

Essex Township- Minutes of the Monthly Meeting

June 15, 2022 @ 7:00pm

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

Visitors: Beth Botke, Commissioner Kam Washburn, Guidehouse Managing Consultant Adam Smiddy

Call to order: Township Supervisor Carla Wardin Called the meeting to order at 7:00pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitor Statements:

Beth Botke, Township Assessor

- Changes are coming with AMAR. Checking resolutions to make sure the township is up to date.
- Field audit reviews this year:
 - o Finishing partial construction now.
 - o August-September will be finishing the Village of Maple Rapids.

Kam Washburn, Clinton County Commissioner

- Received a clean audit from last month.
- August 2, Primary Election will have a Headlee Override on the ballot.
 - o 1. Mil Township
 - o .2 Mils RESA
 - o 5.8 Mils County
 - Confusing ballot language
- Michigan Supreme Court ruled that all State courts will observe June 19th as a holiday (Juneteenth).
- County Building Analysis
 - o Generally, everything in good shape.
 - o Will need a new jail soon. New mandates will require new accommodations (i.e. mental health, drug treatment, etc).
- Broadband initiative:
 - o County will be applying for any grant that comes along.
 - o Asked that the township send a letter of support in favor of broadband throughout the county.

Adam Smiddy, Guidehouse Managing Consultants

- Trying to have 2 initiatives converge at once.
 - o North, Central and East areas of the county are looking to fill in gaps and fund projects as a whole.
 - o Grant effort: Need community support by:
 - A letter of support.
 - ARPA funds to be used for matching funds for a grant. 25%-40% matching.
- It is a \$25,000,000 problem to fund.

Minutes of April 20, 2022 Meeting: Winsor moved to approve the meeting minutes; supported by Gavenda. Motion passed and carried (MPC).

Additions and Approval of Agenda: The agenda was reviewed.

Trustee Report: Trustee Gavenda reported that CAAS is asking for more revenue. The **MRFD** has two more people coming on board.

Treasurer's Report:

- Transaction Detail Report presented by George. Moved by Gavenda, supported by Winsor to accept report. Motion passed and carried (MPC)

Clerk's Report:

- Profit and Loss Budget Report presented. Annual cell phone stipend similar to the Treasurers plan discussed. Motion to accept the report and approve a new cell phone for the Clerk was made by George and supported by Winsor. Motion passed and carried (MPC).

Supervisors Report:

- Two major ARPA fund disbursements were discussed:
 - o \$17,463.54 to the Maple Rapids Fire Department for proposed equipment (chest compression).
 - o \$32, 590.00 to Clinton County Road Commission for road improvement projects (Essex Center Rd.).
- Moved by Wardin supported by Winsor to disburse the funds as written. Motion passed and carried (MPC).
- Cemetery issues: A tree needs to be removed and a double burial coming up.

- Broadband issues; Motion to send a letter of support to Clinton County in favor of the broadband initiative. Moved by Karasek, supported by Winsor. Motion passed and carried (MPC).
- Supervisor Wardin commented that the example ballots looked good.

Old Business: None

New Business: The subject of a township credit card for the Cemetery Manager has been tabled.

Adjournment: George moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm ; Supported by Gavenda. MPC. The next regular meeting of the Essex Township Board will be held August 24, 2022, at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Karasek

Essex Township Clerk