

Essex Township- Minutes of the Monthly Meeting

October 19, 2022 @ 7:00pm

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

Visitors: Beth Botke, Assessor, Bonnie Hale Cemetery Manager, Kam Washburn Clinton County Commissioner, Matthew Pettigrew CCSO

Call to Order: Township Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:04pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitor Statements:

Beth Botke, Assessor

- Pre. can be done immediately.
- Solar Farms: Two bills introduced dealing with payment in lieu of personal property. Will keep updated.
- Some new construction in the township. Will be visiting those.

Matt Pettigrew, CSSO

- County jail had inspection by MDC. Passed with flying colors.
- Leonard Middle School lockdown: Person removed from building. Not as tense as people were reporting.
- Scam reports are increasing. Please pay attention and contact the office if anything suspicious occurs.

Kam Washburn, Clinton County Commissioner

- A chip manufacturer was interested in a 1500 acre parcel in the SW corner of Clinton County. We were one of 2 finalists for the economic development project but unfortunately were unsuccessful.
- County changed the Medical Examiner that the county uses. Moved to Sparrow Hospital which will be a better system. All reporting now under one entity.
- Broadband: 7 bids reviewed to put fiber in for broadband. County earmarked \$3 million in county ARPA funds and is waiting for a state match.

- MAC finance committees: Rep. Calley looking to simplify Open Meetings Act however, the remote meetings portion is not included.

Bonnie Hale, Cemetery Manager,

- Jim Bancroft charging \$50 to turn water on and off at Sowels Cemetery.
- No foundations after Nov. 1st, but continuing to take orders.

Additions and Approval of Agenda: The agenda was reviewed

Moved by Kathy George, Support by Jim Gavenda: Accept the August 24th minutes as written. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business: None

Trustee Report:

Trustee Jim Gavenda: Discussed the possibility of a per capita annual tax of \$60 for the ambulance service similar to that implemented in Shiawassee County.

Trustee Mark Winsor: Nothing to report.

Treasurers Report: Kathy George,

- A review of Transaction Detail by Account was given.
- Check #7382 out of sorts. Bill from 2020 for election test deck lost due to covid.
- Audit was outstanding. Looking to move audit from election year to odd year to even annual work load.
- Discussed overpayment from IRS.
- Request for newsletter items.

M Jim Gavenda, S Mark Winsor: Accept the Treasurers Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerks Report: Tim Karasek,

- Check on what chloride has been paid to date.
- Discussion on elections printing and publishing , deputy clerk salary and office supply line items

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

Supervisors Report: Carla Wardin,

- Discussion on the application process for the next ARPA distribution and use of ARPA funds. Possibly a contribution to an ambulance?

Adjournment: **M** Carla Wardin, **S** Jim Gavenda: Adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm. Motion carried unanimously.

The next regular meeting of the Essex Township Board will be held December 7, 2022 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Karasek

Essex Township Clerk