

Ellsworth Township

Regular Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2024

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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, Sheriff Rich Martin, Robert Anderson, Ron Denbraber, Josh Rose, David Glancy, Robert Long, Donna Long, Andrew Cornelius, Todd Charles, Bob Pacola

Chachulski made a motion to accept the agenda dated May 13, 2024, 2nd by Greenman. All in favor, Motion Carried.

Public Comment- Commissioner Raymond updated the council on county happenings. The ORV Park will open May 25. County election candidates list, 5Cap newsletter, MSU programs, Blight Ordinance information.

Sheriff Martin gave more information on what has happened this month. Canna Bash Grams and Jams denied liquor license due to public safety, have given over \$3,000.00 to kids entering drivers training. ORV Deputy Academy will be in Lake County.

Josh Rose is running for Sheriff.

Ron Denbraber running for road commissioner.

David Glancy acting as judge since Judge Wikins retired. He is running for County Judge in coming election.

Robert Anderson came to the council needing more information from the assessor.

Township of Stronach sent a letter to Little Manistee Watershed Council explaining their disagreement with the council.

Chachulski motioned to accept the regular scheduled meeting minutes dated April 8, 2024 2nd by Pendley. All in Favor, Motion carried.

The Financial report dated April 2024 was given with the following balances: General Fund \$141,019.17; ARPA Fund \$63,702.58; Tax Account \$476.82; Fire Operating Account \$75,701.18; Fire Equipment Account \$173,935.51; Fire Hall Debt \$78.93; Township Roads Account \$87,132.57; Nichoson CD \$3,059.38. A motion was made by Carlson, 2nd by Chachulski to approve the financial statement as presented. -Roll Call Vote- Yes- Pendley, Carlson, Chachulski, Greenman, Dean -No- None. All in favor. Motion carried.

Bills-Consumers Energy \$64.42; Verizon \$169.68; Summit Digital \$150.00; Amazon \$126.43; OCD \$180.00; Ellsworth Township and Mecosta , Osceola, Lake Conservation Districts. Chachulski made a

motion to pay the bills, 2nd by Greenman–Roll Call Vote- Yes- Pendley, Chachulski, Greenman, Carlson, Dean. –No- None. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

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

Chachulski made a motion to hire Great Northern Lawn Services for the summer of 2024 cemetery mowing. 2nd by Greenman. –Roll Call Vote- Yes- Pendley, Chachulski, Greenman, Carlson, Dean. –No- None. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion was held on the ongoing building upgrades. Carlson made a motion to paint the main room with wainscoting spending a total of \$6,250.00 ARPA funds paying half now. 2nd by Pendley. –Roll Call Vote- Yes- Pendley, Carlson, Dean. –No- Chachulski -Abstain- Greenman. 3-1-1. Motion Carried.

Greenman made a motion to accept the book shelving spending \$3,170.00 of ARPA funds, paying half down now. 2nd by Chachulski. –Roll Call Vote- Yes- Pendley, Chachulski, Greenman, Carlson, Dean. –No- None. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

OCD is downsizing their payroll clients. Cadillac Accounting charges \$110 per month with an extra fee for W-2s. Discussion was to hire contingent on their experience with municipalities.

A motion was made Greenman by, 2nd Chachulski to adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm. All in favor! Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 8:05pm.

Brittany Carlson
Ellsworth Township Clerk