

Call to Order	Supervisor Boyd called meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
Pledge of Allegiance	
Roll Call	Members Present: Boyd – Supervisor; Perrin – Clerk; Hettich – Treasurer; Keith – Trustee; Wetherell – Trustee
Approval of Agenda	Boyd: Under New Business, add #6 Cadillac Club, #7 Fire Dept Consolidation. Motion to approve agenda as corrected – Boyd/Perrin – all yes
Assessor’s Report	3 splits this year. 2 possible splits coming up. Assessment notices going out probably Friday.
Citizens Comments	<u>Eric Molitor (Clam Lake Twp resident)</u> : Gave board “Holton Resolution” to review. His brother (Selma Twp resident) will attend next month to discuss.
Approval of Minutes	Motion to approve Minutes of January 9, 2024, as presented – Perrin/Boyd – all yes
Payment of Bills	Check #19838-19870, AP=\$14,549.03, Payroll=\$16,166.00, Auto Pay (Fire Truck/Hall Pymts)=\$3,602.95, Total=\$34,317.98 Keith: What is BlueTech Data? Boyd: Zoom setup. Motion to approve payment of bills as presented – Boyd/Keith – B,K,H,W,P – all yes
Treasurer’s Report	Treasurer’s report was received. All accounts are balanced. Had a hard time inputting Michigan Class. Ending balance is correct. Took them back out because it wasn’t working. Will have to have Mike Cool come in to show her how to input it correctly. Attached additional info to back of report showing the \$250,000 we invested into MI Class, general fund, and what was invested into CDARS (Horizon Bank). Email from Horizon Bank re: CDARS investment rates. 5.16% interest rate with 4 week maturity. Treasurer suggests putting in \$100,000 from general fund into CDARS at \$20,000 each. Would also like to take another \$100,000 from general fund and put into MI Class. Motion put \$100,000 from general fund into Michigan Class and \$100,000 from general fund into CDARS (5 \$20,000 each at 4 weeks at interest rate of 5.16%) – Hettich/Boyd – H,B,K,W,P – all yes. Tomorrow is last day to pay taxes without penalty. Had 1 NSF check that did, however, get taken care of.
Maintenance	No snow. No repairs.
Fire Dept Report	
Fire Runs to Date	2 runs : Standby for Cherry Grove Twp (South Branch fire); 4 men fell through ice on Lk Mitchell
Trucks	Rescue 9 had batteries checked out – good working order. Done at Fox Ford, updated computer system (check engine light was on). All other trucks are in good order.
Station	Did electric car fire training at Helsel’s 13 th St Market. Gave out new coats & certificates to firefighters. We are putting on an electric bus training March 5, 2024 at the Cadillac bus garage at 7:30pm. 5 fire depts will be coming, tow companies, MDOT & 9&10 News, trying to get State Police to come. Could take anywhere from 6 to 8 hours to put an electric vehicle car fire out. Crystal Flash asked permission to put a well truck on our property to install a new well. No date set yet. Supervisor Boyd approved.
Cemetery/Parks	No burials. Closed gates. No locks on. Would like to put a people-gate there so families can visit their loved ones in the winter.
Sewer Report	Dave Kuyers reported on sewer. January board meeting started with administration of oath to 2 people: Steve Kitler – renewing 3 yrs, Clam Lake; Brad Doornbos is completing a yr of a 3 yr term, Cherry Grove. Election of officers: Kuyers was elected as chair; Ben Pearson vice-chair; Steve Kitler secretary. Will be holding meetings, starting at 5:30, the 3 rd Tuesdays, Selma Township. Thank you Selma Twp for allowing the use of your hall. Approved a change order for contract 1. This was an identified savings (\$39,200 reduction in cost) by changing out some electrical components. Approved investment policy. Approved moving forward with Michigan Class. Now earning at an annualized rate better than \$40,000 incremental increase. Sheila Hill provided update. Contract with the City of Cadillac upcharges. In December, had about \$8,000 upcharge because of ammonia nitrate in the system. It was an unusually high amount. Trying to figure out if it was a bad test or what exactly caused it. Happened on all 3 lines into the City. As of yesterday, our January bill dropped back down more to what we had anticipated. Continuing to question this upcharge. Board operations moving forward. We need to get this system upgraded. We have an Administrative Consent Order in place requiring it. We didn’t have the funding in place to meet this on a timely basis. Looking to see how we can be more effective as a board. Had some gaps between the board and operations services. Looking to put a treasurer in place and putting in place committees and have recommendations come back

to the board for approval. Close to breaking ground. Early March, looking at 1st excavation work to start (along E Lake Mitchell). Advertised for bids on contract 3 (work as part of the Egle grant; N end of Lake Mitchell, Selma Twp).

Zoning

Wetherell: Last meeting, January 22, had training on zoning and police powered ordinances. Gave a lot of ideas of how and why they should be written. New election of officers (same as before). Will begin to go through bylaws starting new month.

Road Advisory Rpt

None

New Business

1. BlueTech: Boyd reported on Bid from BlueTech. The system we have now cannot accommodate enough microphones for each board member. BlueTech could accomplish this for \$1,100. Keith does not think it is necessary. Hettich thinks what we have now is satisfactory.

Motion to purchase new equipment for \$1,100 – Boyd. No support.

