

Escanaba Township meeting held at the Township Hall, on July 12, 2021.

Supervisor Tom Rymkos opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m., and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff led in a short Prayer. Trustee Gareau asked for a minute of silence for Dale Richer who passed away this morning.

In attendance: 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 June 14, 2021 minutes with a few corrections, seconded by Trustee Gareau. Motion carried.

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

Communications: Delta County Michigan Townships Association's picnic will be July 22 at the pioneer trail pavilion from 5:30 p.m. for hors d'oeuvres and refreshments and 6:30 p.m. for potluck dinner. Each Board member will bring a dish to pass.

Trustee Gareau moved to give the Gladstone Library \$3,000 this year to help our residents get the books they would like to read, seconded by Clerk Beauchamp. Motion carried.

Rick Diebold from down state is requesting our information we have on the Solar Ordinance, as well as an update with the Ad Hoc review.

Public Comments: Bob Barron (Solar and he is moving forward).

Unfinished Business: Brian Pahnke was not present and will be added to our August meeting.

Supervisor Rymkos discussed the Lake Bluff Property he would like to purchase for the Fire Department. Trustee Gareau mentioned that the fire department is all set for water and would like the Supervisor to meet with the fire department volunteers to discuss this with them.

Supervisor Rymkos changed the locks for the township hall office. He also recommended that a steel door be installed for the hall office which is currently wood.

Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff received the copies from Trustee Gareau with the court results and what had to be completed by Rick LaBumbard. Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff spoke to our Attorney Laura Genovich and she forwarded this subject to another Attorney in her office that has worked on this problem before. All the complaint forms, pictures and etc. were sent to Attorney Genovich.

UPSET is asking for money to help run their organization. Supervisor will look into this with other townships before getting back to them.

FEMA was also discussed and will be brought to our August meeting. An open house will be in the future pertaining to flood stages.

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Supervisor Rymkos would like to purchase a new wireless sound system. Our current system has problems at this time. This will be discussed in August after he receives some quotes for the system he would like to purchase.

Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff is still waiting to hear the cost of our fire call house numbers. We will be getting red with white lettering. This will be discussed at our August meeting.

The fire department has fixed the hall caution light. The Fire Department members that are electricians used the ladder truck to fix the wiring. Thanks to them for doing this project which is so important when we have an election, wedding, school gatherings, scouts, and etc.

New Business: Mr. Loffredo asked about his fire call billing. Clerk Beauchamp will send him another billing and ask him to submit it to his insurance and they should pay it.

The Planning Commission has a lot of good ideas for the Fence Ordinance but would like to see what other townships are doing.

A Board of Review meeting will be July 19, 2021 at 5 p.m., at the township hall. This meeting will be for Veterans exempts only.

The grounds keeper report will be completed daily and for current and future workers.

The tractor for the cemetery has no hydraulic fittings for the trailer so Fred Knauf ordered them so the tractor will be available for use.

The Planning Commission has a vacancy on their board. Trustee Gareau moved to accept Larry Klope's application, seconded by Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Bob Barron.

Board member comments: Trustee Chenier gave an Educational UP Date. MTA will be hosting MTA on the road which will be Sept 13 and 14th at the Casino in Harris. Attorney Terry Burkhart will be the speaker using Escanaba Township and their solar issues.

Delta County Board Commissioner Bob Barron was here but left before his report.

Trustee Gareau moved to pay bills, seconded by Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff. Motion carried.

Clerk Beauchamp moved to adjourn at 10:21 p.m., seconded by Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff. Motion carried.

Patricia J Beauchamp

Escanaba Township Clerk