

Essex Township- Minutes of the Monthly Meeting

April 17, 2024 @ 7:00pm

Members Present: Supervisor Carla Wardin, Deputy Supervisor Eric Verlinde, Clerk Tim Karasek, Treasurer Kathy George, Trustee Mark Winsor, Trustee Jim Gavenda (absent)

Visitors: Beth Botke- Assessor, Bonnie Hale- Cemetery Manager.

Call to Order: Township Supervisor called the meeting to order at 6:59pm followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Visitor Statements:

Bonne Hale- Cemetery Manager

- Cemetery flag pole fixed and thanks for the new flag. Scouts will be raising the new flag May 18 @ 3:00 , all are welcome to come.
- Mr. Lynn volunteering to do clean-up at Beech cemetery.

Beth Botke- Assessor

- BOR @ Greenbush Township.
- Of 14 petitions only 1 valuation appeal.
- In 2024: \$153,640,400 assessed, \$81,253,936 was taxable, UP \$6,000,000 for the year.

Approval of Board Minutes:

Approval of the March 13, 2024 Board Minutes.

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M. Kathy George, S. Mark Winsor: MCU

Additions to the Agenda

NONE

New Business

Accept resignation letter of Eric Verlinde, Deputy Supervisor.

Accept resignation letter of Carla Wardin, Township Supervisor.

Motion to appoint Eric Verlinde as Essex Township Supervisor.

M. Carla Wardin, S. Mark Winsor: MCU

Motion to appoint Carla Wardin as Essex Township Deputy Supervisor.

M. Eric Verlinde, S. Kathy George: MCU

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Trustee Report: Jim Gavenda

- Lynn Weber is retiring from CAASA. They are currently looking for a replacement.

Treasurers Report: Kathy George,

- Review Transaction Detail by Account
- Not much to report.
- We will be working with Patty Shafer to prepare year end numbers.
- Working on credit card issues with Elan.
- County approved solar ordinance. Hopefully will protect farmland to some degree.
- Currently working on a wind ordinance. Next meeting April 23,2024.
- Discussion on county vs. Bengal Twonship ordinances.

M. Mark Winsor, S. Jim Gavenda: Accept the Treasurers Report as presented. MCU

Clerks Report: Tim Karasek,

- Discussions on financials, elections, elected office petitions and township vacancies.

M. Jim Gavenda, S. Mark Winsor: Accept the clerks report as written. MCU

Supervisors Report: Carla Wardin,

- Road contracts are signed except for Anderson Rd. slope.
- Discussion on Paxton Rd. mining operation: start times, berms, and water table issues.
- We will know more next Wednesday as to if Bengal Township will accept Essex Township into their land use planning program.

Old Business: NONE

New Business:

- All appreciative and thankful of the exceptional service that Carla Wardin has provided the residents of Essex Township for the past 10 years.

Adjournment:

Motion to Adjourn 7:56pm.

M. Eric Verlinde, S. Mark Winsor. MCU

Next Meeting June 19, 2024 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Timothy Karasek

Essex Township Clerk

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