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REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
May 14, 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 (10)

Agenda Revisions:

- New Business: Hazardous Household Waste Contribution; JBA Appointment. K. Fickies-motion to approve agenda as revised, D. Bass-seconded, motion carried 4-0-0

Minute's approval:

- L. Fitz-motion to approve April 9, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes as printed; D. Bass-seconded; motion carried 4-0-0

Board Member Reports:

Supervisor-L. Fitz

- None

K. Fickies-Clerk

- Non-Periodicals: 3T Generation & Electrical, \$1,485,00, bathroom fans and office light. Post Audit
- Request to approve all funds bills paid in April, 2024, L. Fitz-motion to approve all Fund reports as printed, J. Hankiewicz-seconded, motion carried 4-0-0
- Hall Leases, LMWCC, Harper Lake Assoc. 5/25/24 8-11am; Cool Lake Assoc, 5/25/24 12-2pm
- Correspondence: Luther Library Newsletter;
- Luther Library Board request for trustee position (D. Bass would like the phone number); ARPA reporting completed; Community Service-Dillon Hishetter-request for hours to complete community service (ideas discussed); 2024 Audit June 10-11, 2024, L. Fitz signed Letter of Engagement to be returned to UHY Advisors; Letter from Jeff & Sandy Mather re: Natural River Program encouraging the board to vote no on any resolution. L. Fitz did not feel that the resolution got a motion to move to discussion, we should have given some consideration to let the LMWCC know how we felt about it. He felt it was his fault, he should have put a motion on the table, and the resolution did not get a fair shake.

B, Myers-Treasurer

- S. Macaig-DeputyTreasurer report for April 2024, K.Fickies-motion to accept Treasurer's report as printed, D. Bass-seconded; motion carried 4-0-0.

D. Bass, Trustee

- D. Bass attended the Lakes & Stream conference, (at his own expense), discussion was regarding Septic Systems issues which is a priority, shoreline restoration and erosion, and discussion with Atty. Bloom regarding Ordinances/zoning

J. Hankiewicz, Trustee

- None

Public Comments:

- Kyle Teachworth made a public apology for his actions last July resulting in damages to our township. Discussed how he can complete his 30 hours of Community Service. L. Fitz accepted apology.
- Mike Seroczynski-new appointed District 5 County Commissioner introduced himself, gave report on activities – new Health Dept & EGLE program for septic systems for low-income households, PLT program now Secured Rural School Funds checks will be approx. \$3,877, ORV park is now open.
- Josh Rose running for County Sheriff

#### Dignitary Reports:

- County Commissioner- (see report from M. Seroczynski in public comments)
- Sheriff- (report on file)
- Fire Board-K. Fickies read report (report on file)
- Road Commissioner – No report
- Assessor- No Report
- Ordinance Enforcement Officer – Jeff Mather, reviewed 12 ongoing cases. (report on file) Included are 2 court cases and Judgements
- Big Bass Lake SAD- D. Bass, PLM is doing a treatment in June. We need to discuss the SAD this summer. Wake boat issue in legislation
- Harper Lake SAD – D. Bass, no report
- Road Committee- No report. In need of new Chairperson and committee
- Cemetery Committee-J. Hankiewicz, has quote on totes for Cemetery Veteran's flag storage \$34.98 each, need 3 totes, D. Bass-motion to purchase 3 totes for flag storage using ARPA funds, K. Fickies-seconded, motion carried 4-0-0
- Emergency Management-No report New Director, Eric King, M. Secrocynski will invite him to our meetings

#### Old Business:

- ARPA Funds, Reviewed the Project List. L. Fitz working on form for Natural Resources Education for anyone asking for a portion of these committed funds. Township Nature trail, Joyce Durdal will be working on this, Sandy & Jeff Mather volunteered to help, also could use our Community Service men. Road Improvement completed. Security System completed. ORV/Boating Safety, B. Myers working on that. Marquee Rehab. Completed. Quote for sound system postponed. Board Chairs completed. Flooring completed. ARPA reporting completed. L. Fitz-motion to commit up to \$4,000 seal coating and 2 handicap spot striping from Molon Asphalt, J. Hankiewicz-seconded, roll call vote, motion carried 4-0-0. Porch & Peak lighting completed. Historical Designation – D. Bass, on hold. Computer and Printer for Supervisor, L. Fitz-motion to commit up to \$4,000 for Dell Desktop computer and HP printer, D. Bass-seconded, roll call vote, motion carried 4-0-0. Jeff Mather will work with clerk to make purchase online. Road Brining in progress. Cemetery Veterans flags purchased, L. Fitz-motion to amend the Cemetery Vets Flags to read "and totes" not to exceed \$2,600, J. Hankiewicz-seconded, motion carried 4-0-0

#### New Business:

- Tax Sales from County Treasurer. Two Properties available for sale to township. L. Fitz-motion to purchase 2 properties, no second, motion failed. K. Fickies-motion to check "not interested in purchasing these properties listed on the Lake Properties list, D. Bass-seconded, roll call vote, motion carried 4-0-0
- Resolution 2024-10 Compensation Policy for Elk Township Appointed Positions and Non-Statutory Duties for Elected Township Officials to increase as follows: \$17/hr for general work assignments, deputy clerk, deputy treasurer and deputy supervisor; \$19/hr for Election Chairperson during elections held at township precinct; \$25/hr for Ordinance Enforcement officer. K. Fickies-Motion to adopt resolution, D. Bass-seconded, roll call vote, resolution adopted 4-0-0
- Estimate from A1 Services for Trash Day approximate cost \$6,960. D. Bass-motion to approve estimate, J. Hankiewicz-seconded, roll call vote, motion carried 4-0-0
- Bob Myers, Lawn Care Service requested increase for mowing cemetery to \$300 per cut. K. Fickies-motion to approve increase, J. Hankiewicz-seconded, motion carried 4-0-0
- Hazardous Household Waste Contribution, D. Bass-motion to make \$100 contribution, J. Hankiewicz-seconded, motion carried 4-0-0

- SEEDF Joint Building Authority Appointment, L. Fitz-motion to re-appoint Jack Puff as representative for Elk Township to a four (4) year term, effective as of this date through 2028, J. Hankiewicz-seconded, roll call vote, motion carried 4-0-0

Public Comment:

- L. Fitz thanked Jeff Mather for so graciously and meticulously filling in for him during his illness
- Joyce Durdel thanked Jack Puff for another 4 years for the SEEDF JBA

Adjournment:

- K. Fickies-motion to adjourn at pm 9:26pm, D. Bass-seconded, motion carried 4-0-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Fickies, Clerk  
May 14, 2024