

Township meeting held by Zoom on June 14, 2021.

Supervisor Thomas 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.

Attendance roll call: Clerk Patricia Beauchamp-Delta County Escanaba Township, Treasurer Kim Knauf-Wyckoff-Delta County Escanaba Township, Trustee Alfred Gareau-Delta County Escanaba Township, Trustee Theresa Chenier-Delta County Escanaba Township, Supervisor Thomas Rymkos-Delta County Escanaba Township.

Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff moved to accept the Agenda with additions, seconded by Trustee Chenier. Roll call votes: Clerk Beauchamp-Yes, Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff-Yes, Trustee Gareau-Yes, Trustee Chenier-Yes, and Supervisor Rymkos-Yes. With all yes votes the motion is passed.

Trustee Gareau moved to accept the Financial Report as printed, seconded by Trustee Chenier. Roll call votes: Clerk Beauchamp-Yes, Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff-Yes, Trustee Gareau-Yes, Trustee Chenier-Yes, and Supervisor Rymkos-Yes. With all yes votes the motion is passed.

Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff returned the check of \$300, which was her fee for giving out trash voucher.

Communications: DTE Energy booklet on educating officials to identify pipe line leaks.

Public Comments: None. Though we have 18 participants on the line plus the regular Board members.

Unfinished Business: Financial Advisor Brian Pahnke from Thrivent Financial was not present due to a family medical issue.

Supervisor discussed the Lake Bluff Property he would like to purchase for a well house. This will be tabled until July.

Matt Rian mentioned that they have two holding tanks at #1 Fire Hall that holds 5,000 gallons of water each. Matt Rian also mentioned that they can get 750-1,000 gallons of water a minute depending on the size of the pump and equipment.

Township Hall repairs were discussed but a date has not been set for the well room to begin repairs before the bricks can be painted. The shrubs are not taken out by the sides of the hall and that has to be completed before going forward. Supervisor is now attempting to find someone to get rid of the shrubs around the township hall for the two individuals that expressed interest have not completed an estimate nor secured equipment for the Township work.

New locks were purchased and new keys are made and will be distributed to the Board members for the office.

Rick Labumbard property is full of debris and nothing has been accomplished. Trustee Gareau stated that the judge ruled if not cleaned up by 10-2020 he will have to pay \$100 a day until it is completed. Trustee Gareau stated we have to get a new attorney to approach the Judge to see what the Township can do. Attorney Hall retired prior to our last court date. All of Labumbard property is zoned RR.

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Clerk Beauchamp mentioned fire call bills are returned due to insufficient addresses. She is requesting that the Fire Department could get a house address and a P.O. Box number plus their phone numbers. Trustee Gareau asked to table Frank Laffredo's fire call until July to review his billing.

The caution light in front of the hall is not working. The fire department will use the ladder truck to get up there to look to see what the problem is. Kobas has no ladder to get up there so we will see what the results are from the fire department.

Clerk Beauchamp will look into the two lots last sold off 0.8 Lane to see if the road was turned into a county road.

The Fire Department Cost Recovery Ordinance was discussed and the first call out will go from \$300 to \$500 and each regular hour after that will go from \$200 to \$300. The Treasurer made a motion to approve this ordinance, seconded by Trustee Gareau. Roll call vote: Clerk-Yes, Treasurer-Yes, Trustee Gareau-Yes, Trustee Chenier-Yes, and the Supervisor-Yes. The Ordinance was approved with all yes votes.

Website changes for the public information will be to include roads that were fixed and the Treasurer will try to get more information from the Road Commission.

A Cemetery Ordinance was discussed and approved.

The contact person for the rental of the hall and pavilion is Pauline Marenger, call her at 786-4762.

Information on the tot lot will be removed from the website as discussed.

Treasurer and Trustee Chenier put together a "Posting Publication Policy". Trustee Gareau moved to adopt the "Posting Publication Policy", seconded by Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff. Roll call vote: Clerk-Yes, Treasurer-Yes, Trustee Gareau-Yes, Trustee Chenier-Yes, Supervisor-Yes. With all yes votes the motion is carried.

Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff discussed the Rescue Money that the state is sending to the township. The money can be used for parking lot, tot lot, ventilation system at the township hall, and etc. A webinar will be this Thursday the 17th of June. The money will be ½ the first time and the other ½ will be after the money is committed for a project.

Trustee Chenier looked into a fence ordinance for Supervisor Rymkos. Trustee Chenier will bring this to the Planning Commission for review.

The Treasurer and Trustee Chenier developed a grounds keeper report.

The dump trailer at the cemetery is fixed by Fred Knauf. We appreciate his efforts.

A group of workers painted the pillars at the cemetery and helped prepare the cemetery for Memorial Day.

The current Conflict of Interest Policy will be discuss at the July meeting.

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Trustee Chenier would like all Board members to sign for their educational report.

The Mileage Policy will be discussed in July.

The Travel Reimbursement Policy will be discussed in July.

The Equalization Contract was sent to the Supervisor. The Clerk and Treasurer did not see the contract. The Supervisor questioned why we paid the bill without the contract signed. We only received the bill and paid it. In the past the Supervisor and Clerk stated that due to virtual meetings, bills have to be paid that appeared to be proper. This will be resolved with the meeting being in person which are starting in July.

The Board of Commissioners will be holding a meeting June 15 at 5:15 p.m.

Larry Klope recently put his name in for the Planning Commission to replace Ray Hughes who has recently resigned from the Planning Commission.

Public Comments: Fred Minor has an issue with his neighbor's fence that is zoned in a RR district. The Planning Commission will be developing a policy.

Board members Comments: Kim mentioned about the trailer being fixed for the cemetery.

Trustee Gareau mentioned the Boy Scouts will be spreading the wood chips at the playground that was donated by Glen Smith which the Boy Scouts will be spreading for us. The rest of the chips will be bought from Flynn's and the Boy Scouts will be spreading them out as well.

Trustee Chenier gave her liaison report for the Planning Commission.

Larry Klope will be supplying a map to the Board members.

Michele Winkler from Michigan Tech University will do our mapping for us for the cemetery.

Trustee Chenier discussed a Tourism and Farm Land policy (Ag Tourism) planning for the future.

Supervisor Rymkos recommended that a joint meeting with the Township Board Members meeting with the Planning Commission on June 21, at 7:30p.m.

Fire Department Reporter Matt Rian: There were four calls out this past month. The dehumidifier is working well at Fire Department #1. This past week they cut up a car with the Jaws of Life for training.

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

The next Township meeting will be held at the township hall at 7:30 p.m., on July 12, 2021.

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Trustee Gareau moved to adjourn at 9:52 p.m., seconded by Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff. Roll call vote: Clerk-Yes, Treasurer-Yes, Trustee Gareau-Yes, Trustee Chenier-Yes, Supervisor-Yes. With all yes votes the motion is carried.

Patricia J. Beauchamp

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