

Ellsworth Township

Regular Meeting Minutes

August 14th, 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 and Allen Greenman.

Members Absent: None

Visitor's Present: County Commissioner Kristine Raymond, Robert Long, John Pollack, Allan Daily, Rick Haslock, Leroy LCRC, Megan Galloup, Paul Gray

Chachulski made a motion to accept the agenda as presented dated August 14, 2023, 2nd by Greenman. All in favor, Motion Carried.

Public Comment- County Commissioner Raymond gave the council a commissioner's report. WIC guidelines have changed. There is an offender's success program at Michigan Works.

Chachulski made a motion, 2nd by Pendley to approve the meeting Minutes dated July 10, 2023. All in Favor, Motion carried.

The Financial report dated June 2023 was given with the following balances: General Fund \$130,603.32; ARPA Fund \$77,110.68; Tax Account \$1,581.33; Fire Operating Account \$39,195.00; Fire Equipment Account \$146,741.92; Fire Hall Debt \$2,430.82; Township Roads Account \$83,024.72; Nichoson CD \$3,043.62. A motion was made by Carlson, 2nd Chachulski by to approve the financial statement as presented. -Roll Call Vote- Yes- Pendley, Chachulski, Greenman, Carlson, Dean -No- None. All in favor. Motion carried.

Bills-Consumers Energy \$54.80; Summit Digital \$15.00; Verizon \$129.83; OCD Accounting \$90.00; Double J Lawncare \$535.00; Amazon \$17.98; Donna Long \$60.00 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.

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.

Paul Gray with Gray's Welding and Fabrication presented the council with a quote for \$11,000.00 - 12,000.00 for an archway going into Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

Greenman made a motion to run an ad in the paper for a bid for the arch into the cemetery. Bids to be open at September 11, 2023 meeting 2nd by Dean. -Roll Call Vote- Yes- Pendley, Chachulski, Carlson, Greenman, Dean. -No- None. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

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

Area clean-up is scheduled for August 26, 2023

Discussion was held on purchasing signs for the side of the road for next year.

Lake County Road commission will chip seal 4 ½ mile this month. Also replaced the culvert on south State road.

Chachulski made a motion for a 0% Charter franchise fee 2nd by Dean. –Roll Call Vote- Yes- Pendley, Chachulski, Carlson, Dean. –No- Greenman. Majority vote. Motion Carried.

On July 27, 2023 all election equipment was updated for future elections.

Carlson discussed with the council the combining of Newkirk and Ellsworth Township precincts for future elections for the early nine-day voting. Chachulski made a motion to explore combining of Newkirk and Ellsworth Township precincts 2nd by Dean. –Roll Call Vote- Yes- Pendley, Chachulski, Carlson, Greenman, Dean. –No- None. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

A motion was made Chachulski by, 2nd Greenman to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 pm. All in favor! Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 7:48pm.

Brittany Carlson
Ellsworth Township Clerk