

Escanaba Township meeting held at the Township Hall on October 11, 2021.

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

Board members present: Supervisor Tom Rymkos, Clerk Patricia Beauchamp, Treasurer Kim Knauf-Wyckoff, Trustee Alfred Gareau, and Trustee Theresa Chenier.

Trustee Gareau moved to approve the agenda with additions, seconded by Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff. Motion carried.

Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff moved to accept the September minutes with corrections, seconded by Trustee Gareau. Motion carried.

Trustee Chenier moved to accept the Financial Report as presented, seconded by Trustee Gareau. Motion carried.

Communications: 1. UPPCO meeting October 27<sup>th</sup> in Lansing.

2. Treasury Department
3. UPSET a thank you card.
4. AMAR review.

Public Comments on the Agenda Items only: None.

Unfinished Business: Cemetery Sexton Jim Beauchamp was present to discuss the cemetery map. It has not been updated since 2005. Each lot has 16 graves, one grave is 3 feet wide, and 6 foot long.

Delta County Commissioners are now dealing with the Delta Solar Ordinance. The County cannot supersede our Township Ordinance.

Gladstone Library will get a contract for us for \$3,000 to help with the library cost.

The payroll was discussed which Schneider, Larch, and Haapala do monthly for the township.

The groundskeeper and the janitor work together and their report was up to date.

The township hall in the basement the tiles on the ceiling are very bad and should be replaced.

The tot lot poles are treated poles and should be ok for a few years.

Cemetery Job Descriptions: In 2011 Sexton Beauchamp resigned from his position. He worked 34 years as donated time with no compensation. There is no maintenance in the cemetery, no seeding of graves unless it is really bad. Leveling the graves the diggers usually put a little heap on the gravesite so it can settle down. There is a metal sign that states all wreaths, flowers, etc. should be removed before October 2<sup>nd</sup> or the grounds keeper will take them off. The first week of May if the ground is not froze spring burials will start. A question was asked if we should have a different area just for cremation and the Sexton said don't separate them.

Michigan Townships Association Legal Counsel mentioned we can't put anything in the press for the Annexation but there are petitions going around.

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The new Ordinance for Conflict of Interest was to create an Amended Ordinance or create a Policy Ordinance.

Fred Minor was present to discuss his land and the zoning information he needs. Fred has sent in many request of FOIA and still has no answers.

I-9 Forms will be sent to all employees of the township to keep this information in employee files.

New Business: A question was asked if we can purchase land for education or for fire fighters. No one put information on this question.

Trustee Chenier moved to pass a mileage and travel reimbursement form out to the employees of the township, seconded by Trustee Gareau. Motion carried.

Trustee Chenier would like an Election Inspector list and the Clerk will get it for the office only, not for the Website.

Public Comments: Fred minor would like a Special Zoning Ordinance Book.

Board member comments: Liaison Chenier gave a report on the Planning Commission meeting. They had a 2 hour meeting and discussed Future Land Use Map (as is or what people want). Trustee Chenier will discuss the Solar Ordinance with our Legal Attorney.

Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff talked on Richard LaBumbard 's list and talked to Trustee Gareau. Mr. LaBumbard already has default notices. EPA or anyone else to clean it up but we have to pay for it in advance before they start.

Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff will send out reminders on the Emergency Signs and ask if they want a new fire number and if they want to put them at their camps and cottages as well.

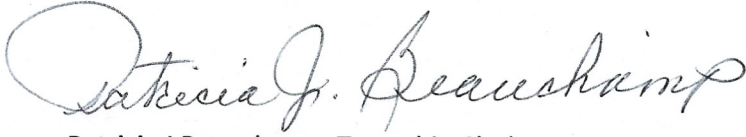
Fire Chief Ladesma gave a fire report of having one fire call. The departments in the UP received a 1.2 million dollar to all fire departments. A contract of Mutual Aide was signed with Cornell Twp., Harris Twp. and Menominee Twp. A lot of rescue equipment was given to the department and they need to be certified to use them. More Jaws will be in most fire departments in the area. Their radio system will be changing from DHJ to RHL. Radios will be assigned to each truck. The Department has two certified members Jeremy Hughes, and Jack Knome. They have to be 18 years old to join. Truck that was bought in 2003 needs to replace the main pump. The Fire Department received \$10,000 of equipment free from Lower Michigan. The Fire Department decided to pay for the firemen's motel for two nights and their food, it cost approximately \$700 for this cost.

The insurance claim the fire department had for the hoses that fell of the truck going to Besse Fire Hall, they had to get 4 hoses and 4 nozzles for the loss. The Insurance need more information from the Fire Chief for this claim.

Delta County Commissioner Bob Barron was not present to give his County report.

Trustee Gareau moved to pay bills, seconded by Clerk Beauchamp. Motion carried.

Trustee Chenier moved to adjourn at 10:10 p.m., seconded by Trustee Gareau. Motion carried.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia J. Beauchamp". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Patricia J Beauchamp, Township Clerk