

Escanaba Township meeting held August 9, 2021, at the Township Hall.

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

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

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

Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff moved to accept the July 2021 minutes with the correction of TAKING OUT THE LINE PERTAINING TO THE GROUNDKEEPER, also the CEMETERY MAP WAS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING BUT WAS NOT IN THE MINUTES. Trustee Gareau moved to second this motion. Motion was carried.

Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff gave the Financial Report stating we were close to being on budget. Trustee Gareau move to accept the Financial Report as presented, seconded by Trustee Chenier. Motion carried.

Communication: 1. September 15 UPPCO will have a meeting in Lansing.

2. Delta County stated that the property, where the Township had removed the house, is going up for sale by bid.

3. Delta County Historical booklet is available at the Gladstone Library.

4. The Richer Family sent a thank you note for the flowers at Dale's funeral that were purchased with Board members personal funds.

Unfinished Business: Assessor Colleen Maki mentioned that we had to have a Poverty Exemption Guide Lines and Asset Level Test. Homeowners can get a poverty deduction. The person has to apply for it each year based upon, their income, and number of people in the household. This has to be given to the Assessor prior to Board of Review in March of 2022. Assessor Maki also mentioned they are in need of a Board of Review member for the township. They will have to attend three Board of Review meetings a year plus schooling. Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff moved to accept these guideline seconded by Trustee Gareau. Motion carried.

Supervisor Rymkos mentioned that we have no record of pass donations from Escanaba Township for UPSET. Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff moved to give UPSET \$100 and we could increase it next year. Trustee Gareau seconded this motion. The motion was passed.

Due to the MTA UP Summit scheduled for September 13, and 14, the Township Board meeting will be held September 20th at the township hall at 7:30 p.m. The Supervisor will attend the Summit for one day, the Clerk, Trustee Gareau, Trustee Chenier and Planning Commissioner Norton will be attending the two days.

Supervisor Rymkos will ask the Sheriff Department for a contract for \$600 a year we donate to them to patrol our township for parties and gatherings.

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The Treasurer and Trustee Chenier have been going out on the roads to see how many emergency signs that are needed for our township. The company that will be purchasing them will also be installing them. The Treasurer believes we need approximately 5075 signs. The signs will show house numbers along with Escanaba Township below.

Trustee Chenier discussed the tot lot and mentioned that the chips look very good and hope we continue with this project.

Trustee Chenier discussed the cemetery map. Debby Verbrigghe has volunteered to create the maps. The maps and books have to be available with the Sexton to sell lots as well as answering questions pertaining the location of people in the cemetery. Clerk Beauchamp told Trustee Chenier to discuss this with the Cemetery Sexton.

Trustee Chenier mention the Zoning Maps are not correct. Trustee Chenier will have to talk with Attorney Genovich pertaining to Land Use Zoning Maps.

A discussion was on the grounds keeper and having to use his grass lawnmower to do the township grass cutting. The township has a lot of land to cut and they should not have to use the grounds keeper mower. The Supervisor will look into a used tractor and give compensation for the use of the owner's tractor.

New Business: Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff moved to adopt a Federal Procurement Conflict of Interest Policy, seconded by Trustee Gareau. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Justin Ledesma was not present to discuss the fire department report.

September's agenda will include an Expense Reimbursement Schedule.

The Clerk will have a list of Election workers for the website after she contacts each person for permission.

Public Comments: Fred Knauf offered to be the repair person for the township for our equipment. This will allow for preventive maintenance to eliminate break downs.

Escanaba Township Library was discussed.

Board Comments: Liaison Chenier mentioned one member was absent at the Planning Commission meeting. The Planning Commission had six permits that were given out. The Planning Commission is invited to go to the MTA Summit. The Planning Commission discussed a Public Hearing and discussed on keeping residential and all areas of the Zoning together. The Planning Commission will be renewing the Master Plan, Solar on the NE Corner of the township, Renee Richer from the Planning Commission and Trustee Theresa Chenier went to a seminar to Agritourist.

Supervisor Rymkos mentioned that he is getting 16 plat books at \$35 each.

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Trustee Gareau mentioned that the ladder truck went to the casino to help with an incident that occurred there. Clerk Beauchamp gave Trustee Gareau the insurance papers for the fire trucks.

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

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

Trustee Chenier moved to adjourn at 9:58 p.m., seconded by Trustee Gareau. Motion carried.

Patricia J Beauchamp

Escanaba Township Clerk