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REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
August 10, 2023

Karen Fickies, Clerk, called the meeting to order @ 7:00pm

As per MTA guidelines, and with Supervisor L. Fitz excused, K. Fickies, clerk, nominations for Chair of the August 10th Regular Board Meeting. B. Myers nominated K. Fickies. B. Myers-motion to approve K. Fickies as Chair of the 8/10/23 meeting, D. Bass-seconded, motion carried 4-0-0.

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance, led by K. Fickies

Roll call, officials present: Karen Fickies, Clerk; Dave Bass, Trustee; Brandy Myers, Treasurer; Jack Hankiewicz, Trustee.

Excused/Absent Lou Fitz, Supervisor

Citizens in attendance (5)

Agenda Revisions:

- New Business: Estimate for damage repair of Township Hall; Estimate for road gravel for 2024. D. Bass-motion to approve agenda as revised, B. Myers-seconded, motion carried 4-0-0

Minute's approval:

- K. Fickies-motion to approve July 11, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes as printed; J. Hankiewicz; motion carried 4-0-0

Board Member Reports:

Supervisor

- No Report

S. Mather-Deputy Clerk

- Non-Periodicals - None
- Request to approve all funds bills paid in July, 2023, D. Bass-motion to approve all Fund reports as printed, B. Myers-seconded, motion carried 4-0-0
- Hall Leases, LMWCC 7/28/23 4pm-8pm
- Baldwin Community School special election results
- Correspondence: Luther Library Newsletter.
- Johnson Sign Co. bill for Marquee renovation and building sign reason for overage in bill. B. Myers-motion to pay the balance owed from original quote in the amount of \$1,747.50 which was taken out of ARPA funds, and overage for additional letters, etc. in the amount of \$384.15 to be taken out of Building & Grounds Capitol Outlay, J. Hankiewicz-seconded, motion carried 4-0-0
- Letter from Stronach Township Board in opposition of the LMWCC Natural Rivers Designation.
- Letter from LMWCC regarding survey being done by Grand Valley State University on Natural Rivers Designation

B. Myers Treasurer

- Treasurer's report for July 2023. D. Bass-motion to accept Treasurer's report as printed, J. Hankiewicz-seconded; motion carried 4-0-0

D. Bass, Trustee

- None

J. Hankiewicz, Trustee

- None

Public Comments:

None

Dignitary Reports:

- County Commissioner- No Report
- Sheriff- No report (report on file).
- Fire Board- Gary Nugent, 38 runs (report on file).
- Road Commissioner – LeRoy Williams, Rick Hasslock, getting complaints on 2<sup>nd</sup> brining, B. Myers question regarding mowing – Short staffed and one mower out of order, hoping to hire part-time staff
- Assessor- (report on file)
- Ordinance Enforcement Officer – Jeff Mather, reported on 12 properties in violation. (Report on file)
- Big Bass Lake SAD-D. Bass reported on spot treatment, will know more results in a couple of weeks
- Harper Lake SAD – D. Bass reported no information at this time
- Road Committee- No report.
- Cemetery Committee-K. Fickies reported that M. Stamann is working on trimming up tree branches
- Emergency Management-No report

Old Business:

- ARPA Funds, Reviewed the Project List. Update the Amount Expended on Marquee/Sign to \$3,495.00, discussion on board chairs, will check with Eden Township regarding their purchase of chairs.

New Business:

- L-4029 reviewed with new millage amount including the new amount for the Fire Station. Question regarding Headley Act, will need to ask L. Fitz before approving. B. Myers-motion to postpone action until September meeting, K. Fickies-seconded, motion carried 4-0-0
- ATT Metro Act Right of Way Permit Extension request through December 21, 2028. B. Myers-motion to authorize K. Fickies, clerk, to sign on behalf of Elk Township, D. Bass-seconded, motion carried 4-0-0
- Estimate from Johnson Construction for the damages to Hall during Attempted B&E in the amount of \$4,366.86. Quote sent to Insurance adjuster, received notification of approval and will receive check for \$3,866.86 (less \$500 deductible), K. Fickies will hold check until work is completed. K. Fickies reported sent email to Sheriff Martin regarding cost of damage repairs.
- Lake County Road Commission, LeRoy Williams presented Estimates for upcoming 2024 road projects. The combined project is for drainage, 23A road gravel River Rd. & Bass Lake Rd. to 11 Mile Rd., total costs \$246,144.44. This was broken down into 3 separate projects: River Rd. & Bass Lake Rd. to 10 Mile Rd. \$91,071: River Rd. from 10 Mile Rd. to Squaw Lake Rd. \$51,689.57: River Rd. from Squaw Lake Rd. to 11 Mile Rd. \$103,380.66. The LCRC will pay 50% of costs for the projects. We can choose to do the entire project all at once, or choose to break it into 3 separate projects over 3 years. Discussion regarding funds in Road Fund and upcoming income. R. Hasslock stated that if we broke it into 3 projects, cost may increase. LeRoy Williams stated he does not have to have a firm answer until December 2023 at the latest. K. Fickies-motion to postpone action until September or October meeting, B. Myers-seconded, motion carried 4-0-0

Public Comments: None

Adjournment:

- B. Myers-motion to adjourn at 8:13pm, D. Bass, motion carried 4-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Fickies, Clerk  
August 10, 2023