

## Approved minutes for November 7<sup>th</sup> board meeting

**Call to order:** at 7pm by supervisor Forrester

**Roll call:** Skeans here, Gomery here, Bean here, Roach here, Forrester here

**Pledge of allegiance**

**Amendments to agenda:** none

**October 3<sup>rd</sup> board meeting minutes review:** Forrester makes a motion to approve October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting minutes as expressed second by Gomery, all in favor say I, 4 Yes 0 No motion carries.

**Clerk Report:** The election went fine. Had a great team of election officials Curt Vogel, Jan Vogel, Debbie Skeans, Cheryl Purcell, Diane Clarke and Edson Forrester the election took 19 hours to complete and was well worth it.

**Treasurers Report:** Treasurer Bean expressed her happiness with the BS/A upgrade and the cloud is seamless still some bugs that need ironing out but all and all things went smooth. Thanksgiving feast is coming up Friday November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The winter tax bill is being prepared and getting sent to printer by November 13<sup>th</sup>. There will be a flyer insert about a survey for Emergency plan update.

**Supervisors Report:** We have had some real mechanical issues this month. Wolverine power completed their service for the generators. However, there was a freeze plug that failed at the community center so we have parts on order. Quote came in today for 2532.00 to replace the damage. Should have it replaced in December. Motor on the furnace failed in October while installing that he identified the heat exchanger was compromised. Both furnaces purchased in 2010 they have not got a quote back to me yet but beings both were bought and installed at same time they recommend replacing them both. Looking at getting quotes from mark and sons and Alberts heating and cooling also for compare. Waiting for baseline study on county property located north of the township hall and exercise a quick claim deed on that. Progress meeting in Newberry on the 13<sup>th</sup> with MDOT on the TAP grant and planning is pretty much complete on that. We had a lightning strike on October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> that fried the Hiawatha equipment took our internet down and phone down. Switchboard system is fried and we have one line that runs the office. Zoning administrator can't use his phone to answer messages or make calls. There is a quote for 4,000.00 to replace the phone switchboards ad equipment and get updated digital phones. Hiawatha will reduce our phone bills when upgraded insurance company will send out an adjuster to see what we can get. No deductible. Library and Ems building heaters are fine and up and running. Paradise Chamber of Conference is having a Christmas bazaar here at the community center November 30<sup>th</sup>. Sunday on the 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm hall will be open at 6:00 pm we will have the hall open for livestreaming of the Edmund Fitzgerald ceremony due to the fact the Great Lakes shipwreck Museum will have it a closed personal ceremony for the families of the lost crew. Transfer station will be closed Wednesday on Christmas and New Years and opening Thursday the day after Christmas and New Years.

**Presentation of bills:** There was issues printing reports from the new bs/a and it printed treasury bills also. Forrester makes motion to pay the bills in amount of 72,898.33 Bean seconds no discussion, roll call Roach Yes, Bean Yes, Gomery Yes, Skeans Yes, Forrester Yes.

**Announcements:** Chippewa county health was here doing flu and covid shots and plan on being here next year Trunk and treat went great thanks Mackenzie Lucas and Renee Gray and family for that and the community participation.

**Public Comment:** Brdget asked about the county property next door. Supervisor said they plan on purchasing it for one dollar and adding outdoor amenities like a walkway that's handicapped to a viewing deck by the water down the hill. Egle is doing the baseline study.

**Oath of Deputy Clerk:** Renee Gray was sworn in as Clerk Roach's Deputy.

## **Reports**

**Fire Department:** 2 fire calls orv vs truck happened on 28 and smoke call on Hulbert Road Calios landing tracks are on sided by sided and ready for winter Rescue sled will be moved in garage.

**EMS:** Report submitted to board meeting November 11<sup>th</sup> with Supervisor and Clerk to complete more paperwork.

**NEMSA:** Meeting 20<sup>th</sup> of November

**Library:** Security cameras have been purchased and installed for interior and exterior of the library. Annual gingerbread house contest is underway at library there is prizes for top 3 kits can be purchased at the library info on their website and face book page. Library statistics for October adult visitors 292 students 53 previews 5 wireless users 56 added members 11 additions to library 39 checked out items is 370.

