

Claybanks Township

October 12, 2020

MEETING MINUTES

The regular meeting of Claybanks Township was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Smith with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: Smith, Eilers, Lombard, Rabe and Freye.

Agenda Additions – New Business B) Request from Non-Resident to Purchase Sites in Flower Creek Cemetery C) Snowplowing

Minutes

(A) Approval of September 14, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes - It was noted that Dan Lombard's name was misspelled under New Business B. Dan Lombard made a motion to approve the September 14, 2020 regular meeting minutes as amended, correcting the spelling of his name. Second by David Rabe. All in favor. Motion carried.

Accounts Payable

(A) Approve September Interim Payables - David Rabe made a motion to pay the September interim general fund payables in the amount of \$2,469.90 and the September park fund interim payables in the amount of \$6,072.92. Second by Dan Lombard. Rabe, yes; Freye, yes; Eilers, yes; Lombard, yes; Smith, yes. Motion carried.

(B) Approval of October Payables - Park check #2768 was corrected to be written to White Lake Nursery instead of White Lake Flooring. David Rabe made a motion to pay the general fund payables in the amount of \$6,797.05 and the park fund payables in the amount of \$2,196.53. Second by Brenda Eilers. Eilers, yes; Lombard, yes; Smith, yes; Rabe, yes; Freye, yes. Motion carried.

Correspondence – Miscellaneous correspondence was reviewed.

Public Comment – Peter Shlagor introduced himself as a write-in candidate for the office of township trustee. He handed out a paper containing his background and qualifications. He also talked about how the reporting criteria for Covid-19 has changed.

A representative for the Sandy Clarke campaign handed out fliers. He stated she is for education and repealing the state retirement tax.

Reports

(A) Financial – General Fund - \$121,180.01; Fire Fund - \$85,252.64; Road Improvement - \$0.00; Park Fund - \$110,466.00

(B) Zoning Administrator - Issued one permit in the last one and one half months, has done nine zoning follow-up inspections and made two land splits. She is getting lots of calls from people and realtors who want to know how they can split their property. Says people are also wanting to combine properties or adjust boundary lines. There will be a tele-hearing with the Tax Tribunal on December 10 for the two properties discussed last month. Mrs. Bizon had some questions about this that she would like to run past the township attorney. The board was okay with that. Most of the assessing inspections for 2020 are complete.

(C) Cemetery - The water has been turned off, according to Dan Lombard.

(D) Planning Commission - Plans to meet October 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

(A) Revise L-4029 to Add Voter Approved Road Millage of 2.0 Mills - As the August primary was held after the truth-in-taxation hearing, the L-4029 needs to be revised to include the voter approved road millage of 2.0 mills. Mary Freye made a motion to revise the already approved L-4029 to include the voter approved road millage of 2.0 mills. Second by David Rabe. Lombard, yes; Rabe, yes; Freye, yes; Smith, yes; Eilers, yes. Motion carried.

(B) Request From Non-Property Owner to Purchase Sites in Flower Creek Cemetery - An email was received from a non-property owner who wanted to purchase sites in Flower Creek Cemetery. She has property in neighboring White River Township in Muskegon County. Mary Freye responded to the initial email to confirm that her property was not in Claybanks Township and to see if she had any family already established in the cemetery. The party acknowledged that they were not in Claybanks Township and had no family buried in the township, but wanted to see if there was any way this could be allowed. After a discussion, the board was in agreement that it could not go against the township's Cemetery Ordinance and allow her to purchase any sites. Mary Freye will respond to her email advising her of the board's decision.

(C) Snowplowing - Dan Lombard will check with Karl Lemmen to see if he is willing to plow the township hall's parking lot this winter.

Supervisor Comments - Dan Lombard was going to check with the Road Commission about obtaining tractor crossing signage for Stony Lake Road. Dan did not hear back from the Road Commission. Dick Smith wonders if we agreed to pay for the signs. This was not discussed at the last meeting. It was questioned if these signs would actually be in our township. Dick and Dan will follow up with the Road Commission and report next month.

Adjournment - 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Freye