

Regular Board Meeting
June 26, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

1. Meeting was called to order by the Supervisor and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
2. **ROLL CALL**- Sue Roberts – Trustee, Hope Tarnaski – Treasurer, Jeff Randall – Supervisor, and Erin Berg – Clerk. Absent from the meeting was Beverly Ikola – Trustee. Also present were Dave Macomber, Blight Officer; Lisa Hegbloom, Utility Clerk; and 3 residents.
3. **PRESENTATION OF THE MINUTES – MOTION** by Randall, support by Roberts to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA – MOTION** by Roberts, support by Randall to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS –None.**
6. **PETITIONS**- None.
7. **COMMUNICATIONS:** - The Michigan Township Association Financial Fundamentals Conference will be held in Escanaba on July 19, 2023. The Supervisor encouraged those who are able to attend to do so. MOTION by Randall, support by Roberts to accept the communications and place them on file. Motion carried.
8. **REPORTS – BOARDS & COMMITTEES**
PAUD – A letter was reviewed from Coleman Engineering regarding connecting Powdermill to the sewer system; the bills were paid.

GRSWMA – Health insurance for the employees was discussed; the bills were paid; it was reported that the transfer station collected 1,000 tons of waste for the month.

GCRC – The Supervisor informed the Road Commission of a hole and void that had developed at the east end of the Main Street Bridge. It was decided to close the bridge to all traffic until further notice. The GCRC will be deferring the issue to the Michigan State Bridge Inspector to determine the damage, cause and method of repair. MOTION by Tarnaski, support by Roberts to authorize the posting of the notice onto the Townships Facebook page to give residents and those traveling to town for the July 4th holiday notice of the closure. Motion carried.

Blight – There have been improvements in some of the blighted properties and more property owners will be pursued. Notices will be sent to residents with long grass after the July 4th holiday.

Summer Help – One individual was hired for full time seasonal employment, which began on June 26, 2023 with a wage of \$19.00/hour.

Utilities – There will be a total of 5 residents that will have their utilities shut off for nonpayment.

MIHAF – At the June 12, 2023 meeting, the Board authorized the Supervisor to move forward with the MIHAF application so long that more information about the program was gathered. The Board discussed how to handle the payments received from those who qualify for the program. MOTION by

Approved

Randall, support by Roberts, to authorize the Treasurer to open an account specifically for MIHAF payments and also to transfer the monies necessary to open the account from the water fund. Motion carried by roll call vote.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A) COMPLAINT – SAARI UPDATE – At a June 16, 2023 court hearing, Mr. Saari was given until July 19, 2023 to remove the blight on his property.
- B) POST OFFICE – The Township has not heard back from Mr. Rossman. Phone calls will be made this week to see if there are any new updates.
- C) SEEKING NEW AUDITOR – The Clerk received an email from Anderson Tackman in Kinchloe saying that their firm did have openings. The Township is waiting to hear back from the firm.

10. NEW BUSINESS

- A)
- B)
- C)

11. TREASURER’S REPORT – Account balances were read; Summer tax bills have been printed and will be sent out to residents by July 1, 2023. Questions were brought up regarding the cost to reserve the pavilion, if flags will be put up for the July 4th holiday, and if it was possible to dim the streetlights for the fireworks.

12. APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS, PAYROLL & MILEAGE –The following checks were presented for payment:

FUND	CHECK NUMERS	AMOUNT
General Fund	# 16303-16320	\$17,338.30
Water Fund	# 22346-22348	\$339.77
Anvil Sewer	#	
Ramsay Sewer	#	
West End Sewer	#	
Blackjack Water	#	

MOTION by Randall, support by Tarnaski to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS- The Supervisor informed the Board that a resident is requesting a “Watch for Children” sign on Mountain View Road. The cost of the sign plus the cost of labor for the Road Commission totals \$237.74. MOTION by Tarnaski, support by Berg to authorize the Supervisor to move forward with the purchase of the sign and installation. Motion carried by roll call vote.

The Park and Ride at the Ramsay Crossing is set to be closed due to it not being utilized by enough people.

Approved

Bob Berg gave an update on the areas that were checked for addresses. The volunteers hope to be finished with the addresses by the end of July.

14. **ADJOURNMENT** – MOTION by Tarnaski supported by Roberts to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m.
Motion carried.

These minutes are respectfully submitted:

Erin Berg, Township Clerk

Approved