request from True The Vote has been withdrawn
- Trash Day 8/15/2020, 91 vehicles, 75% had trailers, 50% full time residents, 50% part-time residents

B. Myers, Treasurer

- Read Treasurer's report for August. K. Fickies-motion to accept Treasurer's report as printed. J. Hankiewicz-seconded; motion carried 5-0-0.
- After last month meeting it was discovered that there was a difference between what the Treasurer and Assessor have as the number of parcels and what the BBLSD had. B. Myers talked to M. Beach and after an audit of parcels, there were 32 parcels added. B. Myers mailed out new bills. Of the 32 parcels added, one of the parcels is owned by the BBLBL Association. The secretary for the



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association requested being exempt from the BBL SAD as it has never been included. The association is Sales Tax exempt. L. Fitz will contact our legal counsel to find out how this should be handled, at a cost to the township, not the SAD. L. Fitz-motion to postpone this topic of the BBL Association property being assessed with a Special Assessment until legal counsel has been contacted, K. Fickies-seconded, motion carried. Since a decision will not be made until after our October meeting, there will be a 2% late fee. L. Fitz motion to waive the penalty if it is determined that the association needs to pay the SAD, J. Hankiewicz-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0

D. Bass, Trustee

- No report

J. Hankiewicz, Trustee

- No Report

Public Comments:

- None

Dignitary Reports:

- County Commissioner-Don Arquette gave report (on file).
- Sheriff-Sgt. Johnson, no report, discussion on ORV's tearing up roads
- Fire Board- Gary Nugent August 27 runs report (on file)
- SEEJBA Board-Jack Puff gave report (on File)
- Road Commissioner – No Report
- Assessor-L. Fitz read report (on file)
- Ordinance Enforcement Officer – Joyce Durdel, the revised Junk Ordinance is now in effect, 2 cases have been sent letters from attorney, 6 more going out report on file
- Big Bass Lake SAD-No report
- Harper Lake SAD – No report
- Road Committee-No report
- Cemetery Committee-No report. L. Fitz-motion to have J. Hankiewicz to hire Roger Stumbrie to finish removing the Autumn Olive east of the cemetery drive on 6 mile Rd. and to J. Hankiewicz-seconded, motion carried
- Emergency Management-No report. L. Fitz gets e-mails

Old Business:

- Sheryl Steenwyk representative for the Big Bass Little Bass Lake Property Owners Association sent letter to the Elk Township Board to work with the township to establish a new SAD. They are asking that the new SAD be established with a resolution as opposed to petitions for years beginning 2022 and ending 2031. L. Fitz read letter in full. L. Fitz-motion to acknowledge the acceptance of the request from the Big Bass Little Bass Lake Property Owners Association dated August 22, 2020 to establish a SAD, K. Fickies-seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0. L. Fitz-motion to initiate a new SAD for the Bass Lake Association without petitions for a five (5) year period from 2021 to 2026, K. Fickies-seconded. Discussion: D. Bass indicated that past SAD's have been 7 years, he would like to have 20 year, but would like to have 10 if possible. B. Myers stated that the problem is always going to be there and suggested a minimum of 7 year, maximum of 10 years. K. Fickies agreed with a 7 year SAD. Attorneys suggest 7 years is average. L. Fitz mentioned passing the SAD onto future boards. L. Fitz-



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amended motion regarding the dates of that motion from 2021 to 2028 a seven (7) year SAD without petitions, J. Hankiewicz-seconded. Discussion taxes will be collected in December 2021 for summer treatment 2022. The SAD will be funded for the years 2022 thru 2029. Lisa Adams asked what the criteria are to determine the length of a SAD. L. Fitz responded that in talking with MTA legal counsel and township legal counsel that it is recommended a 5 year and not go over a 7 year due to changes in circumstances. Vote on amended motion 5-0-0, motion carried. Back to the original motion that the Board initiate a SAD for without petitions for a seven(7) year period 2021 thru 2028. L. Fitz-amend motion to not start this process until December 2020, K. Fickies-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0. Back to original amendment, Roll Call Vote: D. Bass, yes; J. Hankiewicz, yes; B. Myers, yes; L. Fitz, yes; K. Fickies, yes. Motion carried 5-0-0. Information will be needed from the Association prior to December.

- FOIA has been covered in Clerk's report, DOA
- Budget Amendment to cover additional bills. L. Fitz-motion to make Budget Amendment \$1,000 from General Funds to account 101-266-801 Attorney, B. Myers-seconded. Roll Call Vote: L. Fitz, yes; K. Fickies, yes; B Myers, yes; D. Bass, yes; J. Hankiewicz, yes. Motion carried 5-0-0

New Business:

- Citizens Recognition Resolutions for Josh Myers, Pat Boik, and Boy Scout Troup 61. L. Fitz-motion to approve resolutions, D. Bass-seconded. Roll Call Vote on all three: L. Fitz, yes; B. Myers, yes; K. Fickies, yes; D. Bass, yes; J. Hankiewicz, yes. Resolutions carried 5-0-0
- Budget Amendment to shore up Building & Grounds Maintenance. L. Fitz-motion to approve Budget Amendment \$1,000 from General Fund into 101-265-931, K. Fickies-seconded. Roll Call Vote: J. Hankiewicz, yes; D. Bass, yes; K. Fickies, yes; B. Myers, yes; L. Fitz, yes. Motion carried 5-0-0.
- Security System L. Fitz met with Brooks Security to get estimates for hall for outside at cost of \$3,355.00 and interior at \$716.50. Discussion on what to do. K. Fickies-motion to postpone issue on security system until April, 2021, B. Myers-seconded. Roll Call Vote: L. Fitz, no; B. Myers, yes, D. Bass, no; J. Hankiewicz, yes; K. Fickies, yes. Motion carried 3-2-0
- Budget Amendment to shore up Election Software/Tech support. L. Fitz-motion to approve Budget Amendment \$1,000 from General Funds into 101-262-728, B. Myers-seconded. Roll Call Vote: K. Fickies, yes; B. Myers, yes; L. Fitz, yes; D. Bass, yes; J. Hankiewicz, yes. Motion carried 5-0-0
- Year to Date Actual Budget reviewed, no concerns

Public Comment:

- Tim Trine security system question
- Joyce Durdel, security system and another source

B. Myers-motion to adjourn; L. Fitz-seconded; motion carried 5-0-0.

Adjourned @ 8:36 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Fickies, Clerk
September 8, 2020