

APPROVED MINUTES
PINE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MONDAY AUGUST 10, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Hansen, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer.

PRESENT: Edwin Hansen, Supervisor; Marla Sprague, Clerk; Rachel Pitcher, Treasurer; William H. Burr, Trustee

ABSENT: Lynwood Cannon, Trustee

STAFF PRESENT: Linda Hansen, Deputy Supervisor; Barbara Kaaikala, Deputy Clerk

PUBLIC OFFICIAL PRESENT: 64B Magistrate Adam Eggleston, candidate for 64B District Judge

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Pitcher moved, supported by Burr, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

PUBLIC VOICE

Magistrate Adam Eggleston presented his candidacy for 64B District Judge in Montcalm County.

Sprague read a thank you from Gwen Noah complimenting the election process at the August 4, 2020 polls in Pine Township.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Burr moved, supported by Pitcher, to approve the July 13, 2020 Minutes. Motion carried.

TREASURER/FINANCIAL REPORTS (on file)

Sprague moved, supported by Burr, to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Buchholz was absent from the meeting.

ROAD REPORT

Hansen reported that Cannon is absent due to a knee replacement.

FIRE DISTRICT REPORT (on file)

Burr reported that the July 13 meeting was held at the Trufant building, with over 30 people in attendance for training.

CEMETERY REPORT

No report by Vicki Shindorf. Hansen reported that Vicki Shindorf will leave notes on the stones being used in place of headstones as she is not sure who owns the lot, saying that if the markers are not removed by Memorial Day, 2021 they will be removed by the cemetery sexton.

OLD BUSINESS

PROTECTION BARRIERS

Hansen thanked Randy Robson for making barriers for the August 4, 2020 election when the barriers that had been ordered did not arrive.

FARNSWORTH PARK PICNIC TABLES

Two composite picnic tables for \$1971.87 (including shipping) will need assembly. The Farnsworth family will pay up to \$2,000.00 toward the purchase.

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NEW BUSINESS

SUPERVISOR REPORT

Hansen reported Briggs Road was supposed to be opened today by the Road Commission. He thanked the Janice Morrow family for placing a new flag in West Pine Cemetery.

SPRING LAKE – SHANA CARPENTER-WYNS

Purchased 8573 Green Road, Spring Lake. Encroaches on Lot 1 owned by Pine Township. Steve Buchholz has sent her a letter stating that the property already encroaching on Lot 1 can remain, but nothing new can be added. Fishing shed and many of the pavers it sat on have been removed. Encroachment on the opposite side of the lot is at a 45 degree angle. Carpenter-Wyns requests deed for the portion of Lot 1 on which her structures encroach.

Hansen requested the Board authorize him to take this to the Township Attorney. Sprague moved, supported by Pitcher, to authorize Hansen to do so. Motion carried.

SOLAR ENERGY ORDINANCE

The Township Planning Commission has presented a proposed Solar Energy Ordinance to the Board. Burr moved, supported by Pitcher, to table action until the September meeting. Motion carried.

LAKEVIEW DISTRICT FIRE DEPARTMENT PAYMENT

Pitcher moved, supported by Sprague, to pay the \$31,459.00 Fire District payment due September 1, 2020. Motion carried.

ROAD COMMISSION INVOICES

Pitcher moved, supported by Burr, to pay invoices 778 and 779 in the total amount of \$22,787.61 in September, 2020. Motion carried.

DOUGLAS TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE TEMPLATE PAYMENT

Pitcher moved, supported by Sprague, to pay Douglas Township \$100.00 for the use of their solar ordinance template by the Pine Township Planning Commission. Motion carried.

TOWNSHIP FACEBOOK PAGE

Hansen reported talking to Katherine, staff attorney at MTA, regarding the pros and cons of the Township establishing a Facebook page. She recommended against it. Sprague reported that several townships in the County do have Facebook pages and find them useful in keeping residents informed.

Burr moved, supported by Pitcher, to not create a Township Facebook page. Motion carried.

ZOOM OR TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS

Hansen reported having received information from the Township Attorney regarding Zoom or Teleconference meetings following CDC guidelines 09/14/20. After discussion, Pitcher moved, supported by Hansen, to remain with in-person Board meetings. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Hansen requested that Sprague contact AltoGas regarding the 2020-2021 propane prebuy.

Pitcher moved, supported by Sprague, to pay checks 1875-1919, minus checks 1898, 1900, 1903, 1904, 1907, and 1914 (checks to pay election workers that will be processed in September), in the amount of \$16,526.05 for monthly bills. Motion carried.

Pitcher moved, supported by Sprague, to pay Hunter Lake check 527 in the amount of \$582.50. Motion carried.

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ADJOURNMENT

Burr moved, supported by Pitcher, to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted.

Marla Sprague

Marla Sprague, Clerk