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REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
November 12, 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 (12)

Agenda Revisions:

- New Business: LCRC Brine Map, Fire Wood, K. Fickies, motion to approve agenda as revised, D. Bass-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0

Minute's approval:

- J. Hankiewicz-motion to approve October 8, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes as printed; D. Bass-seconded; motion carried 5-0-0

Board Member Reports:

Supervisor-L. Fitz

- Delivered a heartfelt, farewell message as outgoing Supervisor for the last 12 very successful years.

K. Fickies-Clerk

- Non-Periodicals: None
- Request to approve all funds bills paid in October 2024, L. Fitz-motion to approve all Fund reports as printed, J. Hankiewicz-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0
- Budget Amendment -\$2,700 from General Funds to 101-253-970 Treasurer's Capital Outlay, L. Fitz-motion to approve amendment, - D. Bass, roll call vote, motion carried 5-0-0
- Budget Amendment-\$2,700 from General Funds to 101-215-970 Clerk's Capital Outlay, L. Fitz-motion to approve amendment, D. Bass-seconded, roll call vote, motion carried 5-0-0
- Budget Amendment-\$3,700 from General to 101-265-970 Building and Grounds Capital Outlay, L. Fitz-motion to approve amendment, D. Bass-seconded, roll call vote, motion carried 5-0-0
- Hall Leases, LMWCC
- Correspondence: Luther Library, Conservation Resource Alliance newsletter
- Election Results
- Thank you for Re-electing me and thank you to all our Election Inspectors for a successful Election

B. Myers-Treasurer

- Treasurer's report for October, 2024. K. Fickies-motion to accept Treasurer's report as printed, D. Bass-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0
- Current 7-month CD will mature Nov. 11, 2024, renewal interest rate will be 4.25%. D. Bass-motion to renew CD at the renewal rate of 4.25%, J. Hankiewicz-seconded, roll call vote, motion carried 5-0-0
- B. Myers delivered an emotional farewell and thanked out Board for their support and the citizens for their support as well over the last 12 years.

D. Bass, Trustee

- Delivered a farewell to the Board and the citizens for his time as Trustee.

J. Hankiewicz, Trustee

- Thank you to all that re-elected him as Trustee

Public Comments:

- None
- K. Fickies-motion to take a recess in the meeting for Cake and Ice Cream to celebrate the outgoing Board Members, D. Bass-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0

Dignitary Reports:

- County Commissioner- Mike Seroczynski applied for ORV Grant for control and enforcement in the amount of \$45,000; DNR is starting a 3-year study on the Little Manistee Natural River Project with a virtual zoom meeting 12/10.
- SEED Fire Board-Gary Nugent report 20 runs (report on file). Fire Chief Greg Bombich will be retiring at the end of the year. There are two good candidates for his position
- Road Commissioner – Gary Truxton, thanks to the Board for the work they have done. River Rd. project is too narrow in places, he will look into this
- Assessor- (report on file)
- Ordinance Enforcement Officer – Jeff Mather, reviewed 8 ongoing cases. (report on file). Reported on outstanding fines and paid fines not yet reimbursed to township. He also reported that he will be volunteering, as a private citizen, to assist the cleanup of the property W. 8 Mile Rd.
- Big Bass Lake SAD- D. Bass, reported the survey from PLM and the report for next year
- Harper Lake SAD – D. Bass, this new contract will be discussed under Old Business
- Road Committee- No report. In need of new Chairperson and committee
- Cemetery Committee-Winterizing has been done, flags to be removed by Boy Scout if not already done
- Emergency Management-No Report

Old Business:

- ARPA Funds, Reviewed the Project List reviewed
- ARPA Funds, discussed items to be “Committed”, ARPA annual reporting for 2024. L. Fitz motion to commit \$500 for annual reporting, K. Fickies -seconded, motion carried 5-0-0. L. Fitz-motion to commit \$2050 for tree removal at Cemetery, J. Hankiewicz-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0. L. Fitz-motion to authorize K. Fickies to contact Positive Chimney and other contractor, to get quote on repair/removal of chimney on township hall, B. Myers-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0
- Joyce Durdel reported on Site Summary for Township Hall Natural Trail from Josh Shields, Ph.D from Michigan Forestry. Phase 1 cost will be \$2,500 (already committed) asking for additional \$2,000 from ARPA funds. L. Fitz-motion to approve taking remaining ARPA funds, not committed or spent) to go toward Natural Trail, no second, motion failed
- LCRC invoice for River Rd. project to approve payment. L. Fitz-motion to authorize payment in the amount of \$108,720.69, K. Fickies-seconded, roll call vote, motion carried 5-0-0
- PLM Contract for Harper Lake SAD, asking for 2-year contract as the current SAD expires in 2025. B. Myers-motion to approve 2-year contract, J. Hankiewicz-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0, contract signed by L. Fitz, Supervisor and Craig Frazakerly, representative from Harper Lake Association.

New Business:

- Ordinance Enforcement Officer letter of resignation. J. Mather will be resigning his position as OEO prior to taking the Oath of Office as Supervisor. He is willing to resume this position as Supervisor as “additional non-statutory duties” with Board approval at the December meeting. L. Fitz-motion to accept resignation, B. Myers-seconded, roll call vote, motion carried 5-0-0
- PLM contract with Big Bass Lake SAD reviewed. K. Fickies-motion to approve contract as printed, D. Bass-seconded, roll call vote, motion carried 5-0-0
- New Officers Oath of Office: Jeff Mather, Supervisor; Karen Fickies, Clerk; Sandy Mather, Treasurer; Jack Hankiewicz, Trustee; Joyce Durdel, Trustee. All Officers took Oath of Office and signed.
- New Member training. MTA is sponsoring New Member Training. L. Fitz-motion to recommend all members attending the trainings to be paid by township at a cost to be determined, including special Treasurer’s training, B. Myers-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0

- LCRC 2025 Road Brining Map. L. Fitz-motion to postpone action till December Regular Board Meeting, B. Myers-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0. D. Bass questioned Walsh Court is this part of the LCRC system, G. Truxton will check.
- Resolution 2024-15 to Appoint Elk Township Residents to the Sauble-Elk-Eden Fire Department Fire Board. L. Fitz-motion to adopt resolution, B. Myers-second, roll call vote, resolution adopted 5-0-0
- SEED Board Members to appoint, Lou Fitz, Jack Hankiewicz, Sharon Puff, alternate Jeff Mather. B. Myers-motion to appoint list as printed, D. Bass-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0
- Fire wood. Several trees around the township hall were taken down, cut into chunks and piled next to the parking lot. L. Fitz-motion to sell wood for a \$1.00 and haul at their own risk, no second, motion failed for lack of second. K Fickies-motion to all residents to take wood and haul at their own risk, B. Myers-seconded, roll call vote, J. Hankiewicz, yes; B. Myers, yes; L. Fitz, no; K. Fickies, yes; D. Bass, yes. Motion carried 4-1-0
- Citizen Recognition Resolutions read for the following citizens: Sandy Mather, Jeff Mather, Jack Hankiewicz, Dave Bass, Brandy Myers, Karen Fickies, and Lou Fitz. L. Fitz-motion to adopt all resolutions, B. Myers-seconded, roll call vote, resolutions adopted 5-0-0 and presented.

Public Comment:

- Judy Bass asked about Walsh Court, L. Fitz-requested the new board look into making Walsh Court a part of the LCRC road system.

Adjournment:

- B. Myers-motion to adjourn at pm 9:29 pm, L. Fitz-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0

Respectfully Submitted

Karen Fickies, Clerk  
November 12, 2024