

## Essex Township- Minutes of the Monthly Meeting<sup>1</sup>

April 19, 2023 @ 7:00pm

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

**Visitors:** Matt Pettigrew- CCSO, Dave Pohl- Clinton County Commission, Bonnie Hale- Cemetery Manager, Beth Botke- Assessor, Seth- Grassmasters, Kelby Leiby- MRFD, Husted Lynn.

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

### Visitor Statements:

#### **Matt Pettigrew, CCSO**

- Essex Township has been quiet. Discussion about advancing methamphetamine use and processing labs.

#### **Dave Pohl, Clinton County Commissioner**

- Discussion on broadband applications and submissions.
- County is a participant in opioid litigation settlement - \$900,000 over 18 years.
- County contributed \$10,000 to RESA program.
- Lansing Economic Area Partnership update and childcare discussion.
- Veteran update: 4000 veterans in Clinton County and only 400 are using veterans services.
- There is a hold on the land use plan in Eagle Township.
- April 29<sup>th</sup> is the community clean-up at Motz Park.
- Road Commission talking about rerouting milk haulers to the cheese factory.

#### **Bonnie Hale, Cemetery Manager**

- May 20<sup>th</sup>, veteran flag set-up.
- Limb and branch clean up needs to be done.
- Will be seeding some grave areas.

#### **Beth Botke, Assessor**

- Board of Review had 8 petitions:

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- 6 Veterans; approved
- 1 Poverty; approved
- 1 Valuation appeal; denied

**Seth, GrassMasters**

- Presentation of the 2023 contract.

**Kelby Leiby, MRFD**

- Discussion on responses and equipment.
- Updates on equipment and training.

**Approval of the Minutes:** Approval of the February 2023 and March 2023 minutes.

**M.** Carla Wardin, **S.** Kathy George: Approve the February 2023 and March 2023 minutes.

**MCU** (Motion Carried Unanimously)

**Additions to the Agenda:** None:

**Trustee Report:**

**Mark Winsor, Trustee**

- None

**Jim Gavenda, Trustee**

- Reporting on CAAS meeting and forthcoming rate increases.

**Treasurers Report:** Kathy George,

- Discussion on the tax checking accounts.
- Discussion of the Newsletter for June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**M** Carla Wardin, **S** Mark Winsor: Accept the Treasurers Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously (MCU).

**Clerks Report:** Tim Karasek,

- Discussion of the Budget vs Actual Report, consolidated election and FOIA requests.

**M** Carla Wardin, **S** Kathy George: Accept the Clerks Report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Supervisors Report:** Carla Wardin,

- May 11 is the next County Planning meeting. Expected one year moratorium on land use planning for commercial wind and solar farms.
- Discussion of the retirement of Doug Reily; will they do away with planning and zoning at the county level?
- Kathy George: Discussion on bringing planning and zoning in-house at the township level.
- ARPA: filled out report.
- Road Commission updates.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

**A: Lawn Care Contract:** Discussion by Seth from GrassMasters.

**M.** Carla Wardin, **S.** Jim Gavenda; Accept the contract as presented.

**MCU.**

**B. Cemetery Cleaning:** Husted Lynn asked for a letter of permission to clean cemetery headstones. Supervisor Wardin agreed to provide a letter.

**Adjournment:** **M** Carla Wardin, **S** Mark Winsor: Adjourn the meeting at 7:58pm. Motion carried unanimously.

The next regular meeting of the Essex Township Board will be June 21, 2023 at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Karasek

Essex Township Clerk