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REGULAR BOARD MEETING
September 12, 2023

L. 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 (5)

Agenda Revisions:

- New Business: Letter of Support for Sauble Township. Letter to Lake County Prosecutor. D. Bass-motion to approve agenda as revised, J. Hankiewicz-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0

Minute's approval:

- D. Bass-motion to approve August 10, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes as printed; B. Myers-seconded; carried 4-0-1

Board Member Reports:

Supervisor-L. Fitz

- Thank you to everyone who supported him during the recent illness

K. Fickies-Clerk

- Non-Periodicals-A-1 Services for 2023 Trash Day, \$7,334.40, previously approved
- Request to approve all funds bills paid in August, 2023, B. Myers-motion to approve all Fund reports as printed, J.Hankiewicz-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0
- Hall Leases, LMWCC
- Correspondence: Luther Library Newsletter. Letter from NSF regarding our request for name change of Freesoil Trail Head to Elk Trailhead, letter summarized, discussed, L. Fitz will respond to their questions to pursue name change.
- Early Voting agreement. The 9 days of Early Voting was discussed and suggested that we enter into an agreement with the Lake County Clerk's office and assist in staffing at the County Clerk's office in Baldwin. L. Fitz-motion to authorize K. Fickies to sign the agreement, B. Myers-seconded, roll call vote, motion carried 5-0-0

B. Myers Treasurer

- Treasurer's report for August,2023. K. Fickies-motion to accept Treasurer's report as printed, J. Hankiewicz-seconded; motion carried 5-0-0. B. Myers announced that she will not be holding office hours this winter. This will be posted on our web page and on the tax bills.

D. Bass, Trustee

- Reported on the Bass Lake Association picnic. There were several very negative comments made about the Elk Township Board. D. Bass informed them that the Board was for all Elk Township residents not just Big Bass Lake.

J. Hankiewicz, Trustee

- None

Public Comments:

- Jeff Mather reported on the LCTOA meeting and his conversation with the representative from WMRDC regarding Hazard Mitigation, and report from Joe Fox, State Representative (report on file)
- Joyce Durdel missed the LCTOA meeting where she was on the agenda to talk about the Natural River program

Dignitary Reports:

- County Commissioner- No Report
- Sheriff- (report on file).
- Fire Board- Gary Nugent, 29 runs (report on file).
- Road Commissioner – No Report
- Assessor- (report on file)
- Ordinance Enforcement Officer – Jeff Mather, reported on 12 properties in violation. (report on file). Questions regarding Ordinance revisions. He will discuss this with L. Fitz
- Big Bass Lake SAD-D. Bass Lake looks good as per PLM
- Harper Lake SAD – D. Bass reported no information
- Road Committee- No report.
- Cemetery Committee-No report
- Emergency Management-No report

Old Business:

- ARPA Funds, Reviewed the Project List. K. Fickies went to Staples and found Board Chairs. Will call Staples and order 5 chairs at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.
- L-4029 reviewed millages for 2023. Resolution 2023-08 read. L. Fitz-motion to Adopt Resolution, D. Bass-seconded, roll call vote, resolution adopted, 5-0-0

New Business:

- LCRC Estimates for upcoming 2024 road projects. The combined project is for drainage, 23A road gravel River Rd. & Bass Lake Rd. to 11 Mile Rd., total costs \$246,144.44. This was broken down into 3 separate projects: River Rd. & Bass Lake Rd. to 10 Mile Rd. \$91,071: River Rd. from 10 Mile Rd. to Squaw Lake Rd. \$51,689.57: River Rd. from Squaw Lake Rd. to 11 Mile Rd. \$103,380.66. The LCRC will pay 50% of costs for the projects. L. Fitz-motion to authorize L. Fitz to sign contract with LCRC for entire project, B. Myers-seconded, roll call vote, motion carried 5-0-0
- Request from Sauble Township for Letter of Support to obtain a grant from LCCF for a generator. L. Fitz-motion to authorize L. Fitz and K. Fickies to write letter, B. Myers-seconded, motion carried, 5-0-0
- Letter to Lake County Prosecuting Attorney regarding damage done to Township Hall on July 2, 2023, requesting action to be taken. K. Fickies-motion to authorize L. Fitz and K. Fickies to construct letter with CC to LCSD and Board members, J. Hankiewicz-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0

Public Comments:

- D. Bass asked about the MTA's opinion regarding Special Assessments. L. Fitz confirmed that MTA does not recommend townships doing special assessments.

Adjournment:

- B. Myers-motion to adjourn at 8:20pm, D. Bass, motion carried -5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Fickies, Clerk
September 12, 2023