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REGULAR BOARD MEETING
APRIL 8, 2025

J. Mather, Supervisor, called the meeting to order @ 7:00pm

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance, led by J. Mather

Roll call, officials present: Jeff Mather, Supervisor; Karen Fickies, Clerk; Sandy Mather, Treasurer; Joyce Durdel, Trustee;

Jack Hankiewicz, Trustee

Citizens in attendance (6)

Agenda Revisions:

- New Business, Resolution for Trustee Compensation. K. Fickies, motion to approve agenda as revised, J. Durdel-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0

Minute's Approval:

- S. Mather-motion to approve March 11, 2025 Regular Meeting minutes as corrected, J. Durdel-seconded; motion carried 5-0-0
- J. Mather-motion to approve March 12, 2025 Special Meeting minutes as printed, K. Fickies-seconded; motion carried 5-0-0

Board Member Reports:

Supervisor-J. Mather

- Ordinance Enforcement Officer report, reported on 9 properties (report on file)
- Website development, to be launched and go live late April
- Chimney repairs to be started May 14, 2025
- Window screens need to be repaired this spring
- Spring Junk Drop-off Day, Saturday, May 31, 2025 at Skinner Park, 9am-12pm. J. Mather-motion to authorize Supervisor and Clerk to enter into independent contract or agreement with Smith Dumpsters to provide services, S. Mather-seconded, discussion regarding change of providers, motion carried 5-0-0
- Contracts are in the progress of being signed

Consent Agenda:

1. Clerks Report
 - a. Bills paid in March 2025
 - b. Budget amendments: \$100 from BBLSAD Revenue to 844-101-955 Misc. Expenses; \$100 from Harper Lake SAD revenue to 845-101-955 Misc. Expenses
 - c. Hall Leases: LMWCC/DNR Thursday, April 17, 2025 6-8pm
 - d. Correspondence, Lake County Community Foundation Baked Potato Supper & Raffle, Saturday, April 26, 2025 5-7pm. At St. Ann's Senior Center, Baldwin
 - e. Request to commit \$500 to ARPA funds for 2025 reporting fee, K. Fickies-motion to commit funds, S. Mather-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0
2. Treasurers Report with supporting documentation
 - a. Report on Allpaid services to allow taxpayers to pay with Credit/Debit cards online.

K. Fickies-motion for Board Approval of the April 8, 2025 Consent Agenda items in the Clerks Report, and the Treasurers report as written, J. Durdel-seconded; motion carried 5-0-0

J. Hankiewicz, Trustee

- No report
- Cemetery Liaison – J.Hankiewicz will contact Lonnie Collins regarding the placement of the Veteran's Flags at the cemetery this year.

J. Durdel, Trustee

- Turned in copy of District Health Dept. #10 complaint on 8986 W. Kobe Lane with attached letter

Public Comments:

- None

Dignitary Reports:

- County Commissioner- Reported on State recycling program, Natural Rivers Program, GEO reopening (?), ATV park opening soon
- Lake County Sheriff – None (report on file)
- SEEDD Fire Board-None
- Road Commissioner – Don Divis, River Rd. project still needs work, Hamilton Rd. issue, road signage
- Assessor- (report on file)
- Elk Township Lakes Liaison -Craig Fazakerly to attend the Lakes & Stream conference April 25. He would like to set up meeting between township and BBLSAD, date to be determined.
- Emergency Management-No Report
- Road Committee – Craig Fazakerly, Hamilton Rd. issues

Old Business:

- Final Approved Budget, no action taken

New Business:

- K. Fickies-motion to authorize the implementation of AllPaid's tax-payment service to provide Elk Township property owners access to the company's internet-based service for credit card payment of real and personal property taxes, J. Hankiewicz-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0
- Lake Liaison payment for Lakes & Stream conference. J. Mather-motion to approve payment of expenses for registration and travel mileage for Craig Fazakerly, Elk Township Lakes Liaison, to attend the Michigan Lakes and Streams Association conference on April 25 & 26, 2025, K. Fickies-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0
- ABS Pest Control request for increase for treatment. J. Durdel-motion to approve an increase in the annual ABS Pest Control service agreement from \$400/year to \$500/year based on the request from a service provider and recognition that they have not requested an increase in over 12 years, J. Hankiewicz-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0
- Resolution 2025-06 to Establish Township Trustees' Compensation to increase to \$160/meeting attended. S. Mather-motion to adopt resolution as read, K. Fickies-seconded, roll call vote, resolution adopted 3-0-2

Public Comment:

- None

Adjournment:

- S. Mather-motion to adjourn at 8:40pm, K. Fickies-seconded, motion carried 5-0-0

Respectfully Submitted

Karen Fickies, Clerk

April 8, 2025