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ELK TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
January 9, 2024

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

Citizens in attendance (6)

Agenda Revisions:

- New Business- Year to Date Actual Budget; K. Fickies-motion to approve agenda as revised, B. Myers-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0

Minute's approval:

- D. Bass-motion to approve December 12, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes as printed; L. Fitz-seconded; motion carried 5-0-0

Board Member Reports:

Supervisor-L. Fitz

- Lake County Road Commission River Rd. project is progressing, will be ready to do top dressing this spring.

K. Fickies-Clerk

- Non-Periodicals None
- Request to approve all funds bills paid in December 2023, L. Fitz-motion to approve all Fund reports as printed, D. Bass-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0
- Budget Amendment Request: \$300 from General Funds to 101-262-726, Election Supplies; L. Fitz-motion to approve amendment, J. Hankiewicz-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0
- Budget Amendment Request: \$300 from General Funds to 101-262-721 Election Postage; L. Fitz-motion to approve amendment, B. Myers-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0
- Budget Amendment Request: \$200 from General Funds to 101-262-861 Election Travel; L. Fitz-motion to approve amendment, D. Bass-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0
- Budget Amendment Request: \$250 from General Funds to 101-265-922 Other Utilities-Porta-Jon to cover increase in price, L. Fitz-motion to approve amendment, K. Fickies-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0
- Budget Amendment Request: \$100 from General Funds to 101-449-930 Road Signage; K. Fickies-motion to approve amendment, B. Myers-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0
- Budget Amendment Request: \$300 from General Funds to 101-528-808 Garbage Collection-Trash Day; L. Fitz-motion to approve amendment, D. Bass-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0
- Hall Leases, LMWCC
- Correspondence: Luther Library Newsletter

B. Myers-Treasurer

- B. Myers, Treasurer's report for December 2023, K. Fickies-motion to accept Treasurer's report as printed, D. Bass-seconded; motion carried 5-0-0.
- B. Myers will investigate when our CD's expire as there are new interest rates that may be beneficial.

D. Bass, Trustee

- None

J. Hankiewicz, Trustee

- None

Public Comments:

- None

Dignitary Reports:

- County Commissioner- Don Arquette (report on file)
- Sheriff- Rich Martin, North US10 & M37 Intersection will be getting a Round-about in the future, South US10 & M37 intersection will be getting Stop light in the future, ORV Park almost ready, Sheriff Dept. has purchased 4 new Traffic Trailers to monitor traffic
- Fire Board- Gary Nugent, 23 runs (report on file)
- SEEJBA-No report
- Road Commissioner – No report
- Assessor- (report on file)
- Ordinance Enforcement Officer – Jeff Mather, reviewed 10 ongoing cases. He has talked to our township attorney about 2 cases that are problems that do not seem to be getting resolved. Attorney suggested we request taking these to the Lake County Trial Court instead of Magistrate. Discussion held re: suggestion. K. Fickies-motion to proceed with Lake County Trial Court, no second, motion failed. Continued discussion on two ongoing cases, K. Fickies-motion to proceed with Lake County Trial Court on Forsyth & McClain cases, D. Bass-seconded, roll call vote, motion carried 5-0-0 (report on file)
- Big Bass Lake SAD- D. Bass, no report
- Harper Lake SAD – D. Bass, no report
- Road Committee- No report.
- Cemetery Committee-J. Hankiewicz, nothing to report
- Emergency Management-No report

Old Business:

- Board of Review Members 2024-2025 appointments reviewed. L. Fitz-motion to approve list of members as printed, K. Fickies-seconded, roll call vote, motion carried 5-0-0. An Alternate member was suggested, K. Fickies will get ahold of this person to get them enrolled in the February 15th training.
- ARPA Funds, Reviewed the Project List.

New Business:

- Resolution #2024-01: Annual Elk Township Monthly Meeting and Board of Review Schedule reviewed, L. Fitz-motion to adopt resolution, D. Bass-seconded, roll call vote, resolution adopted, 5-0-0
- Resolution #2024-02: Resolution to Establish Elk Township Supervisor's Salary by the Township Board, salary to remain at \$14,000, K. Fickies-motion to adopt resolution, D. Bass-seconded, roll call vote, resolution adopted, 4-0-1
- Resolution #2024-03: To Establish Elk Township Clerk's Salary by the Township Board, salary to increase to \$16,000, L. Fitz-motion to adopt resolution, B. Myers-seconded, roll call vote, resolution adopted, 4-0-1
- Resolution #2024-03: To Establish Elk Township Treasurer's Salary by the Township Board, salary to remain at \$15,000, L. Fitz-motion to adopt resolution, D. Bass-seconded, roll call vote, resolution adopted, 4-0-1
- Resolution #2024-05: Mileage Compensation Authorization, for Elk Township Officials, Employees and Others, with approval by vote of the Elk Township Board, to increase mileage to \$.67/mile, K. Fickies-motion to adopt resolution, D. Bass-seconded, roll call vote, resolution adopted 5-0-0
- Year To Date Budget for Nine Months to date reviewed, no action required
- Ordinance Enforcement Officer Wage. D. Bass-motion to create a new resolution rate for the current Ordinance Enforcement Officer at a rate of \$25/hour effective as of January 10, 2024, J. Hankiewicz-seconded, roll call vote, motion carried 5-0-0

Public Comment:

- Joyce Durdel commented on OEO, Jeff Mather, and the great job he is doing for the township
- Jeff Mather, thanked the board for the wage increase and the job

Adjournment:

- B. Myers-motion to adjourn at pm 8:35, J. Hankiewicz-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Fickies, Clerk
January 9, 2024