# Claybanks Township

July 10th, 2023

**MEETING MINUTES**

The regular meeting of Claybanks Township was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Supervisor Lombard with the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present: Dan Lombard, Peter Shlagor, David Rabe, Alice Holsomback and Cheryl Rabe.

1. **Agenda Additions** – (C) Junk & Blight Discussions (D) MTA annual membership

**Minutes**

**(A) Approval of June 12th, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes**– David Rabe made a motion to approve the May 8th, 2023 regular meeting minutes. Second Pete Shlagor. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Accounts Payable**

**Aas amendedto approve the May 11n company, not the credit card processing company. month charge is referred to, the b(A)** **Approve July 2023 Payables**–Cheryl Rabe made a motion to approve the General Fund payables in the amount of $8,791.66 and the Park Fund payables in the amount of $6,631.11. Second David Rabe. Alice Holsomback Smith yes. Dan Lombard yes. David Rabe yes. Pete Shlagor yes. Cheryl Rabe yes. Motion carried.

**Correspondence**- The clerk informed the group that the township has been awarded $5,000 grant from community foundation for overlook improvements at the park.

**Public Comment-** A resident wants townships to band together to petition the county for an enforceable blight ordinance. It was noted that the county has not been open to this in the past.

**Reports**

1. **Financial** –General Fund $559,595.29; Fire Fund $118,566.55; Road Fund $143,618.37; Cemetery Fund $5,981.20; Flower Creek $66.67; ARPA Fund $81,548.84; Park Fund $176,415.74 Tax Account $1,327.85
2. **Zoning** – no report
3. **Planning Commission-** Met on the 20th. Keeping an eye on whether Benona Township ordinance is effective and enforceable.
4. **Clerk-** no report
5. **Park** –Ropes for water safety station need replacing. Should we increase the dump rate? It was noted that we need a letter to Road Commission on behalf of township for road signs for the park. Pete Shlagor presented a proof of Township Park brochure and asked for Board approval for publishing. Alice Holsomback moved that we print 200 copies. Second Pete Shlagor. Alice Holsomback Smith yes. Dan Lombard yes. David Rabe yes. Pete Shlagor yes. Cheryl Rabe yes. Motion carried.
6. **Cemetery** – no report

**Unfinished Business**

1. **Re-Schedule Truth in Taxation Hearing** – The Truth in Taxation Hearing will be held August 14th @ 7PM, immediately preceding regular township meeting

**New Business**

1. **SIMPLE IRA** – Julie Sarto gave the Board an update on the performance of the Township’s SIMPLE IRA retirement investment and advised that the market is up.
2. **Update on Town Hall Planning –** Blueprints have been sent to engineer. Testing for septic was approved.
3. **Junk & Blight –** Pete Shlagor shared that the MTA discussed Junk & Blight ordinances at the last meeting. The biggest concern is enforceability. Shelby Township has an aggressive ordinance.
4. **MTA Annual Fees -** Alice Holsomback moved to pay base of fees of $1,316.94 for annual Michigan Township Association membership. Second Cheryl Rabe. Alice Holsomback Smith yes. Dan Lombard yes. David Rabe yes. Pete Shlagor yes. Cheryl Rabe yes. Motion carried.

**Supervisor Comments**- no comments

Adjournment – 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted

Alice Holsomback Smith