

**ESCANABA TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING APRIL 11, 2022 7:30 PM  
ESCANABA TOWNSHIP HALL 4618 CO 416 & 20<sup>TH</sup> RD GLADSTONE MI 49837**

Supervisor Rymkos called meeting to order at 7:30 pm then lead recital of the Pledge of Allegiance. Treasurer, Knauf-Wycoff presented a prayer.

Verbal Roll call. Present are Supervisor Tom Rymkos, Treasurer Kim Knauf-Wycoff, Clerk Theresa Chenier, Trustee Al Gareau, Trustee Norman Fleury. All members in attendance.

**Trustee Gareau made motion to approve the agenda with the addition of LANDFILL PASSES to item 11 (New Business). Second by Treasurer Knauf-Wycoff. All members voted in favor. Motion passed.**

**Trustee Gareau made motion to accept the minutes of Board Special Meeting March 29, 2022. Second by Clerk Chenier. Verbal vote: Supervisor Rymkos YES Clerk Chenier YES Trustee Gareau YES Trustee Fleury YES. Treasurer Knauf-Wycoff abstained from vote since she was not present at that meeting. Motion passed with 4 yes votes.**

The Board reviewed and discussed the financial report. **Motion to approve Financial Report was made by Trustee Gareau. Second by Clerk Chenier. All are in favor to accept Financial Report as presented. Motion passed.**

Fire Chief, Matt Rian gave the Fire Department report. There were 6 calls last month. They are looking into instructor training so they are able to teach their own fire fighters. Brad Barron has been recommended for officer. **Trustee Gareau made the motion to accept nominations for fire department. Clerk Chenier second. All in favor. Motion passed.** Clerk Chenier made the statement that the Fire Department is an asset to our township.

Supervisor Rymkos welcomed Norman Fleury as Trustee to the Board. He also announced the Planning Commission is seeking for 2 additional members.

Penoza Pest Control submitted a bid for spraying at Flat Rock Town Hall, Flat Rock Fire Hall and Besse Hall. Board would like to see more bids for this process. Item is tabled until next month.

**Motion to move forward with road repairs on D12 and D52 and follow up with needed further investigation to Road D7 made by Trustee Gareau. Second by Treasurer Knauf-Wycoff. All in favor. Motion passed.**

Zoning complaints have been voiced by Fred Minor. Prior to now, the Board did not have a complaint policy in place. Clerk Chenier stated the municipal attorney should be contacted regarding complaints.

Water in the basement issue was discussed. A written repair plan was submitted by JC Property Maintenance owners, Scott Karl and Jake Culliton who were present at the meeting.

Highline Internet representatives Bethany L. and Bruce Moore gave a presentation and answered questions concerning the fiber optic high speed internet being installed in the area. They are a Michigan based company. They will provide the router needed for their service. The monthly service fee will be \$99 with unlimited streaming and data. There will be additional cost of \$1.50 a foot if needed beyond 1000 feet of dwelling.

Colleen Maki gave an annual assessor report. In a 5 year period they are required by the State Tax Commission to perform exterior inspections on 20% of the parcels each year.

The Board will have the township maintenance employee measure the cemetery fencing to evaluate repairs.

ARPA report-policies. Report is completed and ready for April 30, 2022. **Motion to appoint Treasurer Knauf-Wycoff as Account Administrator and Clerk Chenier as Point of Contact person and authorized reporting representative was made by Clerk Chenier. Second Trustee Fleury. All in favor. Motion passed.**

Two (2) bids were received for damaged tree removal caused by a winter ice and wind storm. Great Heights and JC Property Maintenance submitted bids. Trustee Fleury suggested the trees get marked for removal, etc. so the bids are covering the same job descriptions.

There have been 3 calls concerning contaminated well water in the Flat Rock area. EGLE has been contacted. Concerns are Verso Grow being heavily spread on area farm lands. Supervisor Rymkos feels they should look into the permits and who is responsible.

Landfill passes are available at the Flat Rock Township office.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Fred Minor, Bob Barron, Ilsa Minor, Pam Leisner, Theresa Nelson

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS: NONE

Board/ Planning Commission Liaison Report given by Clerk Chenier. Planning Commission has a new member, Nathan Neumier. The Solar Draft ordinance and solar overlay map are continuing to be reviewed and worked on. Soil depth is a major concern for the solar overlay map. The Draft Solar Ordinance will be published on the website once it contains more details.

DELTA COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT was given by Bob Barron. The County is discussing their zoning options. County is still discussing their Draft Solar Ordinance. Meeting are held the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month at 5:15 pm at the County Service Center. All are invited to attend.

At 9:37 pm the Board proceeded to pay bills.

**Clerk Chenier made motion to adjourn meeting at 9:53 pm. Second by Trustee Gareau. All in favor. Motion passed.**

Next meeting of the Escanaba Township Board is scheduled for May 9, 2022. 7:30 pm at the Escanaba Township Hall 4618 County 416 20<sup>th</sup> Rd Gladstone Michigan 49837.

Please contact Cathy at 906-280-6182 if you require any assistance to attend a meeting.

