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REGULAR BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 13, 2022

Lou 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 (9)

Agenda Revisions:

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

Minute's approval:

- L. Fitz-. motion to approve November 11, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes as printed; D. Bass- seconded; motion carried 5-0-0

Board Member Reports:

L. Fitz, Supervisor

- Board of Review meeting today went well

K. Fickies, Clerk

- Non-Periodicals – A-1 Service for June 2022 Annual Trash Day, \$6,265.95
- Request to approve bills paid in November, 2022, D. Bass-motion to approve all Fund reports as printed, B. Myers-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0
- Budget Amendment \$38,796.64 from Road Fund Cash to 204-000-002 Contracted Services. L. Fitz-motion to approve Budget Amendment, K. Fickies-seconded, roll call vote, motion carried 5-0-0
- Budget Amendment \$500 from General Fund to 101-262-728 Election , L. Fitz-motion to approve Budget Amendment, D. Bass-seconded, roll call vote, motion carried 5-0-0
- Hall Leases, LMWCC,
- Correspondence: Luther Library Newsletter
- Oak Grove Funeral Home, update on Monuments at cemetery that are tipped over/leaning. Both monuments have been reset as of today.

B, Myers-Treasurer

- Treasurer's report for November, 2022. K. Fickies-motion to accept Treasurer's report as printed, J. Hankiewicz-seconded; motion carried 5-0-0
- Upload from County for the Winter 2022 taxes went pretty smoothly

D. Bass, Trustee

- No Report

J. Hankiewicz, Trustee

- None

Public Comments:

- None

Dignitary Reports:

- County Commissioner- No Report
- Sheriff-(report on file)
- Fire Board- Gary Nugent, 31 runs (report on file)
- SEEJBA Board- Gary Nugent, little items are being fixed

- Road Commissioner – Postponed until New Business
- Assessor- (report on file)
- Ordinance Enforcement Officer – Jeff Mather, (report on file)
- Big Bass Lake SAD-Dave Bass –Has talked to PLM about communication with Township and others has been cleared up, all communication will come directly to township only and if others want information, it will be forwarded through township.
- Harper Lake SAD – Same as Big Bass Lake SAD. D. Bass spoke with new President Brian Ritsema
- Road Committee- No report
- Cemetery Committee-No report
- Emergency Management-No report

Old Business:

- Lake County Road Commission – L. Fitz received an extension on the December 1 deadline for the 2023 Road Projects until tonight. There are two road projects that did not get completed in 2022 due to lack of gravel. LCRC has sent new estimates on cost to complete these two road projects, (top dressing Toma Trail & 11 Mile from end of blacktop to Riverside Dr.) If these projects are to be done 2023, there would not be enough time to do additional projects. If we want to extend 11 Mile project from Riverside Dr. to Bear Track Campground, the cost would be the responsibility of the Township. Discussion to go ahead with both projects as estimated, LCRD will send estimate on cost of continuing work from Riverside Dr. to Bear Track Campground to be presented at the January meeting for action. L. Fitz-motion to contract with LCRC to do the 11 Mile Rd. project as indicated on the estimate sheet, dated 11/16/22, and Toma Trail from Bass Lake Rd. to River Rd. as indicated on the estimate sheet, dated 11/16/22, D. Bass-seconded, roll call vote, motion carried 5-0-0
- LCRC question on signage for Fire Station signs bill for \$510.84. Bill was for sign, posts and labor to install. Previously we only paid for sign, LCRC covered cost of posts and labor. LCRC has changed policy on “Specialty Sign”. Supervisor gave check for \$510.84 to Leroy Williams to cover bill. Discussion about LCRC policy changes and communication with townships in advance. LCRC Commissioner Rick Haslock , committed to inform the townships of LCRC policy changes in the future.
- LCRC bill for Asphalt Aprons discussion. LCRC bill in the amount of \$41,645.48, we paid \$38,796.64 for a difference of \$2,848.84. Discussion about the cost, the patch on 8 Mile Rd. was included in the bill and Leroy Williams stated that anything above maintenance is the townships responsibility. The patch was requested to be done as it was a primary road and a driving hazard and dangerous. Request LCRC give us the total cost of the 8 Mile Rd. patch, Leroy Williams will call tomorrow with cost. We requested that LCRC communicate all changes to be done in writing. The Road Commissioners will discuss this issue at their next meeting and get back to us. No action taken at this time.
- ARPA Funds, B. Myers-motion to postpone discussion until January meeting, D. Bass-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0

New Business:

- Board of Review members appointment. List of members for 2023-2024. K. Fickies-motion to approve members as printed, B. Myers-seconded, roll call vote, motion carried 5-0-0

Public Comment:

- Robert Snedeker commented on LCRC

Adjournment:

- B. Myers-motion to adjourn, K. Fickies-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Fickies, Clerk
December 13, 2022