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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

July 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, Excused; Dave Bass, Trustee; Jack Hankiewicz, Trustee

Citizens in attendance (22)

Agenda Revisions:

- New Business: 1) Fischer Propane 2024-25 cost. 2) J. Hankiewicz- Riggs Quote for cemetery road 3) Audit Report 4) Resolution 2024-14 to Oppose NRP. Old Business: ARPA-Canopy for cemetery. K. Fickies motion to approve agenda as revised B. Myers-seconded, roll call vote, motion carried 4-1-0

Minute's approval:

- L. Fitz-motion to approve June 11, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes as printed; D. Bass-seconded; motion carried 5-0-0

Board Member Reports:

Supervisor-L. Fitz

- Commented on Resolution 2024-14, first time board has seen this resolution, the board has spent enough time of this discussion, it's time to move on

K. Fickies-Clerk

- Non-Periodicals: None
- Request to approve all funds bills paid in June, 2024, L. Fitz-motion to approve all Fund reports as printed, J. Hankiewicz -seconded, motion carried 5-0-0
- Budget -\$2,000 from General Funds to 101-191-800 Accounting and Audit, L. Fitz-motion to approve amendment, B. Myers-seconded, roll call vote, motion carried 5-0-0
- Budget Amendment-\$500 from General Funds to 101-528-808 Garbage and Trash Day, L. Fitz-motion to approve amendment, K. Fickies-seconded, roll call vote, motion carried 5-0-0
- Budget Amendment-\$500 from General Funds to 101-262-726 Election Supplies, L. Fitz-motion to approve amendment, B. Myers-seconded, roll call vote, motion carried 5-0-0
- Budget Amendment-\$400 from General Funds to 101-262-727 Election postage, L. Fitz-motion to approve amendment, B. Myers-seconded, discussion-D. Bass commented that we have no choice other than to pay, roll call vote, motion carried 5-0-0
- Hall Leases, LMWCC, Board of Review July 16 at noon
- Correspondence: Luther Library Newsletter
- August 6, 2024 Election Public Accuracy Testing Wednesday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am, open to public. L. Fitz commented that due his not being able to attend the testing, the Election Commission has appointed Jeff Mather to be the representative.

B, Myers-Treasurer

- Treasurer's report for June 2024. K Fickies-motion to accept Treasurer's report as printed, D. Bass-seconded; motion carried 5-0-0.
- Reported on issue with tax bills going out to taxpayers who have Veteran's Exemptions, glitch in system and this will be fixed.

D. Bass, Trustee

- None

J. Hankiewicz, Trustee

- None

Public Comments:

- Fran Ceece NRP Survey, did not get one
- Victoria Talaga, NRP Survey, did not get one
- L. Fitz explained about GVSU private Organization who did survey
- Armas Soorus explained more about survey
- Dave McIntire had issues with survey
- Matt Akin opposed to NRP
- Armas Soorus, survey info.

Dignitary Reports:

- County Commissioner- M. Seroczynski Crime Victim Grant was passed, need volunteers for Land Bank, County applying for Community Wildlife Grant
- Sheriff- (report on file)
- SEED Fire Board-Gary Nugent report 18 runs (report on file)
- Road Commissioner – No report, D. Bass would like to report that the LCRC does not show Heritage Bay on their mapping for maintenance
- Assessor- (report on file) BOR 7/16/24
- Ordinance Enforcement Officer – Jeff Mather, reviewed 6 ongoing cases. (report on file)
- Big Bass Lake SAD- D. Bass, PLM did survey, no results yet. DASH boat purchased by BLEAP
- Harper Lake SAD – No report
- Road Committee- No report. In need of new Chairperson and committee
- Cemetery Committee-No report
- Emergency Management-No Report

Old Business:

- ARPA Funds, Reviewed the Project List reviewed. K. Fickies requested that some of the projects that have committed funds that we cannot get a contract for be re-allocated to other projects. L. Fitz-motion to remove ORV/Boating Safety and Historical Designation RR on Mac Rd., B. Myers-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0
- ARPA Funds, Speaker System, K. Fickies-motion to commit up to \$2,500, B. Myers-seconded, discussion: D. Bass will check on cost of shipping, roll call vote, motion carried 5-0-0
- ARPA Funds, canopy for cemetery, L. Fitz-motion to commit up to \$75, K. Fickies-seconded, roll call vote, motion carried 5-0-0

New Business:

- Cemetery road topdressing. Received quote from Fischer Corporation and Riggs Excavating for various materials. J. Hankiewicz-motion to top-dress road in cemetery using either crushed limestone or crushed asphalt, using ARPA Funds, D. Bass-seconded, discussion: roll call vote, motion carried 5-0-0. L. Fitz-motion to postpone action or commitment of funds on this project until we get further information from Fischer, J. Hankiewicz-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0
- YTD Actual Budget as of June 30, 2024, reviewed, K. Fickies-motion to approve YTD Actual Budget as printed, B. Myers-seconded, roll call vote, motion carried 5-0-0
- Request for Hidden Drivel sign on 11 Mile, K. Fickies-motion to purchase sign and have LRCR put in place, B. Myers-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0
- Audit Report for Fiscal years 2022-2023 reviewed. J. Hankiewicz-motion to approve Audit as printed, B. Myers-seconded, roll vote, motion carried 5-0-0

- Fischer LP Gas quote for heating season 2024-2025 at \$1.599. K. Fickies-motion to lock in price and pay \$69.95 lock in fee, D. Bass-seconded, roll call vote, motion carried 5-0-0
- Resolution 2024-14 to Oppose efforts for the designation of the Little Manistee River as a Michigan Natural River. L. Fitz-motion to postpone any action on this resolution at this meeting because Board has not had time to read and review, no second, motion failed for lack of second.
- Resolution 2024-14 to Oppose efforts for the designation of the Little Manistee River as a Michigan Natural River read by K. Fickies. K. Fickies-motion to adopt resolution 2024-14 as printed and read, B. Myers-seconded, discussion: L. Fitz wants to know how much time are we going to spend on this topic, his opinion is that due to the two previous resolutions failed, the topic is mute. B. Myers in support of this resolution. D. Bass opposed to 400' designation in any form. B. Myers is listening to the people not just those on the river. K. Fickies agrees with B. Myers statement, we need to listen to those who are affected. L. Fitz remind board of the results of the survey, 46.7% in favor, 22% opposed, is that in the best interest of constituents. B. Myers results of survey. Roll call vote, resolution adopted, 4-1-0.

Public Comment:

- Jack Puff presented the SEEDF audit for our files. L. Fitz complimented the JBA for an outstanding job.
- Erin Nelson asked about installing a Pickle Ball court at the fire department, referred to Fire Department. She was asked to put together a proposal and send to clerk. Gary Nugent discussed liability for Fire Station.
- Nancy Sikkenga thanked board for supporting the resolution
- Jack Riggs introduced himself and talked about top dressing of cemetery
- Dave McIntire uses crushed cement
- Armas Soorus accuracy of survey results
- Harry Meed thanked board for passing resolution
- Lou Fitz expressed disappointment in board in voting for resolution
- Fran Ceece disagrees with Lou Fitz comment
- Victoria Talaga disagrees with Lou Fitz comment
- Harry Meed got survey and didn't complete, doesn't like giving government more control

Adjournment:

- B. Myers-motion to adjourn at pm 8:49 pm, J. Hankiewicz-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Fickies, Clerk  
July 9, 2024