

Essex Township- Minutes of the Monthly Meeting

December 18, 2024 @ 7:30pm

Members Present: Supervisor Eric Verlinde, Clerk Tim Karasek, Treasurer Kathy George, Trustee Jacob Klaus, Trustee Israel O'Boyle

Visitors: David Pohl- Clinton County Commissioner, Beth Botke- Assessor, Mary Warren- Maple Rapids Public Library, Jody Smith- Clinton Transit, David Purchase, Linda Fox, Patricia Abbott- Maple Rapids Public Library.

Call to Order: Township Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:02pm followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Visitor Statements:

David Pohl- Clinton County Commissioner

- Road Commission pension and retiree healthcare in good shape.
- Road projects are completed for the year.
- RC doing a county-wide culvert assessment.
- Update on state and local road improvements.
- 911 agreement updates.
- Discussion on 5 year Parks and Recreation open space plan and 20 year parks and greenspace master plan.
- Looking at a new jail plan. Estimated cost \$91 million.

Beth Botke- Assessor

- Recent Board of Review: 1 poverty approved per documentation supplied.
- CPI 3.2% of taxable value
- Sales slowing down but home prices still solid. We are at the tail end of new construction for the year.
- 48 construction permits for the year.

Jody Smith- Clinton Transit

- Information on free rides for enrolled GED students.
- RESA donated "Books for Buses" so that local children may receive books.

Mary warren- Maple Rapids Public Library

- Discussion on current issues and asking for a 2% increase in funding for the library for FY 2025-2026.

David Purchase

- Invitation to his house for nativity lighting @ 11:59 Christmas Eve.

Swearing in of Trustees Jacob Klaus and Israel O'Boyle.

Approval of Board Minutes:

Approval of the October 16, 2024 Board Minutes.

M. Eric Verlinde, S. Kathy George: MCU

Additions to the Agenda:

1. Poverty Guidelines Resolution
2. Phillip Glinke snow removal contract.
3. 2025 meeting dates.
4. 2025 Payments to CAAC.
5. BOR appointments

Trustee Report: Jacob Klaus

- Will be attending CAAS board meetings.

Treasurers Report: Kathy George,

- Review of Transaction Detail Report.

M. Tim Karasek, S. Eric Verlinde: Accept the Treasurers Report as presented. MCU

- Wind and solar update: PA233 appealed by Foster and Swift. MPSC changed the definition of some of the meanings within the law.

Clerks Report: Tim Karasek,

- Discussions on financials.

MOTION: Move \$600 from 215-809 to 215-840.

M. Kathy George, S. Israel O'Boyle MCU

MOTION: Move \$300 from 253-910 to 253-933 and move \$320 from 253-970 to 253-933.

M. Kathy George, S. Eric Verlinde MCU

MOTION: Move \$550 from 262-807 to 262-752.

M. Kathy George, S. Israel O'Boyle MCU

MOTION: Move \$150 from 262-900 to 262-934.

M. Kathy George, S. Jacob Klaus MCU

MOTION: Move \$1650 from 567-928 to 567-930 and \$3000 from 941 Contingency to 567-930.

M. Kathy George, **S.** Tim Karasek **MCU**

M. Eric Verlinde, **S.** Israel O'Boyle: Accept the clerks report as presented. **MCU**

Supervisors Report: Eric Verlinde,

- Clinton County Township Officers Association update
- Suggested road improvements and board discussion.

M. Tim Karasek, **S.** Jacob Klaus: Accept the Supervisors Report as presented. **MCU**

Old Business: NONE

New Business:

1. Poverty Guidelines Resolution as presented by Beth Botke.

M. Eric Verlinde. **S.** Tim Karasek; roll call vote. **MCU**

2. Discussion on presenting Phillip Glinke with a snow removal contract for Sowl and Lowe cemeteries as an independent contractor for a rate of \$500 annually.

3. 2025 Meeting dates: February 19, March 19, April 16, June 18, August 20, October 15 and December 17.

4. Discussion on 2025 payments to CAAC.

5. Dan Findlay and Lawrence Pierce appointed to a 2 year term on the Board of Review.

M. Kathy George. **S.** Eric Verlinde **MCU**

Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn 8:45pm.

M. Eric Verlinde, **S.** Israel O'Boyle. **MCU**

Next Meeting February 19, 2024 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Timothy Karasek

Essex Township Clerk

FINAL: DECEMBER 18, 2024 Meeting