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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

April 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 (19)

Agenda Revisions:

- None D. Bass-motion to approve agenda as printed, B. Myers-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0

Minute's approval:

- L. Fitz-motion to approve March 14, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes as printed; D. Bass-seconded; motion carried 5-0-0

Board Member Reports:

Supervisor-L. Fitz

- Board of Review Appeals meeting went well

K. Fickies-Clerk

- Non-Periodicals None
- Request to approve all funds bills paid in March, 2024, J. Hankiewicz-motion to approve all Fund reports as printed, D. Bass-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0
- Hall Leases, LMWCC
- Correspondence: Luther Library Newsletter

B. Myers-Treasurer

- B. Myers, Treasurer's report for March 2024, K.Fickies-motion to accept Treasurer's report as printed, D. Bass-seconded; motion carried 5-0-0.
- There is an excess amount of funds in the General Checking account, K. Fickies-motion to take \$50,000 out of the General Funds Checking account and put into a 7-month CD at a rate of 5.05%, J. Hankiewicz-seconded, roll call vote, motion carried 5-0-0

D. Bass, Trustee

- None

J. Hankiewicz, Trustee

- None

Public Comments:

- Sandy Mather re: Natural River Program
- David Clancy, running for Probate Judge
- Craig Cooper, running for Probate Judge

Dignitary Reports:

- County Commissioner- No report (report on file)
- Sheriff- Reported on latest shooting incident (report on file)
- Fire Board-L. Fitz read report (report on file)
- SEEJBA-No report

- Road Commissioner – Leroy Williams, LCRC reported on River Rd. project, all trees and stumps removal being charged to general maintenance, no cost to township, we still have not received Road Brining contract. He will check
- Assessor- No Report.
- Ordinance Enforcement Officer – Jeff Mather, reviewed 11 ongoing cases. (report on file)
- Big Bass Lake SAD- D. Bass, met with PLM regarding contract costs and possibility of not assessing BBLSAD this coming winter for Weed Control since there is an excess amount in account, he has also talked to Sauble Twp regarding this. No decision made at this time. He will also be attending Lakes & Stream meeting.
- Harper Lake SAD – D. Bass, no report
- Road Committee- No report. In need of new Chairperson and committee
- Cemetery Committee-J. Hankiewicz, getting quotes on totes for cemetery Vet's flags
- Emergency Management-No report New Director, Eric Kind

Old Business:

- ARPA Funds, Reviewed the Project List. L. Fitz-motion to commit \$500 for ARPA Reporting fee, B. Myers-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0

New Business: No

- Armas Soorus, LMWCC presented information regarding the Natural Rivers Program. He read Resolution 2024-09, To support efforts for the designation of the Little Manistee River as a Michigan Natural River, No Motion made, resolution failed for Lack of Motion
- Road Committee resignation for Jackie McKellar read, L. Fitz-motion to accept with regret resignation, K. Fickies-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0
- Review of contracts for 2024-2025, K. Fickies-motion to continue with current contractors for 2024-2025, B. Myers-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0

Public Comment:

- Joyce Durdal Natural Rivers Program
- Joan Runnels in support of Craig Cooper
- Joe Umbrite running for Sheriff
- Tiffany Landis, Chief County Clerks regarding questions on Elections
- Robert Snedeker running for Lake County Road Commission, issues with LCRC
- Gary Truxton, LCRC Commissioner rebuttal

Adjournment:

- B. Myers-motion to adjourn at pm 8:11, K. Fickies-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Fickies, Clerk
April 9, 2024