

Call to Order Supervisor Boyd called meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call Members Present: Boyd – Supervisor; Hettich – Treasurer; Perrin – Clerk (Absent: Keith – Trustee; Prince - Trustee)

Approval of Agenda Assessor’s Report **Motion to approve agenda – Boyd/Perrin – all yes**
Boyd introduced our new assessor, Linda Monroe. There was a tribunal case. Tribunal went ½ way to please both parties. It is now going to Court of Appeals. Twp attorney will have to defend us. Board to get ahold of attorney. New assessor’s contract was discussed; \$16/parcel; there are 1849 parcels (per Monroe). **Motion to accept the contract from Linda Monroe for assessing starting May 1, 2022 for 3 years until April 30, 2026 – Hettich/Boyd – H,B,Pe – all yes.** The total annual contract amount would therefore be \$29,584.

Citizens Comments Jack Prebay: (3307 W Lake Mitchell Dr) Neighbors are renting out houses throughout week/weekends. This is residential area. His opinion is that houses shouldn’t be rented out like this in a residential area. Wondering if there are any rules on this. Boyd suggested he get ahold of Zoning. Prebay says Zoning directed him to the Township. Boyd will call MTA about legislation and get back with Prebay. Prebay asked if Bob Cole is charge of handling blight. Boyd said he believes Mr. Cole is no longer handling it, so we are back to having our Fire Chief deal with blight issues. Boyd: It’s hard to enforce; we do not have police powers; discussed the long process of writing citations, court appearance, show-cause, formal hearing.

Approval of Minutes **Motion to approve Minutes of April 12, 2022 as presented – Perrin/Boyd – all yes. Motion to approve Budget Workshop Minutes of April 26, 2022 – Hettich/Perrin – all yes.**

Payment of Bills Check #19216-19236 AP=\$29,234.70, Payroll=\$14,938.55, Auto Pay (Fire Truck/Hall Pymts)=\$3,602.95, Total=\$47,776.20 **Motion to approve payment of bills as presented – Boyd/Perrin – B,Pe,H – all yes**

Fire Dept Report 6 runs to date: Assist Mesick FD in Yuma (structure fire); 1 down power line; 1 vehicle roll over; assist Haring FD (structure fire); 2 car PDA

Trucks Ready to work. Rescue 9 to Fox Ford (check engine light)

Station Good working order. New flags for hall/station.

Cemetery/Parks 2 full burials this month. Water on at cemetery. Spent around 70 hours cleaning up.

Blight None

Treasurer’s Report Treasurer’s report was received. Collecting taxes July 6, 13, 20, 27 from 10-3; August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 from 10-3; September 7 & 14 from 10-3, with September 14 being the last day to pay without penalty. Accounts are balanced. Working on Uniform Chart of Accounts for the State of Michigan. Now in phase 5 (final phase). Will put into spreadsheet for BS&A. Mike Cool at audit asked about outstanding checks (uncashed checks the Township sent out). Hettich is working on this.

Sewer Report Last meeting there was some discussion of money from the State. Haven’t heard anything on the approval. Paid bills. Was given numbers of what we have to spend or charge to run the sewer.

Zoning None. Prince not present.

Road Advisory Rpt None. Prince not present.

Citizens Comments Dave Kuyers, Lake Mitchell Property Owners (LMPOI): I’m really kind of surprised at the sewer report that was just given. I attended the last sewer board meeting and one of the things that was noted is that the sewer authority has now been sent an administrative consent order by EGLE. What this means is that basically EGLE is going to step in because they do not at this point believe that the sewer authority is being operated the way they feel it should be and the first question I have for you, Mike (Boyd) is have you read the draft administrative consent report? Boyd: Yes. Kuyers: I am surprised that you would not have informed the Township here of that being a major issue, which now is going to put a further burden on roughly 20% of the properties in the Township. As I heard earlier, I think there’s 1928 properties. There’s roughly 400 that are hooked up with the Sewer Authority. There’s better than, I would guess, much greater than 20% of the property tax base that’s affected. What we are basically looking at is, because of the process that has been going on now for almost 5 years from the point where EGLE started getting involved with the Sewer Authority asking for very clear activity, asking for reports, asking for a plan, now has decided that it has gotten to the point where they no longer are going to accept this without enforcing it through an administrative consent order. The order outlines step by step what is expected. What is interesting is that almost everything I read in

here is what I would have expected to have been done anyway. But I also see things that as you look at it, sump pump tests that were supposed to be run. There were 91 key properties that were identified as potentially putting excess water into the system. This was identified way back in 2017. The tests were not completed until 2020. I'm not surprised that EGLE has stepped in and said we can't let this go on anymore. But what this means to us as property owners/sewer users is cost. Now we have cost of fines, cost of additional administration. My concern is the Township is responsible for the Board. The Board is responsible for actually hiring an operations group. Right now I feel like we are being failed. The Township is just not doing the job they should, and as such, I want to voice my concern. Thank you. Boyd: Thank you.

Roxanne DuFort (1505 E 34 Rd): Asked what date the voting machines will be due for yearly maintenance/inspection. Perrin suggested she contact the County Clerk for that date.

New Business

1. Wage Resolution: Boyd read aloud **Salary Resolution 03-2022. Motion to pass Salary Resolution 03-2022, with typo correction of "2nnual meeting" to "Annual meeting" – Boyd/Hettich – B,H,Pe – all yes**

Unfinished Business

2. Web Page: Perrin: Will have web page designer come to June 14 meeting.

1. ADA: Boyd: The public address system is part of the ADA requirement to assist persons with disabilities regarding Township meetings, etc. Discussion on Zoom, video system, PA system, etc., to make it easier for participation. There are 2 parts we need to address: Video and PA system (audio, acoustics). PA system cost: \$4,520; Video system cost: \$13,825. Hettich questioned whether the Web Design would include some of the items needed to comply with ADA. Boyd suggests doing the PA system with the money we have now, and waiting on video part until we get 2nd check. **Motion to spend \$4,520 for public address system – Boyd/Perrin – B,Pe – yes; H – no (wants more information about what is included in public address system) – Motion passed.**

2. Generators: 1 bid from Home Depot \$25,100. However, after getting this bid, Jay's Electric said the generator that would run the pump to fill the engine tank is 3-phase, so 1 generator would have to be bigger. Jay's Electric bid: \$35,444 (bigger generator) and smaller generator would be \$9,877. We could save \$10,000 on the generators by getting a new pump for the well, so the regular style generators could be used for both (no need for a bigger generator then). Roger's Well Drilling said a new pump would cost \$10,000 (this would allow having 2 regular generators). This issue will be tabled until we get other bids.

Correspondence
Board Comments
Adjournment

None

None

Motion to adjourn – Boyd/Perrin – all yes. Adjourned 8:02 pm