

Escanaba Township meeting held May 24, 2021, telecom (Zoom) at the township hall.

Supervisor Thomas Rymkos called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff led us in a short prayer.

Roll call vote: Supervisor Thomas Rymkos-Escanaba Township Delta County, Clerk Patricia Beauchamp-Escanaba Township Delta County, Treasurer Kim Knauf-Wyckoff-Escanaba Township Delta County, Trustee Alfred Gareau-Escanaba Township Delta County, Trustee Theresa Chenier-Escanaba Township Delta County.

Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff moved to approve the Agenda with additions, seconded by Trustee Gareau. Roll call vote: 5 yes and 0 no. With all yes votes the motion is passed.

Trustee Chenier moved to accept the May 10, 2021 meeting minutes with corrections, seconded by Trustee Gareau. Roll call vote: 5 yes and 0 no. With all yes votes the motion is passed.

Communications: UPSET (help law enforcement) UP Energy Management Recourse Communication has a meeting June 1st in Lansing.

Public Comments on the Agenda only: None.

Unfinished Business: The road at the cemetery will be looked into for redoing it. It could also be double prime and sealed. The Supervisor will get in contact with the Road Commission to discuss the possibilities that could be done. The black top doesn't seem it would be able to handle the trucks from Wilbert's for burials. The fence was also discussed and we will go with the same as the front of the cemetery and use the chain links. There is a possibilities that the boy scouts could do this for community service.

The trailer at the cemetery that the hydraulics are broke on it and the Supervisor didn't get to the cemetery to look at it. The Amish would like to use this trailer for burials but would have to fix it up for horse pulling. The Treasurer has the hoses for this to fix and we will discuss this more next month after the Supervisor looks at it. It was also mentioned that one person on the board is a negative person and they have to look ahead for these things.

Supervisor Rymkos discussed the property on Lake Bluff he wants to Board to purchase. There also is a lot on Tipperary Road which is 5.5 acres. The American Rescue program can be used for purchasing this property. We now have the Dun # and the Sam # that we need for the application for this money we could get. Supervisor wants the property for a well to help the fire department out to help fill up their trucks at a fire. Trustee Gareau mentioned the fire department don't need to use this well for they have two back up tanks and other fire departments come with their trucks as well full of water. Trustee Gareau also mentioned they can get the water from the City of Gladstone's hydrants and water is not a problem at a fire. Supervisor tabled this until our June meeting. Supervisor mention a person is negative on the board and they have to look ahead for these things. Clerk Beauchamp mention it is not in the budget for the year 2021-2022.

Supervisor mentioned he didn't get an estimate for the gutters on the township hall for it was too much of a job for this company to do. They will look into getting a fellow that puts up

seamless gutters and that will be in June.

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Supervisor mentioned there is no starting date for the well room that keeps seeping water down the walls and floors. The people will have to work around the week ends because of the weddings that are scheduled.

No estimate was given from Doug Hughes for taking out the shrubs around the township hall. The trees will be pulled out and the ground around the building will have to be dug 2 feet down so they can tar the cement walls of the basement.

Clerk Beauchamp call Spectrum and had our fax line disconnected and will save us approximately \$40 a month.

Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff has purchased some curtains for the township hall and they came from Amazon. Trustee Chenier purchased some curtains from Walmart and they both had picked grey for the color and they look nice. The ones from Amazon will be returned because of the material that will snag. The curtains are costing \$80 a pair and we need then for six windows.

Chips are needed for the tot lot and they are recommending 7-8 square yards. Wells School have 1" chips and are 6" deep. Glen Smith from Great Heights said he has a truck load of chipped oak. He will charge \$25 to deliver them and the load will be free. Also we will get the rest of the chips from Flynn's Garden Center for \$1,340 for 6 square feet. Treasurer moved to accept the product from Great Heights and Flynn's Garden Center for a total of \$1,365. The motion is seconded by Trustee Chenier. All roll call votes of five yes and 0 no, this motion is passed.

New Business: The Cemetery Ordinance changes were made to bring it up to date. The old Ordinance will be kept for a reference. A Resolution was made to adopt the Cemetery Ordinance on May 24, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. Roll call vote: Clerk-Yes, Treasurer-Yes, Trustee Gareau-Yes, Trustee Chenier- Yes, Supervisor-Yes. With all yes votes the Resolution was passed. At this time the Resolution fee schedule for the Cemetery is not available. The Supervisor asked for a hard copy of the Cemetery Ordinance as of 5-24-2021.

The Fire Department Ordinance will have changes for it and will be discussed at our June meeting.

Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff asked if we had a burning ordinance and the answer is no we just went by the DNR's ruling.

Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff mentioned that the Fire Department Board is working on a new fire report sheet for the Clerk. The Clerk has been getting a lot of returned bills for the fire calls and can't get the corrected addresses.

The American Rescue Plan will take 3 weeks to get the application approved. This will be sent in as soon as the second number comes in.

The Website Manager asked for the Clerk to put DRAFT across the first minutes and when they are approved or corrected (the minutes will be type in large caps to identify the corrections) and they will have the DRAFT taken off the approved minutes.

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Clerk Beauchamp mention that the American Legion Post will hold their Memorial Services at Flat Rock Cemetery at 11 a.m. on May 31st.

Public Comments: None.

Fire Report: None.

Delta County Commissioners Report: Bob Barron not available.

Trustee Gareau moved to pay bills, seconded by Trustee Chenier. With all yes votes the motion was passed.

Supervisor Rymkos asked where his check was for mileage. The Clerk and Treasurer both signed the check and it was in the mail by Wednesday.

Trustee Gareau moved to adjourn at 9:28, seconded by Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff. With all yes votes the motion is carried.

Next monthly meeting will be June 14, 2021, 7:30 p.m.

Patricia J Beauchamp

Escanaba Township Clerk