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REGULAR BOARD MEETING
June 13, 2023

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; Dave Bass, Trustee; Brandy Myers, Treasurer; Jack Hankiewicz, Trustee.

Citizens in attendance (17)

Agenda Revisions:

- New Business: New Business 1) BLAEP request correction from "Recognition" to "Resolution", 2) Wolverine Power Coop, Metro application, 3) Sauble Township request. D-. Bass-motion to approve agenda as revised, J. Hankiewicz-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0

Minute's approval:

- L. Fitz-motion to approve May 9, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes as printed; D. Bass - seconded; motion carried 5-0-0

Board Member Reports:

L. Fitz, Supervisor

- L. Fitz and D. Bass met 6/7/2023 with the newly elected Bass Lake Association President Phil Sanders, to reestablish communication through our Liaison, D. Bass regarding the SAD and PLM.

K. Fickies, Clerk

- Non-Periodicals - None
- Request to approve all funds bills paid in May, 2023, J. Hankiewicz-motion to approve all Fund reports as printed, D. Bass-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0
- Hall Leases, LMWCC
- F-65-Municipal Qualifying Statement completed by Accountant
- Baldwin Community School special election Tuesday, August 8, 2023, Bond Issue
- Correspondence: Luther Library Newsletter, Fisher LP Gas rates for propane for June 1, 2023-May 31, 2024 at \$1.599 per gallon. D. Bass-motion to approve cost, J. Hankiewicz-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0
- Trash Day results, 73 vehicles, about 60% non-permanent residents.

B. Myers Treasurer

- Treasurer's report for May 2023. K. Fickies-motion to accept Treasurer's report as printed, J. Hankiewicz-seconded; motion carried 5-0-0

D. Bass, Trustee

- Heritage Bay Association meeting July 1, 2023 at Elk Township Hall 9am. Would like to have discussion regarding a Fall Cleanup

J. Hankiewicz, Trustee

- None

Public Comments:

None

Dignitary Reports:

- County Commissioner- Don Arquette, (report on file). Jackie McKellar asked about money the county received for road repairs. D. Arquette will ask about this at the next Commissioners meeting.
- Sheriff- (report on file)
- Fire Board- Gary Nugent, 23 runs (report on file). Ask Board to allow Chief Bombich to address a Michigan Fire Equipment Grant proposal. This will have to be submitted by the Township. He will also be applying for a grant thru the DNR which also has to be submitted by the Township Treasurer. B. Myers-motion to move forward with the Grant Application and submission in conjunction with Eden and Sauble Townships, J. Hankiewicz-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0
- Road Commissioner – No report
- Assessor- (report on file)
- Ordinance Enforcement Officer – Jeff Mather, reported on 14 properties in violation. (Report on file)
- Big Bass Lake SAD-D. Bass reported on survey done by PLM and condition of lake/weeds and treatment evaluation July 10th. Bass Lake Association meeting June 17, 2023 9:30 am at Faith Fellowship
- Harper Lake SAD – D. Bass reported on survey and treatment on June 15, 2023
- Road Committee- No report. L. Fitz reported on “Hidden Drive” sign installation and road sign for N. Mac Rd. Other road projects discussed. Jackie McKellar asked about the gravel pit on Mac Rd. and who owns it, (Mason County)
- Cemetery Committee-J. Hankiewicz cemetery is looking good
- Emergency Management-No report

Old Business:

- ARPA Funds, Reviewed the Project List. Sign for building and refurbished marquee should be installed in the next couple of weeks. L. Fitz-motion to add to our ARPA Project list a stipend for our election workers and firefighters who made calls, to be determined, during Covid shut own, K. Fickies-seconded. Roll call vote: 1-4-0, motion failed. D. Bass requested increasing the Natural Resource Education & other programs to include a Special Fall cleanup, rivers, lakes, woods, etc. Increase under Estimated Quoted to \$20,000. K. Fickies has been looking into information for sound system, with no luck, L. Fitz will try to get quote from his source.

New Business:

- Due to Special Election Tuesday, August 8, 2023, K. Fickies-motion to move our Regular Board Meeting from August 8, 2023 to Thursday, August 10, 2023, D. Bass-seconded, roll call vote: 5-0-0, motion carried.
- Stump Grinding at cemetery. Received quote from Ed Fitzgerald, Irons Tree Service to grind stumps and remove debris for a cost of \$450. L. Fitz-motion to approve quote in the amount of \$450, B. Myers-seconded, roll call vote: motion carried, 5-0-0
- Email from Michael Beach, Assessor, regarding new form (Tax Payment Certification) for Land Division and Combinations request from Lake County Equalization and Lake County Treasurers office. B. Myers-motion to add form to our current Land Division/Combine form, D. Bass-seconded, roll call vote, motion carried 5-0-0
- Bass Lakes Area Environmental Partnership request for non-profit organization resolution. Two documents were received. A Michigan Lottery for Local Government Body Resolution for Charitable Gaming License. Also letter from Jeanne Kavanaugh, requesting recognition by township as a Non-Profit organization. Lisa Adams, President of the Bass Lakes Area Environmental Partnership was recognized to address the purpose of the requests. L. Fitz read letter from Township Attorney, recommending that we NOT approve resolution. D. Bass commented on recognition by township. Tom Shear, VP of the BLAEP, commented on necessity of resolution to allow for fund raising by raffles, and ask how the question was framed to the attorney. L. Fitz read the letter written to our Attorney. Lisa Adams was asked to explain how the BLAEP separated from the Bass Lake Association, which she did. Additional discussion. K. Fickies-motion to postpone action on the Local Governing Body Charitable Gaming License Resolution until the July meeting to gather more information, B. Myers-seconded, discussion, motion carried 5-0-0
- D. Bass-motion that the Township Board recognizes the Bass Lakes Area Environmental Partnership as a Non-Profit Civic Organization within the confines of Elk Township, B. Myers-seconded, discussion regarding membership, Tom Shear explained, roll call vote, motion carried 5-0-0.
- Wolverine Power Supply Coop. request to approve resolution to access right-of-way for installation of fiber optic on power poles. K. Fickies-motion to approve resolution to allow Wolverine Power Supply Coop. access rights-of-way, J. Hankiewicz-seconded, roll call vote, resolution approved 5-0-0

- Sauble Township request letter of support for their Sauble Township Community Park DNR Spark Grant to refurbish their park. D. Bass-motion to authorize L. Fitz and K. Fickies to prepare letter of support, J. Hankiewicz-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0

Public Comments: None

Adjournment:

- B. Myers-motion to adjourn at 8:59pm, J. Hankiewicz, motion carried 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Fickies, Clerk

June 13, 2023