

Essex Township- Minutes of the Monthly Meeting

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 29th is the community clean-up at Motz Park.
- Road Commission talking about rerouting milk haulers to the cheese factory.

Bonnie Hale, Cemetery Manager

- May 20th, 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:
 - o 6 Veterans; approved
 - o 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 1st.

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