

Ellsworth Township

Regular Meeting Minutes

September 11th, 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, Deputy Clerk Connie Holmes, Treasurer Kimberly Pendley, Trustees Patrick Chachulski and Allen Greenman.

Members Absent: None

Visitor's Present: County Commissioner Kristine Raymond, Robert Long, Donna Long, John Pollack, State Representative Tom Kunse, Bob and Sharon Verlinde, Lonnie & Lydia Rives, Newkirk Township Clerk Cheryl Fullerton.

Chachulski made a motion to accept the agenda as presented dated September 11, 2023, 2nd by Greenman. All in favor, Motion Carried.

Public Comment- County Commissioner Raymond gave the council a commissioner's report. The next Township association meeting is October 26 at Pinora township.

Newkirk township clerk Cheryl Fullerton came to discuss the merge of precinct #6 and #8 for future elections. With the new election laws there are many changes happening. The combination of the precincts will allow both clerks to work together for future elections. Motion to adopt Resolution to merge Ellsworth township and Newkirk Township for future elections starting year 2024 by Chachulski 2nd by Pendley. -Roll Call Vote- Yes- Pendley, Chachulski, Greenman, Carlson, Dean -No- None. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chachulski made a motion, 2nd by Greenman to approve the meeting Minutes dated August 14, 2023. All in Favor, Motion carried.

The Financial report dated August 2023 was given with the following balances: General Fund \$136,365.90; ARPA Fund \$77,030.03; Tax Account \$2,002.56; Fire Operating Account \$39,195.00; Fire Equipment Account \$146,741.92; Fire Hall Debt \$2,431.03; 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-OCD Accounting \$90.00; Double J Lawncare \$285.00; Amazon \$141.60; LCRC \$9,192.04; Lake County Treasurer \$27.47; Cadillac News \$84.60; 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. Pendley motioned to adopt Ellsworth Township expenditure approval & post audit policy. 2nd by Carlson. -Roll Call Vote- Yes- Pendley, Chachulski, Greenman, Carlson, Dean -No- None. All in favor. Resolution adopted.

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.

Discussion was held on the wording of the ad in the paper. Chachulski motioned to run an ad for the cemetery and the bathroom remodel in the Grand Rapids Press. 2nd by Greenman. –Roll Call Vote- Yes- Pendley, Chachulski, Greenman, Carlson, 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-went well! Filled all 4 trucks and collected 866 tires.

Lake County Road commission chip seal 4 ½ mile and fixed the culvert.

Discussion was held on the condemned house and the council believes that we should let the county handle it as they have already started the process.

A motion was made Chachulski by, 2nd Pendley to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 pm. All in favor! Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 7:57pm.

Brittany Carlson
Ellsworth Township Clerk