

Edwards Township Board Meeting  
February 14, 2022, 7:30 p.m.

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

ATTENDANCE: County Commissioner Craig Scott, Sexton Mike Laier, Planning Commission  
Members Ray Miller, Rick Stillwagon, Resident Pat Miller, Candidate State Rep Shawn Petri,  
EMS Director Trista Smith

PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS to AGENDA:

Motion by Ron Taylor, supported by Eileen Fournier, to accept the agenda as presented,  
Motion carried.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER:

Medical examiner services came in explained services, officer that was authorized to attend Kirtland  
Police Academy is postponed until August, have asked sheriff for another plan to cover ORV patrol,  
authorized the issuance or refunding bonds for corrections building, authorized purchase of desk and  
filing cabinets for clerk's office, authorized acceptance of life insurance policy for employees, approved  
job description for custodian and maintenance supervisor, approved appointments to county's planning  
commission and zoning board of appeals

SHAWN PETRI CANIDATE STATE REP:

Republican, COOR ISD Supervisor, focus education, small business rural areas

EMS TRISTA SMITH:

Began grant, found EMS can't submit, deadline Tuesday February 14, asked our township to submit  
grant application. If receive grant, money will run through township to EMS

Motion by Dan Zettel, support by Eileen Fournier to sign grant and submit under Edwards Township  
Roll Call:

Taylor-Y Fournier-Y, Johnson-Y, Zettel-Y, Mahl-Y,

TREASURER REPORT

Motion by Todd Johnson, supported by Yvonne Mahl, to accept the Treasurer report as  
presented Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular board meeting, January 10, 2022 at 730pm

Motion by Ron Taylor, supported by Dan Zettel, to accept the minutes as presented.

Motion carried.

HALL DEPOSIT RETURNS:

Motion by Ron Taylor, supported by Eileen Fournier, to accept the hall deposit returns as  
presented Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Motion by Todd Johnson supported by Eileen Fournier, to accept bills check #6186-6212 totaling 9289.08 Roll Call:  
Mahl-Y, Fournier-Y, Johnson-Y, Zettel-Y, Taylor-Y

CEMETERY ORDINANCE AMENDMENT:

To allow for buy back at the current rate, instead of purchase amount. Ray Miller questioned why we would pay more than was originally purchased for? Discussion held, Dan, how many graves in cemetery? Mike: approximately 110 blocks with 32 graves per block=3520 graves with maybe 1/3 left to sell, Ron: idea on how to lighten burden of tax payers: maintenance fee, need to get cemetery committee back up and meeting to discuss it.

Motion by Ron Taylor supported by Yvonne Mahl to add amendment to ordinance  
Roll Call:  
Fournier-Y, Johnson-Y, Zettel-Y, Taylor-Y, Mahl-Y

TAX BILL CONSOLIDATION:

Request from Ogemaw County treasurer to remove parcel #003-420-012-00 from 2020 tax roll.  
Motion by Eileen Fournier, supported by Todd Johnson to remove parcel 003-420-012-00 from the 2020 tax roll  
Motion carried

FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES:

Motion by Ron Taylor, supported by Eileen Fournier to accept the 2022 Federal Poverty Guidelines,  
Motion carried

TOWNSHIP BOARD AND PLANNING BOARD MEETING DATES:

Motion by Yvonne Mahl, supported by Todd Johnson to set the 2022 Township Board Meeting dates as Second Monday of the month at 7:30 and Planning meeting dates as the first Monday of the month at 7pm quarterly  
Motion carried

WEST BRANCH RECYCLING PROGRAM LETTER:

Letter reflects a raise in wages of recycling workers from 13.12 to 16.85, Motion by Yvonne Mahl supported by Ron Taylor to support the wage increase  
Motion carried

T-LAKE-LAUREN HORAN:

Ron received a letter from West Branch Title Agency stating there is still interest in parcel sold to Lauren Horan last year: Todd will look into it

CEMETERY PLOT-SANDRA DANTZER

Looking for her deeds, Yvonne is working on them

CHANNEL LAKE ASSESSMENT REQUEST:

Todd & Ron have been working with residents of Channel Lake, Public Act 188, next month they hope to have majority of lake frontage property owners to establish an assessment for frontage owners to do weed control of Channel Lake

**BUDGET BUILDING DATE:**

March 9, 2022 at 7pm

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Dates for Chris Grobbel in March, Ray, have other twp.'s been included to offset price? "No, working on it some" Craig Scott offered to help promote, ask Clement twp., Rick, ARPA funds usage? Craig said twp. under 10million revenue can put into general funds, spend on items would have done during covid

**BOARD COMMENT:**

Dan-Star Link coming tomorrow, will let you know how it goes, Ron-note from Dale Sheltroun, thinks we should get generator for hall with ARPA Funds, contacted by Pat McNulty concerning generator, he put it at a cost of 30,000.00, Ron would like to see a committee formed to look at wages across board for everyone, include 3-4 citizens to look into wages of everyone

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

Township Board Meeting March 14, 2022 @7:30

**ADJOURMENT:**

Motion by Ron Taylor supported by Dan Zettel to adjourn at 9:15

Motion carried

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Ron Taylor, Edwards Township Supervisor

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Yvonne Mahl, Edwards Township Clerk