

# Ellsworth Township

REGULAR MEETING

September 12<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: Assessor Linda Monroe, Sheriff Rich Martin, Bob Long, James Bacon, Mary Jo Nixon, Jay Syrewicze, Lee Syrewicze, John Trimberger.

Chachulski made a motion to accept the agenda dated September 12, 2022 as presented, 2nd by Pendley. All in favor, Motion Carried.

Public Comment- Mary Jo Nixon, Jay Syrewicze, and Lee Syrewicze came to voice their frustration with the potential road work on south State Street. 4 ½ Mile Road is just one example of a major road in Ellsworth Township that is in need of many repairs. For example, Rockwell Lake Lodge has caused a great deal of traffic and Semi Trucks on the roads not graded for that use.

Sheriff updated the council on the happenings in the county. The Lake County Sheriffs Department is getting body cams. There will be active shooter drills happening at the Baldwin Schools this month. There is a part time court house security job opening.

Correspondence- None

Chachulski made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greenman to approve the Regular Minutes dated August 8, 2022 with the correction of General Fund \$148,498.03 to General Fund \$148,498.05. –Roll Call Vote- Yes- Pendley, Chachulski, Carlson, Greenman, Dean. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Financial report dated Aug 1-31, 2022 was given with the following balances: General Fund \$125,475.48; ARPA Fund \$77,031.09; Tax Account \$1,798.50; Fire Operating Account \$25,878.87; Fire Equipment Account \$117,830.86; Fire Hall Debt \$1,817.38; Township Roads Account \$69,907.03; Nichoson CD \$2,998.39. A motion was made by Chachulski, 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.

Budget Amendments were presented. Decrease Planning and Zoning (\$692.00) from \$2,200.00 to \$1,508.00. Increase Attorney (\$692.00) from \$4,000.00 to \$4,692.00

Bills- Consumers Energy \$50.74; Verizon \$28.60; QuickBooks \$12.72; Amazon \$56.88; Double J Lawncare \$685.00; Election Source \$1,553.00; Post Office \$60.00; Bob Long (Mileage) \$30.42, Newkirk Township (Jaws of Life) \$5,733.37, Dornbos Sign \$1,084.12, Chachulski made a motion to pay the bills, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greenman –Roll Call Vote- Yes- Pendley, Chachulski, Carlson, Greenman, Dean. –No- None. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Assessor- Ellsworth Township Received a certificate of Achievement for a perfect score on the AMAR.

Library-Minutes Presented

Cemetery- James Bacon is interested in being the cemetery caretaker. He has walked through all the cemeteries and understands the amount of work it is going to take for the initial clean up, as we have not had a caretaker for a couple years. There is a lot of brush and downed trees that have been pulled off into the tree line. James brought up the need for two people to do most of the work. Chachulski motioned to hire James Bacon as a full-time care taker and Sandy Bacon part time to be paid by the hour and mileage. 2<sup>nd</sup> Greenman. –Roll Call Vote- Yes- Pendley, Chachulski, Carlson, Greenman, Dean. –No- None. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Fire Department- Waiting on more information for the Cost Recovery Ordinance. The Fire Department has ordered the new Jaws of Life!

Area Clean-up-Went Well!

Roads- The Road Commission gave the final numbers for the road work Newkirk Township wants done on South State Road. The split would be \$18,375.41 from both townships and \$48,106.93 from the Village if approved. Discussion was held on the condition of all other roads in the township. The board is waiting for the Village of Luther's decision. The board sees no point in putting gravel and chip seal on the road outside of the village limits if the village does not agree to the contract.

Commissioner Report- Nothing

Old Business –All road signs that are missing have been ordered from Dornbos. Waiting on delivery.

New Business- L-4029 was presented and explained by Treasurer Pendley. Greenman motioned to approve the L-4029 as presented 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pendley. 2<sup>nd</sup> Carlson.

Carlson asked the council for permission to hire OCD Accounting to do all payroll paperwork for the township. Discussion was held and Pendley motioned to hire OCD Accounting 2<sup>nd</sup> Greenman. –Roll Call Vote- Yes- Pendley, Chachulski, Carlson, Greenman, Dean. –No- None. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Public Comment- John Trimberger wanted to let the council know the brine has been good this year and good job on the Area Clean up.

A motion was made Chachulski by, 2<sup>nd</sup> Greenman to adjourn the meeting at 8:02pm. All in favor! Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 8:02pm.

Brittany Carlson  
Ellsworth Township Clerk