

Edwards Township Board Meeting
January 11, 2021, 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Supervisor Ron Taylor, Treasurer Eileen Fournier, Clerk Yvonne Mahl, Trustees Todd Johnson,

ATTENDANCE: Planning Commission Member Rick Stillwagon, Planning Commission, BOR Member Robert Kowalski, Planning Commission Member Carl McCauley, Planning Commission, BOR Member Ray Miller, Mike Laier Sexton, Bob Clayton Zoning Administrator, Pat Reinke Ogemaw Road Commission, Dan Winter Ogemaw County Road Commissioner, Wayne Zimmerman, Brent Illig, Pat Miller

PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS to AGENDA: Deletions: County Commissioner, Addition: Ogemaw County Road

Motion by Ron Taylor, supported by Todd Johnson, to accept the agenda with additions and deletions, Motion carried.

NEW TRUSTEE: Mark Lehman did not take the position of trustee because he moved out of the township. Two Residents have shown an interest in being appointed to fill the position until the governor election in 2022, Brent Illig and Robert Kowalski. Both were given opportunity to speak on their own behalf, Brent: "been on the board as trustee for 12 years, a lot of knowledge of township business and budget". Robert: "2014 Lou Winter asked him to sit on BOR and now sits on several boards within township, Knowledgeable in many areas".

Motion by Ron Taylor, supported by Todd Johnson, to appoint Robert Kowalski to the trustee position:

Roll call vote: Taylor-yes, Mahl-no, Fournier-no, Johnson-yes Motion failed

Motion by Yvonne Mahl, support by Eileen Fournier to appoint Brent Illig to the trustee position:

Roll call vote: Taylor-no, Mahl-yes, Fournier-yes, Johnson-no Motion failed

With a tie vote on both, it will now go to the county to call a special election

ROAD COMMISSION: Ron Taylor referenced Green Rd. between Rau and Lehman or McCauley Rd as to potential roads to be reconstructed and paved over the next 5years. Pat Reinke said we are looking at year 2022 if we get on list by fall 2021, Green would cost estimate of 500,000 to reconstruct with 70/30 split and 100,000 to pave at 75/25 split with road commission, McCauley would be 541,000 to reconstruct (70/30) and 100,000 (75/25) to pave, could be less but also could be more, depends on muck. Ron suggested we could pay what we have in from mileage then borrow rest from road commission. Wayne Zimmerman spoke of: traffic on Green, gets busy at times and how Ogemaw Twp. put together mileage to pave all their roads. Bob Clayton asked about a guardrail on Kartes Road, safety improvement, Ron and Eileen thought it would be a good idea to get a cost for that, Pat will do that.

TREASURERS REPORT: presented by Eileen Fournier. Motion by Ron Taylor Supported by Todd Johnson to approve treasurers report as presented. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Todd Johnson supported by Eileen Fournier to approve December 14, 2020 regular meeting via zoom. Motion carried

HALL DEPOSIT RETURNS: None

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Motion by Eileen Fournier supported by Todd Johnson to pay bills check # 5850-5868 totaling 4049.93

Roll call vote: Taylor=yes, Mahl=yes, Fournier=yes, Johnson=yes Motion carried

BUDGET: Yvonne Mahl presented a copy of current budget (January 11, 2021) to board members and explained there has been an ongoing issue with budget dating back to February 2019 when an over phone payment was made on credit card without invoices to support it. Mahl has been working on it and has asked for and received the help of past clerk Brandy Curtis in fixing the issue. 1029.02 (the amount of payment) was put into this year's budget under 101-101-955-000 township board misc. where it will be for a short time until we can move it back to 2019 with a journal entry. Mahl continues to have program issues with in the Pontem software as to placing monies in wrong line items. Brent Illig explained that this has been an ongoing issue that was resolved with the closing of the credit card.

Motion by Ron Taylor, supported by Todd Johnson to make budget adjustments: Elections: 101-262-704-000 wages 700.00 and 101-262-851-000 postage 150.00

Roll call vote: Taylor=yes, Mahl=yes, Fournier=yes, Johnson=yes Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT: Ray Miller-Planning Commission would like direction from board what they would like worked on. Should they work on 5-year plan? Ron stated the census is not back yet, but any future thoughts. Rick Stillwagon Planning Commission asked about Edwards contract with West Branch Fire Board. Could there be a joint contract with Clement Township, what would that look like, what would cost be? Ron Believes we have a mutual aid agreement with West Branch Fire Dept. but he will ask more about it at next fire board meeting.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Yvonne: Upgrade at Jack/Irene Morris completed at cost of 1545.10

Ron: Parcel at T-Lake has sold, question whether we have received check yet, no.

Next township board meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

BOR Meeting in March

Motion by Ron Taylor, supported by Eileen Fournier, to adjourn the meeting at 8:46pm. Motion carried.

Ron Taylor, Edwards Township Supervisor

Yvonne Mahl, Edwards Township Clerk