

# Ellsworth Township

REGULAR MEETING

May 9<sup>th</sup>, 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: Kristine Raymond, Chris Raymond, John Trimberger, Cheryl Fullerton, Rick Hall, Bob Long

Chachulski made a motion to accept the agenda dated May 9, 2022, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greenman. All in favor, Motion Carried.

Public Comment- Kristine Raymond came to talk to the council about some of the services offered by the Lake County Planning Commission.

Chris Raymond came to the council representing the Fire Board. There was more discussion on the Cost Recovery Ordinance The Fire Department is asking the Townships to adopt. The fire board is editing the ordinance to better fit our townships and will have another copy ready for next months meeting.

Cheryl Fullerton and Rick Hall came to the council representing Newkirk Township. Newkirk township has been in discussion of applying for a grant from the County's ARPA grant for a New Area Clean Up Site. To be located at the property. Newkirk township presented the council with the proposed the gate for the Clean up site would be 960 feet and gravel drive way. Chachulski made a motion to move forward with the grant application; continuing with the project contingent on receiving the grant. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greenman. –Roll Call Vote- Yes- Pendley, Chachulski, Carlson, Greenman, Dean –No- None. All in favor. Motion carried.

John Trimberger had more information about the Grant money available for infrastructure, septic tanks, waste water management. Also he had a sample blight ordinance for the township to look over. The council needs to address the blight ordinance and the blight in the township.

Bob Long is having trees thinned on his property, He asked the Townships permission to talk to Rothigs about also trimming the trees at the cemetery. Carlson made a motion to allow Bob Long to discuss thinning trees for the township, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pendley.

Greenman made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pendley to approve the Regular Minutes dated April 11, 2022. –Roll Call Vote- Yes- Pendley, Chachulski, Carlson, Greenman, Dean. All in favor. Motion carried.

Budget Amendments were presented, General Fund Decrease Fire Hall (\$200) from \$10,000 to \$9,800. Fire Debt Fund Increase (\$200) from \$25,000 to \$25,2000. Carlson motioned to approve the budget amendments as presented 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chachulski. –Roll Call Vote- Yes- Pendley, Chachulski, Carlson, Greenman, Dean. All in favor. Motion carried.1421

The Financial report dated April 1-30, 2022 was given with the following balances: General Fund \$163,501.04; Tax Account \$0.54; Fire Operating Account \$47,089.92; Fire Equipment Account \$115,028.41; Fire Hall Debt \$55.76; Township Roads Account \$63,944.15; Nichoson CD \$2,987.46. A motion was made by Carlson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greenman to approve the financial statement as presented. –Roll Call Vote- Yes- Pendley, Chachulski, Carlson, Greenman, Dean –No- None. All in favor. Motion carried.

Bills- Coyne \$531.22 (#6414); Kelso Media \$25.00 (#6416); Pioneer Group \$25.80 (#6415); Kim Pendley Office Supplies \$30.27 (#6413). Chachulski made a motion to pay the bills, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pendley –Roll Call Vote- Yes- Pendley, Chachulski, Carlson, Greenman, Dean. –No- None. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Designated Assessor- AMAR Scheduled for May 24<sup>th</sup>.

Library- Nothing

Cemetery- The roads need to be assessed. Deane is looking into crushed concrete to repair the roads.

We need to find a caretaker. Carlson made a motion to run an ad in the paper looking to hire a cemetery worker for brush removal ect. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pendley. –Roll Call Vote- Yes- Pendley, Chachulski, Carlson, Greenman, Dean –No- None. All in favor. Motion carried.

Fire Department- Minutes were presented.

Area Clean-up- Scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in August.

Roads- The council will discuss further how to approach fixing the roads in the township.

Old Business – The council received the corrected Marijuana Ordinance from the lawyer with the correct verbiage needed. There will be a special meeting held this month to discuss the Marihuana Ordinance. The date will be posted.

The township board has decided to use some of the ARPA funds to remodel the bathroom in the Hall. It needs to be handicap accessible and preferably have four full sized walls. Chachulski made a motion to run in the paper we are looking for a contractor to remodel the bathroom making it handicap accessible and up to code. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deane. –Roll Call Vote- Yes- Pendley, Chachulski, Carlson, Greenman, Dean –No- None. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Audit was May 4<sup>th</sup>. It went well.

New Business-Luther Days asked the Township to install a 220 outlet outside. Chachulski made a motion to run in the paper accepting bids for electrical work needed to be finished by July 1<sup>st</sup>. 2<sup>nd</sup> Pendley. –Roll Call Vote- Yes- Pendley, Chachulski, Carlson, Greenman, Dean –No- None. All in favor. Motion carried.

Carlson attended an election class last week and the township is looking for election workers for the coming 2022 elections.

Public Comment- Carlson proposed to the council the sale of the lawn tractor the township owns as we have no use for it and need the space in the garage. Carlson motioned to post in the paper the Township is taking bids 1989, 4018 Hydriw Ingersoll tractor with a 48" mowing deck, also a Nomanco 7.5' W X 8' L single axle trailer. Sold as a package. Will not accept bids lower than \$1000. The clerk will open all bids at the next township meeting June 13<sup>th</sup>. With the highest bid taking it. 2<sup>nd</sup> Greenman. –Roll Call Vote- Yes- Pendley, Chachulski, Carlson, Greenman, Dean –No- None. All in favor. Motion carried.

Linda Monroe reminded everyone the Board of Review is looking for people. There are classes available.

The property located at 4448 North Raymond Road went up for tax sale. The township received a letter asking if we wanted to purchase the property. Chachulski motioned to not purchase the land, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deane. All in favor. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Greenman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chachulski to adjourn the meeting at 8:39pm. All in favor! Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 8:39pm.

Brittany Carlson  
Ellsworth Township Clerk