

Edwards Township Board Meeting

January 14, 2019, 7:30 p.m.

Supervisor Taylor opened the regular meeting with the pledge to the flag at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Ron Taylor, Treasurer Eileen Fournier, Clerk Brandy Curtis, Trustee Brent Illig, Trustee Dave Ross

Attendance, Appointed/Official Positions and Public Comment Received: Craig Scott, Ogemaw County Commissioner; Ray Miller, BOR & Planning Commission; Carl McCauley, Planning Commission; Rick Stillwagon, Planning Commission; Bob Clayton, Edwards Township Zoning Administrator; Mike Laier, Sexton; Yvonne Mahl, Deputy Clerk/Hall Manager; Bob Mahl, Hall Maintenance; Toby Stevens, Up North Security and Technology Systems; Paul Shanahan, Precision Audio Video; Dale Sheltroun

Additions to the agenda: Planning and Zoning
DEQ Hall Request

Motion by Illig, supported by Ross, to approve additions to agenda. Motion carried.

Commissioner Craig Scott updated the board on training for Ogemaw County workers, snowmobile grant, and informed the board Ogemaw County has completed their audit and may have a fund balance.

Treasurer report presented by Fournier. Motion by Taylor, supported by Ross, to approve Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

Past minutes of December 10, 2019, were reviewed. Motion by Fournier, supported by Illig, to accept prior minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

Motion by Illig, supported by Fournier, to return hall deposits as listed. Motion carried.

Motion by Taylor, supported by Ross, to approve bills as presented checks 5127-5149, less voided check 5134-Hughes Net, as presented. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Fournier, Illig, Ross, Curtis, Taylor. Nays: None. Motion carried.

As a follow up from December 10, 2018, board meeting, Illig presented three quotes to replace hall floor tiles. Motion by Taylor, supported by Ross, to place bid request in the Ogemaw County Herald for replacement of hall floor tiles. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Fournier, Taylor, Illig, Ross, Curtis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Toby Stevens with Up North Security and Technology Systems and Paul Shanahan with Precision Audio Video presented quotes for the installation of cameras inside and outside the township hall. Motion by Illig, supported by Ross, to table topic until next regularly scheduled board meeting to allow board to speak to insurance company on the possibility of a premium discount. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Taylor, Fournier, Illig, Ross, Curtis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Fournier informed the board she was able to log into the credit card site to obtain statements for payment.

As a follow up from December 10, 2018, board meeting, Curtis informed the board she spoke with CPA regarding the notice received from the Social Security Administration pertaining to the 2017 payroll taxes and informed the board of discrepancies in processing the 2018 W2s/W3 in relation to the 2018 941s. Motion by Illig, supported by Ross, to authorize Curtis to contact CPA regarding 2018 payroll taxes. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Taylor, Fournier, Illig, Ross, Curtis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A discussion was held on ticket booklets located in the office for ordinance enforcement officers and zoning

administrator.

Carl McCauley informed the board Chris Grobbel with Grobbel Environmental Consulting Company will be attending the planning and zoning special meeting February 4, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

Taylor informed the board Carl McCauley's term with Planning and Zoning will cease the end of January 2019. Motion by Taylor, supported by Illig, to elect Carl McCauley to serve on Planning and Zoning. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes Fournier, Illig, Ross, Taylor, Curtis. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Illig informed the board DEQ has requested use of the hall for training at no charge. Due to restriction, they are unable to pay for the hall rental. The Board was in concurrence in allowing DEQ to rent the hall at no charge.

Fournier and Laier spoke to the board regarding cemetery headstone sizes and winter burials.

Motion by Illig, supported by Fournier, to allow sexton the discretion to pursue winter burials based on weather conditions. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Taylor, Ross, Illig, Curtis, Fournier. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Fournier, supported by Illig, to revise cemetery policy to include language noting any headstone larger than 36x48, requests must be submitted to the board for authorization for placement. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Ross, Curtis, Illig, Fournier, Taylor. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Fournier, supported by Ross, to raise rates for burial to \$900 and cremation to \$450 for services that are conducted during the 6 major holidays. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Taylor, Curtis, Ross, Fournier. Nays: Illig. Motion carried.

Motion by Illig, supported by Ross, to select Yvonne Mahl as FOIA Coordinator for Edwards Township with compensation of \$15 per hour. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Ross, Illig, Taylor, Curtis, Fournier. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Public comment was received.

Rick Stillwagon approached the board regarding the sound system in the township cemetery chapel. A discussion was held on the cemetery sign, suggestion of green address reflectors placed at the cemetery entrance and heat in the chapel.

Dale Sheltroun approached the board recommending the completion date should be specified on the floor tile bid requests.

Special budget meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 16, 2019, at 5:30 p.m.

The next township board meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2019, at 7:30 p.m.

Motion by Illig, supported by Ross, to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm. Motion carried.

Ron Taylor, Edwards Township Supervisor

Brandy Curtis, Edwards Township Clerk