

Escanaba Township meeting held, November 8, 2021.

Supervisor Tom Rymkos called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff led us in a short prayer. Other members present: Clerk Patricia Beauchamp, Trustee Al Gareau, and Trustee Theresa Chenier.

Trustee Chenier moved to accept the Agenda with additions, seconded by Trustee Gareau. Motion carried.

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

Financial Report was given by Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff:

The Treasurer stated that we were off in line items: Board of Appeals, Board of Review, Planning Commission, Recreation, and Deferred Comp.

Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff moved to transfer \$6,300 to Board of Review and reduce \$6,300 from Roads. Seconded by Trustee Gareau. Motion carried.]

Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff moved to transfer \$4000 into Planning Commission wages, reduce \$4,000 from Roads. Seconded by Trustee Gareau. Motion carried.

Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff moved to transfer \$500 into Recreation, reducing \$500 from Roads. Seconded by Trustee Gareau. Motion carried.

Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff moved to transfer \$800 into Deferred Comp reduce \$800 from Roads. Seconded by Trustee Gareau. Motion carried.

The changes of the four line item accounts total is \$11,600.00 which was transferred from Roads \$11,600.00.

Trustee Gareau moved to approve the Financial Report with the adjustments as requested, seconded by Trustee Chenier. Motion carried.

Communications: 1. a thank you note was sent from Barbie Clairmont.

2. Gladstone Library sent the contract for the funds from the Township to support the library.

3. UPPCO meeting is to be held November 12, 2021.

Public Comments: James Beauchamp and Fred Minor.

Fire Chief Justin Ledesma was present to give the monthly fire report. The Township Fire Department just signed Mutual Aide with Cornell Township. The Point System for the Fire Fighters was increased to \$17,300. Out fits for the fire fighters are now \$5,000 each. The fire fighters need 24 hours of training a year. Trustee Chenier moved to increase \$8,870 to the point system and transfer \$8,870 from of the roads. This motion was seconded by Trustee Gareau. Motion carried.

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Old Business: Conflict of Interest Amended Resolution Sec 3-B. Trustee Chenier moved to accept this Conflict of Interest Resolution, seconded by Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff. Roll call vote: Clerk- Yes, Treasurer-Yes, Trustee Gareau-Yes, Trustee Chenier-Yes, and Supervisor-Yes. With all yes votes this Resolution is passed.

A question was asked pertaining to the Payroll. It is from the 1st of the month to the 30-31 of that month. Bills will be submitted, to the Clerk by noon Wednesday before our meeting. This includes Planning Commission, Board of Appeals, Board of Review, Mileage, Supplies, or any expense that needs to be reimbursed. Any bills submitted after this date will be paid the following month.

Fred Minor was charged too much for his FOIA cost. This money will be refunded to him in December.

New Business: Renee Richer from the Planning Commission (as recording secretary) gave her resignation being she has a new job and cannot fill this position any longer.

Trustee Chenier stated the person she is working with for the Land Use Maps is not feeling well and this has to be on hold a little longer. They also will discuss the Solar Draft Ordinance and Utilities.

Cornell Township residents are circulating a petition for annexation for the solar project. Delta County Commissioners are preparing at a Solar System Ordinance and over lay. This would be 1 ½ miles on either the side of the grit line.

Delta County Townships Association meeting will be in November. The discussion will be more cable in the country area. Bruce Moore Tax Assessment will discuss the Land Division Ordinance. The Delta County Townships Association will hold their Christmas Party on December 3. It will be in Stonington and the refreshments will start at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m.

Clerk Beauchamp stated that the election went very well. A few people came in and asked to see their November 2020 ballot to make sure that is how they voted and nothing was changed. This would be impossible to do. The ballots are sealed in two bags and each bag has a serial number on it, if it is opened it has to be in front of the County Clerk Nancy and has to have new seals on them that have to be recorded. No one can find their ballot for the number that is registered to them is torn off before it goes into the voting tabulator to be counted and can't be identified.

The Boy Scouts are starting to use the hall again.

Cemetery Sexton James Beauchamp gave a Cemetery report. He mentioned that when we have a winter death they can't be buried because of the ground freezing. So the coffins are stored at Lake View Cemetery at a cost of \$35 which is paid for by the family members. There are five graves in a plot which is 16X16 which leaves only a foot between the five so they have to be close to each other. The Amish are doing the digging for we can't find individuals to dig anymore. The last date the map was updated was in 2005. He takes the books for the cemetery with him on extended vacations for questions that are asked all year. He is planning on updating the maps to be ready for a printer next spring.

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Public Comments: Fred Minor (site plan on private land), and Ann LaBumbard (Rick LaBumbard's Property), and Dan Robitaille (fax machine is needed in the office).

Education update: December 10th Michigan Township Association will be holding a session and the titles are ("Now you Know" and "Tax Assessors know what they are doing").

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

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

Trustee Chenier moved to adjourn at 9:46 p.m., seconded by Clerk Beauchamp. Motion carried.



Patricia J Beauchamp

Escanaba Township Clerk

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