

# Ellsworth Township

## Regular Meeting Minutes

July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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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.

Members Absent: Allen Greenman

Visitor's Present: Township Assessor Linda Monroe, Deputy Clerk Connie Holmes, Robert & Donna Long, Sig Johnson, Lonnie Rives, John Pollack

Pendley made a motion to accept the agenda as presented dated July 10, 2023, 2nd by Chachulski. All in favor, Motion Carried.

Public Comment- Sig Johnson came to the council with concerns about a condemned house in the township. The address is 11125 E Old M-63 Luther, Mi. The council is aware of the eye sore as it is on a major road. There was discussion on how to get it cleaned up. The townships blight ordinance covers this. Carlson made a motion to create a letter to send to the constituent that owns condemned property. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chachulski. The Lake County Building Department may have grants available as well.

Donna Long asked the council about the plaque on the wall of 10+years served on the township board. Carlson will take the plaque to the trophy shop in Big Rapids to be engraved. Adding Robert Long and Mike Dempkey.

Chachulski made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pendley to approve the meeting Minutes dated June 12, 2023. All in Favor, Motion carried.

The Financial report dated June 2023 was given with the following balances: General Fund \$135,033.41; ARPA Fund \$77,110.68; Tax Account \$238.40; Fire Operating Account \$53,701.44; Fire Equipment Account \$146,741.92; Fire Hall Debt \$2,430.62; Township Roads Account \$83,024.72; Nichoson CD \$3,43.62. A motion was made by Chachulski, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dean by to approve the financial statement as presented. -Roll Call Vote- Yes- Pendley, Chachulski, Carlson, Dean -No- None. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chachulski made a motion to cash-in the current CD and renew it at the new interest rate taking a penalty of \$22.00. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pendley. Roll Call Vote- Yes- Pendley, Chachulski, Dean, Carlson. -No-None. All in Favor, Motion Carried.

Bills-Consumers Energy \$39.35; Summit Digital \$335.00; Verizon \$148.33; OCD Accounting \$90.00; Dollar General \$36.62; Double J Lawncare \$1,250.00; Apex \$260.00 Chachulski made a motion to pay the bills, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pendley -Roll Call Vote- Yes- Pendley, Chachulski, Carlson, Dean. -No- None. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

**Board of Review is July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 7:00pm**

Library-Financials and Minutes Presented.

Cemetery- The council is looking into a steel arch to go over Pleasant Hill Cemetery entrance. As well as something to better distinguish Valley Cemetery.

Dean is also looking into purchasing crushed gravel to repair roads in all three cemeteries.

Fire Department- The department asked Ellsworth, Newkirk, and the Village to apply for a grant for the 800mgz radios that they need to upgrade to. The grant is for \$10,000.00. Pendley applied to the grant.

## **Area Clean-up will be held on August 26, 2023. Accepting Tires!**

There will be a special meeting with Charter on July 17, 2023 to better inform the council and township residents on what it is.

The south State Street project is on the schedule at LCRC.

The council discussed future elections and the requirements for drop boxes. Carlson is doing more research.

A motion was made Chachulski by, 2<sup>nd</sup> Carlson to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm. All in favor! Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 7:55pm.

Brittany Carlson  
Ellsworth Township Clerk