Selma Township Minutes-Regular

## April 11, 2023 4101 South 35 Rd., Cadillac, MI 49601

Call to Order

Trustee Prince called meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

**Citizens Comments** 

**Roll Call** Members Present: Boyd – Supervisor; Perrin – Clerk; Hettich – Treasurer; Prince – Trustee;

Keith - Trustee

Approval of Agenda Motion to approve agenda as written – Boyd/Keith – all yes

**Assessor's Report** March Board of Review went well. No splits.

Assessor's Report Wardin board of Neview Went Well. No spins

<u>Dave Kuyers:</u> Concerned about funding of sewer. Would like the Twp to deal with an issue on funding soon. Cadillac Area had an Economic State of the Community session. Rep. Fox attended. One of the items was funding of Sewer Authority. He is in support of pushing forward at the State level to get funding, but one of his questions at the meeting was what are the local communities willing to do. Dave Kuyers showed the Board a map of the area that is covered by the Lake Mitchell Sewer Authority. It covers more than just the lake itself. Concerned what effect that will have on the growth of the Twp. Is there the ability to put in septic systems? If not, will there be areas that will not be able to be developed? Twp needs to consider how much it is willing to anti-up to support this project. State will be looking at how much Twp is willing to put into the project. 45% of sewer users are in Selma Twp. If the 19 million were to come into the Sewer Authority, the impact it could have on Selma Twp is millions.

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Approval of Minutes Motion to approve Minutes of March 14, 2023, as presented – Keith/Perrin – all yes

Payment of Bills

Check #19537 - 19575, AP=\$9,739.96, Payroll=\$17,524.34, Auto Pay (Fire Truck/Hall Pymts)
=\$3,602.95, Total=\$30,867.25 Motion to approve payment of bills as presented -

Boyd/Prince - B,Pr,K,H,Pe - all yes

**Treasurer's Report**Treasurer's report was received. All bank accounts are balanced. Tax account is emptied out.

Researched credit card machine through Horizon Bank. No charge for the machine; service fee will be 3% to the taxpayer; no charge to Twp. Board approved getting 1 credit card machine through Horizon Bank. Because of bank shut down issues going on, called Mike Cool. Twp is insured at Horizon Bank for \$250,000 per account. Gave Board copy of CD rates. In order to protect any monies over \$250,000 in General Fund, we could put some money from General Fund into staggered CD's through Horizon Bank. We also have savings account (credit card) at Wexford Community Credit Union that we could put some money from General Fund into. Board approved taking \$245,000 from General Fund & putting it into Wexford Community Credit Union savings account. Had to sign for remote capture for Horizon Bank, saying we can have machine on desk to run checks directly through. Filled out form for State Liquor Commission to be in compliance. Cleared out old outstanding checks. Tax account checks are all taken care of except 2 that will have to be sent to the State of Michigan. General Fund is cleaned out except

waiting to see if 1 is returned. If so, that will also have to go to the State.

Maintenance Had problems with grates at boat launches. Pulled out and will pick them up tomorrow. We need to do something different instead of using grates. Boat launches are ready to go for now. Will

have to regroup and talk about Pleasant Lake again.

Boiler system: Forced air will cost too much. New boiler bids (from last month): Maverick, Durant, Total Comfort. Motion to approve bid for tankless from Maverick for \$10,111 – Boyd/Perrin

- B,Pe,K,H,Pr - all yes

Fire Dept Report 7 runs to date: CO2 alarm 2702 S 27 Rd, 1 car PDA E M-115 & 34 Rd, 1 car PDA E M-115 & 13<sup>th</sup> St, standby for Greenwood/Colfax wildland fire, down power line M-115 & 13<sup>th</sup>, down power

line 401 Manistee Rd, wildland/shed fire 3934 S 29 Rd.

**Trucks** Engine 9 fuel filter was bad. New SCBA's are on our engine and ready to use.

**Station** Ordered red post covers. Plumbing problem in upstairs bathroom. Will contact Maverick's.

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New Recruits:

Dan Martin: Already has FF1&2, from Haring FD.

Casandra Steinbach: Schooling with Boon now, will be FF1&2

Motion to bring Dan Martin and Casandra Steinebach onto fire department with normal probationary period - Boyd/Keith - all yes

Fire Chief compared old firefighting equipment with the new equipment and explained the differences.

Cemetery/Parks

Ordered flags. Will start cleaning parks and cemetery next week, weather permitting.

**Blight** 

None

**Sewer Report** 

Bids came in almost double. Been working with State Rep's & Wexford GOP & Fox & his chief of staff. There has been some movement, thanks to Sheila providing the documentation they needed. There will be a team to speak to Appropriations Committee to help get this across the line, so hopefully we will get the \$19 million. Still hopeful on grant. Will concentrate on refurbishing the lift stations this year. Selma Twp has already given all the money we have (about \$100,000); Cherry Grove Twp gave almost ¾ million. Future money from Selma will be discussed in budget meeting.

Zoning

Annual meeting is April 24, 6:30pm at County Rd Comm.

Road Advisory Rpt

Perrin read aloud letter from Road Commission. Brining of gravel roads update: Will be brining the same way as previous years for now.

**Citizens Comments** 

Kathy Adams: Regarding sewer - They are having a workshop meeting for ARPA funds (\$100,000). It sounded positive. Kathy was encouraged at the special LMSA meeting. Sheila did a great job to show that this is not just a local issue, but a bi-partisan state-wide issue.

Dave Kuyers: Wants to remind everyone that the money that was transferred from Cherry Grove & Selma Twps was money that was collected from the users of the system through user fees. The change from 9.3 Million to 19 Million was not a change in scope, but it was an impact of COVID, an impact of the inflation that has taken place. ARPA Funds came about because of COVID, so we should be thinking about using those funds to help solve a problem that was caused by COVID. Mr. Kuyers believes the Twp should step up and not think just about the current sewer users, but think about where the Twp is going.

**New Business** 

1. Budget Workshop: Budget Workshop will be held Thursday, April 20, 2023 at 5PM.

**Unfinished Business** 

1. Boiler: Already discussed.

2. Spectrum: Perrin discussed fees for new phone system. Got fees down to \$259/mo; install fee \$1,578. Probably won't get a Charter bill because of the grants. Hettich: BS&A is the software we use for accounting; IT Right supports BS&A & works on our BS&A technology & inside programming, Charter will be in charge of phone system/internet; security-wise, they support each other. Motion to go with Spectrum for phone system - Perrin/Keith -Pe,K,H,B,Pr - all yes

Correspondence

Networks Northwest: Wexford Co Emergency Management Dept, with assistance from Networks Northwest, has prepared a draft of the County's updated Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. There is a public hearing for the plan on April 19, 2023 at 4PM as part of the Co Board of Commissioners Meeting.

**Board Comments** 

Keith: DNR or Egle may be able to answer questions about concrete at boat launches. Also asked if insurance rates will change due to new equipment (replacement value, etc). Perrin to check on insurance.

Adjournment

Adjourned 8:00 pm