

Essex Township- Minutes of the Monthly Meeting

August 21, 2024 @ 8:00pm

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

Visitors: Beth Botke- Assessor, Bonnie Hale- Cemetery Manager, Dave Pohl-County

Commissioner, Doug Steffen- Clinton County Road Commission, Jodi Smith.

Call to Order: Township Supervisor called the meeting to order at 8:00pm followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Visitor Statements:

Bonne Hale- Cemetery Manager

- Mr. Lynn would like to remove the broken-down fence in Beach Cemetery.
- Would also like to write a proposal to upgrade Beach Cemetery for general maintenance through the Tre-County Peoples Fund.
- Discussion on a proposal to restore Civil War headstones.

Beth Botke- Assessor

- L-4029 2024 Tax Rate request:
 - o .9882 allocated operating
 - o .4941 Roads and Bridges
- PK Housing petition update:
 - o Appraisal \$662,000
 - o Taxable value \$331,000
 - o Essex loss of Tax \$180.17
 - o Maple Rapids Loss of Tax \$1494.64

Jodi Smith- Clinton Transit

- Thanks for milage support for the Blue Bus!

David Pohl- County Commissioner

- Board approves \$50,000 to remodel 911 Facility.
- Outgoing County Commissioner Decisions:
 - o Fire suppression updates
 - o Child support services moved to Friend of the Court.
 - o Changes to Zoning ordinances.
 - Allow rural event venues
 - Reducing exception from 40 acres to 20 acres.
 - Distinguish road right -of-way on corner lots.
 - Signage

- Greenspace
- Allow auto repair as special land use class.
- Setback revisions.
- Encourage multi-sighting use of towers.
- Small-scale solar use in front yard approved given specific setbacks.

Doug Steffen- County Road Commission

- Discussion on Anderson Rd.
 - Costs/Reuse of steel or not.
 - Options for construction
- Hyde Rd. Culvert Update
 - On slate for September/October delivery. Installation will be slightly longer.

Approval of Board Minutes:

Approval of the June 19, 2024 Board Minutes.

M. Kathy George, **S.** Jim Gavenda: **MCU**

Additions to the Agenda

Cox Drain

L-4029 Approval

Treasurers Report Addition

Trustee Report: Jim Gavenda

- CAAS looking to bump per annual capita charges to \$19.
- Discussion on future funding.

Treasurers Report: Kathy George,

- Review tree clean-up/JML charge.
- Review Jet Speed Printing notation error.
- Administration monies are coming in now.
- Discussion of Cemetery CD (\$6715.16).
 - CD interest to be use only to offset the cost of cemetery maintenance.

M. Tim Karasek, **S.** Kathy George: Accept the Treasurers Report as presented. **MCU**

Clerks Report: Tim Karasek,

- Discussions on financials.

MOTION: Move \$80 form Board of Review Education to Board of Review Supplies.

M. Kathy George, S. Jim Gavenda MCU

M. Jim Gavenda, S. Kathy George: Accept the clerks report as presented. MCU

Supervisors Report: Eric Verlinde,

- NONE

Old Business: NONE

New Business:

Anderson Road Agreement:

MOTION: Approve the \$35,410.14 proposal for improvement of Anderson Rd.

M. Eric Verlinde, S. Kathy George. MCU

Cox Drain on Hyde Rd:

MOTION: Approve the agreement to the Cox Drain Culvert Project.

M. Eric Verlinde, S. Mark Winsor. MCU

L-4029

MOTION: Accept the Tax Rate as presented by Assessor Beth Botke.

M. Eric Verlinde, S. Kathy George. MCU

Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn 9:16pm.

M. Eric Verlinde, S. Tim Karasek. MCU

Next Meeting October 17, 2024 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Timothy Karasek

Essex Township Clerk