

APPROVED MINUTES
PINE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MONDAY JANUARY 13, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M. by Hansen, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer.

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

STAFF PRESENT: Linda Hansen, Deputy Supervisor; Barbara Kaaikala, Deputy Clerk; Steve Buchholz, Zoning Administrator

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Tony Sorensen, District 8 County Commissioner

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC VOICE

Several residents of Rainbow, Little Rainbow, Middle, and Sawdust lakes were present to express concern regarding severe flooding from high water levels of the four lakes. Hansen reported that the issue will be on the February agenda and that State Senator Rick Outman and a Rainbow Lake Association representative are scheduled to be present at the meeting, as well as possibly a representative from Spicer Engineering. Cannon suggested that a Drain Commission representative also be present.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT

Tony Sorensen, District 8 County Commissioner, updated the Board on County Commission decisions over the past two months, including two millage requests that will be on the March, 2020 ballot – a .9 mill request for public libraries, which includes a renewal of .5 mills and an increase of .4 mills, and a 1 mill request to fund Montcalm County Sheriff road patrols.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Burr moved, supported by Cannon, to approve the October 14, 2019 and December 9, 2019 Minutes. Motion carried.

TREASURER/FINANCIAL REPORTS (on file)

Sprague moved, supported by Burr, to approve the corrected November, 2019 and December, 2019 treasurer reports. Motion carried.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Buchholz reported that, with his mother having passed away at the time that he processes his Township paperwork, those documents were just turned in today, prior to the meeting.

Buchholz further reported that, under a new State law, land division applicants will be required to submit, along with the application, proof that property tax payments are current by obtaining from the County Treasurer a receipt at the cost of \$5.00. A receipt from the Township Treasurer will not be sufficient.

ROAD REPORT

Cannon reported that brine and maintenance gravel prices will remain the same in 2020 as they were in 2019.

FIRE REPORT

Burr reported that 19 firemen received search and rescue training at the December 8, 2019 meeting. The merge between Maple Valley Township and Lakeview District Fire Department is progressing smoothly and may be completed before the April target date.

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CEMETERY REPORT - Attached

OLD BUSINESS

TOWNSHIP HALL MICROWAVE

Pitcher will donate a microwave for the Township Hall.

NEW BUSINESS

SUPERVISOR REPORT

Completed during Public Voice.

ROAD COMMISSION CHLORIDE CONTRACT

Pitcher moved, supported by Cannon, to approve a contract with the Road Commission of Montcalm County in the amount of \$24,825.31 for chloride on Township roads in 2020.

Roll call vote: Burr – Yes; Pitcher – Yes; Cannon – Yes; Sprague – Yes; Hansen – Yes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT ALTERNATE START DATES FOR BOARD OF REVIEW

Pitcher moved, supported by Cannon, to approve a resolution to adopt alternate start dates for the March, 2020, July, 2020, and December, 2020 Board of Review.

Roll call vote: Pitcher – Yes; Sprague – Yes; Hansen – Yes; Burr – Yes; Cannon – Yes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT FEDERAL POVERTY EXEMPTION INCOME GUIDELINES AND ASSET TEST

Pitcher moved, supported by Burr, to approve a resolution to adopt Federal poverty exemption income guidelines and asset test.

Roll call vote: Hansen – Yes; Cannon – Yes; Burr – Yes; Sprague – Yes; Pitcher – Yes. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZE PLANNING COMMISSION TO ADOPT A PINE TOWNSHIP SOLAR ORDINANCE

Cannon moved, supported by Sprague, to authorize the Planning Commission to adopt a solar ordinance for the Township ***with Board approval***. Revised 2/10/20

Roll call vote: Cannon – Yes; Hansen – Yes; Pitcher – Yes; Sprague – Yes; Burr – Yes. Motion carried.

BOARD OF REVIEW TRAINING

Sprague moved, supported by Pitcher, to authorize the Board of Review to attend training on February 4, 2020 at Chippewa Hills at a cost of \$50.00 to the Township.

Roll call vote: Cannon – Yes; Hansen – Yes; Pitcher – Yes; Sprague – Yes; Burr – Yes. Motion carried.

SPRING CLEANUP

Pitcher moved, supported by Sprague, to contract with Republic Services for six 30-yard roll off boxes at the cost of \$415.00 per haul, which includes up to 5 tons of disposal, with an overage rate of \$48.00 per ton for Spring Cleanup on April 25, 2020 from 7:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. Motion carried.

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APPOINTMENT OF TAX COLLECTION DESIGNEE

Sprague moved, supported by Burr, to appoint Deputy Treasurer Sue Pitcher as the designee for tax collection per PA 12 (House Bill 4209). Motion carried.

RESIGNATION OF DIANE ROBSON FROM THE TAMARACK DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD

Hansen read the resignation of Diane Robson dated December 26, 2019. Pitcher moved, supported by Sprague, to accept Robson's resignation. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Pitcher moved, supported by Sprague, to pay checks 1657-1689 in the amount of \$9,411.20 for monthly bills, and Hunter Lake check 523 in the amount of \$400.00. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Pitcher moved, supported by Burr, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted.

Marla Sprague

Marla Sprague, Clerk