

Ellsworth Township

Regular Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2023

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Supervisor Allen Dean called the meeting to order @ 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Supervisor Allen Dean, Deputy Clerk Connie Holmes, Treasurer Kimberly Pendley, Trustees Patrick Chachulski and Allen Greenman.

Members Absent: Clerk Brittany Carlson

Visitor's Present: County Commissioner Kristine Raymond, Donald Davis

Pendley made a motion to accept the agenda as presented dated November 13, 2023, 2nd by Greenman. All in favor, Motion Carried.

Public Comment- County Commissioner Raymond gave the council a commissioner's report. They are working on 2024 budget. Also the ORV Training Park is coming along nicely. Don Davis came with information on Lake Counties Hazard Mitigation plan.

Chachulski made a motion to extend the AT&T Metro Act Right-of-Way for April 30, 2023-2029. 2nd by Greenman. All in Favor, Motion carried

Chachulski motioned to accept the regular scheduled meeting minutes dated October 9, 2023 2nd by Greenman. All in Favor, Motion carried.

The Financial report dated October 2023 was given with the following balances: General Fund \$129,867.54; ARPA Fund \$77,059.17; Tax Account \$3,723.09; Fire Operating Account \$39,211.60; Fire Equipment Account \$146,797.40; Fire Hall Debt \$2,431.44; Township Roads Account \$73,863.39; Nichoson CD \$3,055.13. A motion was made by Chachulski, 2nd Greenman by to approve the financial statement as presented. -Roll Call Vote- Yes- Pendley, Chachulski, Greenman, Dean -No- None. All in favor. Motion carried.

Bills-Consumers Energy \$39.94; Allen Dean Postage \$74.80; Summit Digital \$160.00; Verizon \$218.49; OCD Accounting \$180.00; Safe Guard \$89.99; Double J Lawncare \$535.00; Cadillac News \$84.60; Pioneer \$25.80; Michigan Insurance \$1,703.00; Lake County Treasure \$16.95; Municipal Under Writers of Michigan \$6,080.00; Kelso Media \$495.00. Chachulski made a motion to pay the bills, 2nd by Greenman - Roll Call Vote- Yes- Pendley, Chachulski, Greenman, Dean. -No- None. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

A resolution establishing poverty guidelines for exemption from property tax contributions was presented by Assessor Linda Monroe. Disables veterans no longer need to attend board of review for exemptions. This will be discussed further at December's meeting.

There is a new Pivot program needed as well and that is a \$750.00 annual fee.

Area-Clean-Up is scheduled for August 24th 2024.

The council is still looking into remodeling the bathroom in the township Hall and the exterior of the building.

The Township Clerk has a new phone number 231-250-2397

2024 Brine Map was sent and the council and discussed a motion was made by Chachulski to, to keep the map the same as 2022-23. 2nd Pendley. Roll Call Vote- Yes- Pendley, Chachulski, Greenman, Dean. -No-None. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Pendley gave the council a copy of the Winter news letter to be sent with winter taxes.

A motion was made Chachulski by, 2nd Greenman to adjourn the meeting at 8:04pm. All in favor! Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 8:04pm.

Connie Holmes
Ellsworth Township Deputy Clerk