

## Essex Township- Minutes of the Monthly Meeting

February 15, 2023 @ 7:00pm

**Members Present:** Supervisor Carla Wardin, Clerk Tim Karasek, Treasurer Kathy George, Trustee Jim Gavenda. Absent: Trustee Mark Winsor

**Visitors:** Beth Botke, Assessor, Dave Pohl Clinton County Commissioner, Kelby Leiby Maple Rapids Fire Department. Lynn Weber Clinton Area Ambulance Service, Jody Smith, Dave Smith, Benton Heisler Community Input, Sara Morrison Briggs District Library.

**Call to Order:** Township Supervisor called the meeting to order at 6:59pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Visitor Statements:

#### **Sara Morrison, Briggs District Library:**

- Presented information on upcoming Briggs Library Programs.

#### **Kelby Leiby, Maple Rapids Fire Department:**

- Discussed the recent high volumes of service runs for 2022.
- Hired 2 new employees (24 total now, fully staffed)
- Contemplating the purchase of a new fleet truck.

#### **Beth Botke, Township Assessor:**

- Home values are increasing.
- Homeowners will see a 5% property tax increase per the Headlee Amendment.
- 2 Pending resolutions will be brought before the board tonight.

#### **Lynn Weber, CAAS:**

- Looking at financing options to close the budget gaps in 2023.
- Discussing doubling ambulance user rates.
- Looking at County ARPA funding for the paramedic program.

#### **David Smith, resident:**

- Discussion on township zoning, solar farm ordinances and the Clinton County Comprehensive Plan.

**Benton Heisler, Community Input:**

- Listening to discussion.

**Dave Pohl, County Commissioner:**

- Update on the ITC Power Transmission line.
- Courthouse improvements
  - o Generator
  - o Fire suppression system in the server room.
- Clinton Transit looking to cover the entire county
- Aging population looking to get a connection into Lansing.
- Plant Moran study
  - o Recommending Frontier for broadband expansion.
- LEAP (Clinton County ARPA to Clinton County businesses)
  - o \$10,000-\$30,000 support for local restaurants.

**Approval of the Minutes:** The minutes were reviewed

Moved by Kathy George, Support by Jim Gavenda: Accept the December 7 ,2022 minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.

**Additions to the Agenda:** None

**Trustee Report:** None

**Treasurers Report:** Kathy George,

M Jim Gavenda, S Carla Wardin: Accept the Treasurers Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously (MCU).

**Clerks Report:** Tim Karasek,

M Carla Wardin, S Jim Gavenda: Accept the Clerks Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Supervisors Report:** Carla Wardin,

- Discussion of presented upcoming road projects.

**M** Carla Wardin, **S** Kathy George: Approve 2023 Road Contracts as presented. **MCU**

**M** Carla Wardin, **S** Kathy George: Approve 2023 Brine Contract as presented. **MCU**

- \$80,000 of ARPA road funding will be discussed when Trustee Winsor returns.

- **Budget:** Discussion on the proposed changes for 2023-2024 budget. Finalizations will occur at the March meeting.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

**Resolutions, Presented by Beth Botke:**

- Resolution 2023-002
  - o Property Transfer Notifications Resolution
  - o Resolution will waive \$5/day charge for not turning in paperwork

**M** Carla Wardin, **S** Jim Gavenda: Adopt Resolution 2023-002 as written. **MCU**

- Resolution 2023-001
  - o Allows Anyone to Petition the Board of Review by letter to the board.

**M** Carla Wardin, **S** Jim Gavenda: Adopt Resolution 2023-001 as written. **MCU**

**Foreclosed Property:**

- Township has the right of first refusal.
- Parcel in Maple Rapids in foreclosure.
  - o Discussion of the process and the property.
- Zoning discussion on Master Plan for Essex Township

**Adjournment:** **M** Jim Gavenda, **S** Carla Wardin: Adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm. Motion carried unanimously.

The next regular meeting of the Essex Township Board will be held March 15, 2023 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Karasek

Essex Township Clerk