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REGULAR BOARD MEETING
October 10, 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, absent/excused; Jack Hankiewicz, Trustee.

Citizens in attendance (12)

Agenda Revisions:

- New Business: Leaf Clean up quote, Code Enforcement Seminar, OEO Court Appeal. D. Bass-motion to approve agenda as revised, J. Hankiewicz-seconded, motion carried 4-0-0

Minute's approval:

- K. Fickies-motion to approve September 12, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes as printed; D. Bass-seconded; motion carried 4-0-0

Board Member Reports:

Supervisor-L. Fitz

- Reported L. Fitz & K. Fickies signed LRCR Contract

K. Fickies-Clerk

- Non-Periodicals-Johnson Construction, \$4,366.65 for hall repair (previously approved)
- Request to approve all funds bills paid in September, 2023, J. Hankiewicz-motion to approve all Fund reports as printed, L. Fitz-seconded, motion carried 4-0-0
- Hall Leases, LMWCC, 90th Birthday Party 10/14 4-9pm
- Budget Amendment: \$4,800.00 from General Fund to 101-265-931, Building & Grounds Maintenance. L. Fitz-motion to approve, D. Bass-seconded, roll call vote, motion carried 4-0-0
- Correspondence: Luther Library Newsletter, Newsletter from Lake County Community Foundation, Letter from Prosecutor office regarding charges brought for the two defendants who damaged the Hall. They are being charged with 1 Felony Count of Malicious Destruction of Building. We returned the Victim Impact Statement.

B. Myers-Treasurer

- In B. Myers absence, Treasurer's report for September, 2023, reviewed. K. Fickies-motion to accept Treasurer's report as printed, L. Fitz-seconded; motion carried 4-0-0.

D. Bass, Trustee

- None

J. Hankiewicz, Trustee

- None

Public Comments:

- Phil Sanders-President of Bass Lake Association objection to email correspondence between PLM and Elk Township.
- Joyce Durdel commented on Sanders comments
- Rick Steenwyck commented on information sharing between PLM & Bass Lake Association

Dignitary Reports:

- County Commissioner- No Report

- Sheriff- Rich Martin, LCRC letter they will no longer be placing ORV speed limit signs on roads, also will no longer be loaning out cones barriers, etc. Gun safety class at Irons Community Center Oct.18th 6:30-8pm (report on file).
- Fire Board- Gary Nugent, 23 runs (report on file).
- Road Commissioner – No Report
- Assessor- (report on file)
- Ordinance Enforcement Officer – Jeff Mather, reported on 10 properties in violation. (report on file). As a result of a court hearing, some wording in our Junk Ordinance needs to be clarified, J. Mather and L. Fitz will discuss this prior to sending the revisions to Attorney for review. Request to attend Code Enforcement Seminar, November 13, 2023 in Hudsonville. L. Fitz, motion to approve mileage and wages to attend, D. Bass-seconded, motion carried 4-0-0
- Big Bass Lake SAD-D. Bass reported on report from PLM and new invasive species, Hydradrilla in 2 private ponds in Michigan. Contract no action required. Bass also explained about Elk Twp & PLM Contract, communication and misunderstanding.
- Harper Lake SAD – D. Bass reported no information
- Road Committee- No report.
- Cemetery Committee-J. Hankiewicz Need to winterize water lines at Cemetery, will check with Boy Scouts about flag removal after Veterans Day in November
- Emergency Management-No report No new Emergency Management personnel hired yet

Old Business:

- ARPA Funds, Reviewed the Project List. L. Fitz discussed motion detector porch lights and lights on the roof peaks that were not working correctly, need to replace. K. Fickies-motion to approve purchase and install, 5 porch lights and 2 lights for roof peaks not to exceed \$400 to be taken from ARPA Funds, D. Bass-seconded, roll call vote, motion carried 4-0-0

New Business:

- Year to Date Actual Budget reviewed
- Discussion regarding payment to Election Workers for administering recall election at Webber Township, November 7, 2023. K. Fickies will check with County, MTA or Accountant to determine method of payment
- Leaf Clean up quote from Robert Meyers for Township Hall and Cemetery in the amount of \$1,000. K. Fickies-motion to contract with Robert Meyers for leaf clean up in the amount of \$1,000, J. Hankiewicz-seconded, roll call vote, motion carried 4-0-0
- Court appeal for citations for Junk Ordinance violation that was denied October 5, 2023. The township can appeal the decision or not. K. Fickies-motion not to appeal decision, D. Bass-seconded, motion carried 4-0-0

Public Comments:

- Phil Sanders asked about MTA opinion regarding Special Assessment, L. Fitz confirmed that MTA does not recommend townships doing special assessments.
- Rick Steenwyck questions regarding PLM

Adjournment:

- D. Bass-motion to adjourn at 8:35pm, K. Fickies-seconded, motion carried 4-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Fickies, Clerk
October 10, 2023