

Edwards Township Board Meeting

April 8, 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, Trustees Dave Ross and Brent Illig

Attendance, Appointed/Official Positions and Public Comment Received: Craig Scott, Ogemaw County Commissioner; Ray Miller, BOR & Planning Commission; Rob Kowalski, BOR; Carl McCauley, Planning Commission; Bob Clayton, Edwards Township Zoning Administrator; Mike Laier, Sexton; Yvonne Mahl, Deputy Clerk/Hall Manager; Bob Mahl, Hall Maintenance

Additions to the agenda: Cemetery Clean Up  
Hall Lights  
Planning & Zoning Update  
Payroll Module  
Update on New Treasurer Software  
Correspondence from Dwight McIntyre, Ogemaw County Republican Party  
Phusion Annual Website Hosting

Motion by Taylor, supported by Illig, to accept additions to the agenda. Motion carried.

A discussion was held on septic tank pumping and filter replacement.

Commissioner Craig Scott informed the Board of an opening for an Animal Control Officer with Ogemaw County and the recent resignation of Emergency Manager effective August 31, 2019. Commissioner Scott also stated the 911 Authority is now in place and separate from the County.

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

Past minutes of March 11, 2019, were reviewed. Correction to the minutes was offered as resolution 2019-03 should have read "WHEREAS, pursuant to PA 390, 1994, the Township of Edwards, Ogemaw County". Motion by Taylor, supported by Fournier, minutes approved with correction. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Illig, supported by Fournier, to approve bills as presented checks 5220-5250, in the amount of \$21,102.76. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Illig, Curtis, Fournier, Ross, Taylor. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Taylor, supported by Fournier, to authorize Taylor to contact Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes requesting assistance with the creation of an ordinance to opt out of recreational marijuana establishments in Edwards Township with ordinance being sent to Edwards Township Planning and Zoning for an estimated cost of \$160. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Ross, Taylor, Curtis, Fournier, Illig. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Carl McCauley with Planning and Zoning informed the Board of a public hearing scheduled for May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. pertaining Edwards Township's Master Plan.

Taylor informed the Board of a request from Mr. Hanft to remove the seasonal road designation on a portion of McCauley Road, north of Greenwood Road, and seek year round maintenance. Mr. Hanft would contact the Ogemaw County Road Commission regarding this request as well. Consensus of the Board was that no action be taken on behalf of Edwards Township Board at this time.

Illig informed the Board he met with Reinke, Sperow, and Kaiser with the Ogemaw County Road Commission regarding possible road projects. A discussion was held on road millage, road concerns, and future funding. Motion by Ross, supported by Illig, to authorize the request for contract proposals from the Ogemaw County Road Commission for

Green Road, south of Rau Road, and Lakeside Drive. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Fournier, Illig, Curtis, Ross, Taylor. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Illig, supported by Ross, to authorize the agreement with the Ogemaw County Road Commission for all three brine applications in 2019 for an estimated township cost of \$19,000. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Taylor, Fournier, Ross, Curtis, Illig. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Fournier discussed with the Board mailing of receipts for property tax payments. Motion by Illig, supported by Ross, to cease mailing receipts via postal mail or email for property tax payments unless requested by taxpayer and to include notice in upcoming tax bills. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Ross, Curtis, Fournier, Taylor, Illig. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Illig, supported by Fournier, to contract with Horizon Lawn Care for the lawn maintenance of the cemetery for \$300 with bi-weekly services and before every major holiday and lawn maintenance for the township hall for \$60 with weekly service. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Taylor, Curtis, Fournier, Illig, Ross. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Laier approached the Board request removal of pine trees at the cemetery and provided one estimate to the Board. Consensus of the Board was to obtain two more estimates. Yvonne Mahl will follow up.

A discussion was held on cemetery clean up, dumpster estimates were received from Waste Management, Billy's and B & B Mobile Home Services. Motion by Illig, supported by Ross, to contract with B & B Mobile Home Services for use of a 4 yard dumpster at \$100 a load, no more than 3 loads. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Ross, Curtis, Illig, Taylor, Fournier. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Taylor, supported by Ross, to authorize the rebuilding of township bar for an estimated cost of \$400. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Fournier, Illig, Curtis, Taylor, Ross. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Fournier, supported by Illig, to authorize the purchase of 50 metal folding chairs at \$12.99 each for an estimated cost of \$649. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Curtis, Fournier, Illig, Ross, Taylor. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Taylor informed the Board Consumers Energy Grant through Medlar Electric was approved. A discussion was held on setting up a date and time to install new lights.

Motion by Illig, supported by Ross, to authorize Fournier to request credit card statements from Huron Bank, once statements are received, to cancel credit card with Huron Bank and open a new credit card account with Chemical Bank noting on the account with Chemical Bank, Fournier, Curtis, and Yvonne Mahl as representatives and authorized users would be Eileen Fournier and Bob Mahl. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes, Fournier, Curtis, Taylor, Illig, Ross. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Fournier updated the Board on the status of BS&A software installation and countywide training scheduled May 4th.

Curtis informed the Board of calculation concerns of taxable wages within the Pontem Software. Yvonne Mahl will contact Patrick with Pontem to review payroll module.

Curtis informed the Board of correspondence received from Dwight McIntyre on behalf of the Ogemaw County Republican Party regarding a request submitted to Governor for removal of select board members. McIntyre had no other information other than request was denied and correspondence from the State of Michigan should be expected.

Motion by Curtis, supported by Illig, to approve annual website hosting and domain support from Phusion Digital in the amount of \$360. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Taylor, Curtis, Fournier, Illig, Ross. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Public comment was received. Laier approached the Board regarding Greenwood Road culvert and McCauley Road

bridge. Clayton approached the Board regarding Kartes Road and the need for guardrail installation.

Edwards Township Public Hearing on Master Plan is scheduled for Monday, May 6, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

The next MTA meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2019, at 7:00 pm, Richland Township.

The next township board meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2019, at 7:30 p.m.

Motion by Illig, supported by Ross, to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 pm. Motion carried.

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Ron Taylor, Edwards Township Supervisor

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Brandy Curtis, Edwards Township Clerk