**Board of Appeals:** meeting 22nd

**Blight information:** none

**Planning Commission:** We had a meeting last night November 6<sup>th</sup> fee scheduled for str renewal be increased from 100.00 to 200.00. Motion by Gomery to increase fee from 100.00 to 200.00 support by Forrester no discussion all in favor say aye 5 yes 0 opposed motion carries. Master plan talk no survey recommended. Motion by Gomery to proceed to approve with master plan and no survey support by Skeans. Forrester wants board to review Master Plan and have questions and submit for review. Roll call vote Gomery Yes, Skeans Yes, Roach Yes, Bean Yes, Forrester Yes. Motion carries.

**Public Speaker:** None

**Board Vacancy:** Ordinance Enforcement Officer vacant, ZBA positions vacant ZBA alternate positions vacant. Two weeks we will have blight enforcement vacant and board of review,

**Land use application form submitted:** Revised land use form was submitted. Treasurer Bean helped create the form. Motion by Forrester for planning board to approve the revised str form rate. Bean supports All in favor say aye 5 yes 0 opposed motion carries. Motion by Bean to approved the land use form second by Gomery no discussion all in favor say Aye 5 yes 0 opposed motion carries.

**Tap Grant Road Project Udate:** Gomery asks if the tourism council approved their side of the money Forrester replies yes but is having trouble to locate the signed document. July or June meeting it was agreed and signed and will have to contact the council and locate the document. Where is their money? Township has our money in an account but the council has not paid or locked in their share to any

account as of yet. Hoping to get the check and deposit after the tourism council meeting in December says Forrester. And deposit the money within CD's with the township money. Right now, we don't have signed copy but Forrester said we will get the signed copy and submit it to the board meeting in December. Gomery mentions Justin Knepper letter and he wants to see all updates from him every month and proof he's doing the work. So, the township will be responsible for snow removal and maintenance of the sidewalks and any repairs on the beautification of paradise. Our costs will and can go up. Tourism council should pay half of Knepper's monthly fee.

**Bike Path:** Clerk Roach has been in contact with the Chippewa county road commission about the bike path the township passed a mileage in 1998 for that path signage was removed and we would like to improve on that when the road commission will re cap the road on Whitefish Point in 2026 and wanted to pain the side of the road with bicycle signage until then. There is nothing in the atv ordinance from 2013 that makes whitefish point road a atv road. Gomery had issues with the bike path. Motion by Forrester to approve the funds for painting bike path decals up and down whitefish point road in spring of 2025 second by Gomery all in favor say Aye 5 Yes 0 opposed motion carries

**Purchasing Policy:** Gomery talked about the Clerk being the purchasing agent for the Township. The Supervisor can purchase 5000.00 for grounds and buildings question is does it include maintenance wages. Gomery wants wages included Clerk says it doesn't. The board is advised to update the purchase policy with policy writing between members. 300 dollars now doesn't make sense for department heads. Policy workshop will be scheduled.

**Overpayments:** Some overpayments to board members happened when pay increases happened and everyone even passed clerk agreed to reconcile the overpayments in a timely manner.

**Telephone System:** \$4669.00 will be an improvement and will help with 6 lines. Approve this or wait for the adjuster. Motion from Gomery to table this until we hear from insurance adjuster with clause if the insurance adjuster gets back to Supervisor Forrester before December meeting, then board can sign it and work can commence. Second by Roach no discussion roll call Gomery Yes, Roach Yes, Bean Yes, Skeans Yes, Forrester Yes, Motion carries.

**Furnace:** Waiting for bids.

**Hiring a Payroll Company:** Paychex was evaluated and the board decides to table this for future discussion. Maybe look at it through the future. May schedule a future meeting with Paychex.

**Emergency Plan:** As tax bills go out a survey of sorts will be included and added with tax bills that will look at the community's equipment and who will help get people to the town center and so forth update the plan with updated names and businesses. 2016 is when this plan was made.

**Wilderness Building:** Skeans make a motion to look at selling the wilderness building and get estimates of how much to sell it for and how much it will cost to build something across the street. Discussion was to wait until we get estimates. Second by Roach all in favor say Aye 4 yes 1 no motion carries

Motion to adjourn at 9:12 pm Gomery All in favor say Aye 5 Yes 0 No meeting adjourned

