

Ellsworth Township

REGULAR MEETING

March 14th, 2022

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Supervisor Allen Dean called the meeting to order @ 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Supervisor Allen Dean, Clerk Brittany Carlson, Treasurer Kimberly Pendley, Trustees Patrick Chachulski, and Allen Greenman.

Members Absent: None

Visitor's Present: Robert Long, Kristine Raymond, Chris Raymond, Matt Yakes, Allan Cox, Dan Bird, Steave Ridge, Sherriff Rich Martin.

Chachulski made a motion to accept the agenda dated February 14, 2022, 2nd by Greenman. All in favor, Motion Carried.

Public Comment- Alan Cox came to discuss a Marijuana Ordinance with the council. Matt Yakes is a part of a group of friends wanting to open a marijuana grow in Ellsworth Township. Yellow Mouse, LLC does have a prequalification status for the pending application for the township. He also presented the council with a "generic" Marijuana Ordinance. The council discussed support for the business and need more time to edit/create an ordinance to send to the lawyer for proof reading. Carlson made a motion to add this marijuana ordinance to the special meeting agenda on March 28, 2022, 2nd by Greenman. –Roll Call Vote- Yes- Pendley, Chachulski, Carlson, Greenman, Dean –No- None. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sherriff Rich Martin updated the council on the county happenings. On March 30, 2022 there will be an active shooter drill at the Baldwin schools. Please do not panic, it is planned.

The Financial report dated February 1-28, 2022 was given with the following balances: General Fund \$173,949.53; Tax Account \$41,465.78; Fire Operating Account \$43,844.49; Fire Equipment Account \$113,715.35; Fire Hall Debt \$15,881.00; Township Roads Account \$62,960.44; Nichoson CD \$2,920.98. A motion was made by Carlson, 2nd by Chachulski to approve the financial statement as presented. –Roll Call Vote- Yes- Pendley, Chachulski, Carlson, Greenman, Dean –No- None. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chachulski made a motion, 2nd by Greenman to approve the Minutes dated February 14, 2022 with the correction of the dates under Designated Assessor. –Roll Call Vote- Yes- Pendley, Chachulski, Carlson, Greenman, Dean. All in favor. Motion carried.

Bills-Verizon \$501.98 (#6376); Consumers Energy \$71.96 (#6374); Coyne Oil \$45.14 (#6375); Post Office \$54.00 (#6373); QuickBooks \$14.84 (#EFT). Chachulski made a motion to pay the bills, 2nd by Greenman –Roll Call Vote- Yes-Pendley, Chachulski, Carlson, Greenman, Dean. –No- None. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Correspondence- Lake-Osceola Conservation District, Chachulski made a motion to donate \$100.00 to Lake-Osceola Conservation District, 2nd by Dean –Roll Call Vote- Yes-Pendley, Chachulski, Carlson, Greenman, Dean. –No- None. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Designated Assessor- Nothing.

Library- Minutes presented.

Cemetery- The roads need to be assessed this spring.

Fire Department- Minutes were presented. The Joint Budget meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2022. It is time for the township to renew the Fire Barn Milage. Carlson and Pendley are researching how to add it to the November ballot. Carlson motioned to add the Fire Barn Milage to the special meeting agenda on March 28, 2022. 2nd by Pendley. –Roll Call Vote- Yes-Pendley, Chachulski, Carlson, Greenman, Dean. –No- None. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Area Clean-up- Scheduled for the 3rd Saturday in August.

Roads- Dean presented the council with the final brine map for the township. Chachulski made a motion to send final brine map to the Lake County Road Commission. 2nd by Greenman. –Roll Call Vote- Yes-Pendley, Chachulski, Carlson, Greenman, Dean. –No- None. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Old Business –Discussion was held on the ARPA Grant money and what we should/can spend it on. Pendley and Carlson suggested building upgrades, such as a handicap accessible bathroom, and new carpet. More discussion and research is needed.

New Business- Carlson presented the council with a quote from Meceola Lock & Key for \$340.00 to replace both door locks and purchase 10 Restricted keys, to be signed out by the respective role. Chachulski motioned to approve the bid of \$340.00 to Meceola Lock & Key, 2nd by Pendley. –Roll Call Vote- Yes-Pendley, Chachulski, Carlson, Greenman, Dean. –No- None. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Chachulski made a motion to approve 2022-23 meeting dates as presented, April 11, May 9, June 13, July 11, August 8, September 12, November 14, December 12, 2022, January 9, February 13, March 13, 2023; 2nd by Pendley. –Roll Call Vote- Yes-Pendley, Chachulski, Carlson, Greenman, Dean. –No- None. All in Favor. Motion Carried. Carlson will post 2022-23 meeting dates.

Public Comment- Greenman attended a Little Manistee Conservation Committee. The annual meeting will be held on July 9th, 2022 9am-12:00pm at Skinner Park.

A motion was made by Carlson, 2nd Chachulski to adjourn the meeting at 8:46pm. All in favor! Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 8:46pm.

Brittany Carlson

Ellsworth Township Clerk