2. Fire Chief: Tony Fleischfresser reported he will be retiring from all his positions in June. Will help the new chief until he retires. Has a lot of time and hard work invested in Selma Township. Appreciates the chance he was given. It was a hard decision. Recommends his assistant (Jason Baughan). Jason Baughan gave the board his resume & letter of interest before the meeting. Boyd would like board to allow Jason to shadow Tony. Keith is concerned what the job description entails. Pay for shadowing fire chief position: hourly at \$19/hr, up to 15 hrs/month until a decision is made on hiring a fire chief and the job description that will entail. **Motion to have Jason Baughan shadow Tony Fleischfresser for \$19 per hour, up to 15 hours per month, until a decision is made on hiring a fire chief – Boyd/Hettich – B,H,K,W,P – all yes**

3. Sexton: Tony recommends Aaron Emery. Will have him come to next meeting if he is interested. Perrin will call funeral homes for recommendations.

4. Maintenance: Need job description. Lawn/Landscaping is a different job. Tony: Snowplowing should stay with fire chief. Hettich mentioned Keith might be able to do it. Boyd: Let people know we are looking to fill positions.

5. STR Ordinance: Boyd reported he has put together a short term rental ordinance; attorney has approved it. It is a police powered ordinance. Boyd would like to get it settled tonight. Boyd asked if board had any questions.

Keith: You didn't pay the lawyer again did you? Unbelievable, Mike. You want to ok it tonight; it's nowhere near being ready. Hasn't even been proof-read.

Boyd: I gave it to you and sent you a text asking you to read it a week ago.

Hettich stated some of the mistakes she was looking at.

Boyd just wants the language approved and the spelling/format can be fixed. Boyd stated he has put in a lot of work into this, and all he is hearing is complaints from Keith and Hettich. It needs to be done. People in the audience want it done, so he has done it. Boyd stated: I gave you a week to review it and you didn't get back to me.

Keith & Hettich didn't realize Boyd wanted them to get back with him about it before the meeting. Perrin suggested tabling. Boyd: Consider it tabled.

6. Cadillac Club: Boyd reported Cadillac Club is asking for a donation. Hettich: Need to research more about Twp donating. Put this on next month's agenda.

7. Fire Dept Consolidation: Boyd – Volunteer fire depts are having a hard time getting enough volunteers. If we don't get enough volunteers, we would have to close our fire dept. Some twps and municipalities are joining together to provide services. Fire depts would have to form a fire authority; 1 person from Cherry Grove board, 1 from Selma board, and a 3rd person not affiliated with either twp. There is also a contractual contract that may work.

Cherry Grove Twp Fire Dept/EMS reps explained both options. Banding together, doing an authority, is a very big process. Contractual contract may be a better way. If new fire chief doesn't work out, Cherry Grove will re-visit this. Noah introduced Aaron Sogge (EMS).

Unfinished Business

None

Citizens Comments

Noah Knauff (Cherry Grove Twp Fire Chief: Last year, ran 230 medical calls into Selma Twp; only turned over 5. Tony is a good friend and mentor. Sad to hear Tony is retiring. Congratulations Tony.

Kathy Adams (Cherry Grove Twp) Be really careful donating public funds. Check with Twp attorney, and even MTA can weigh in on it. Thank you Tony. Everyone should know how important he is by how many people it is going to take to replace him.

Jackie Erway (Selma/Cherry Grove) Thank you Tony. You are amazing. The report you gave tonight, seeking out how to handle these electric vehicles is amazing. My issue tonight is the Short Term Ordinance. I'm not understanding where you, Mike, say that everyone up here is demanding this. I have not come across 1 person who has demanded a new short term ordinance, only somebody to enforce what is currently on the books. The planning commission's short term ordinance is what people want enforced. Having someone make up an ordinance based on just collecting dollars and permit fees is not the good making of an ordinance. We had a committee that was disbanded after 1 meeting. An ordinance should be based on people who live on the lake and who this ordinance affects, not someone that doesn't live on the lake, doesn't hang out there, has no idea what goes on on the weekends.

Boyd: This is a police powered ordinance. We had a committee and there were only arguments and nothing got done, so Lynn Nixon and I decided to take it up. I worked very hard on this ordinance. It has rules so the people that own property and have short term rentals have to follow rules, or there are fines. It is based on controlling people that own short term rentals.

Jackie Erway: For the record, I would like it to state that there was 1 meeting. There was no arguing. You had 4 people there that were trying to bring ideas to the table. You have people on this lake that don't want it because it is zoned residential. They don't want a commercial entity.

Boyd: Instead of having an ordinance that controls these people and has penalties for them not behaving themselves, you want us to spend thousands of dollars on attorneys to fight these things. The ordinance isn't just about people on the lake, it's the whole township. I tried to do something for you to have rules and make the short term rentals good neighbors. The ordinance has to be fair to everyone, not just people that live on the lake.

Jackie Erway: There are a lot of different concerns for people that live on the lake. It would be nice to be able to read your ordinance.

Assessor, Linda Monroe: New Board of Review members: Stacey Taylor (Selma), Dorothy Thompson (Selma), Kelly Moorehead (Henderson), and there is another gentlemen that will be taking the class to be certified.

Correspondence

None

Board Comments

Perrin handed out information about running for a township office and let everyone know if they are planning on running for any township seat, you have until the 23rd of April to get your forms in. If you need more information, contact Clerk Perrin.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn – Boyd/Keith – all yes. Adjourned 8:30 pm.