

**Edwards Township Board Meeting  
September 12, 2022, 7:30 pm**

PRESENT: Supervisor - Ron Taylor, Treasurer - Eileen Fournier, Trustees – Todd Johnson & Dan Zettel. Absent: Clerk – Yvonne Mahl

ATTENDANCE: County Commissioner – Craig Scott, Zoning Admin – Bob Clayton, Sexton – Mike Laier, Planning Comm Membersw – Ray Miller, Carl McCauley, Rick Stillwagon, BOR, Planning & Deputy Supervisor Rob Kowalski. Resident Pat Miller.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ADDITIONS /DELETIONS TO AGENDA:

Add 9a – Channel Lake Assessment Resolution

Motion by Ron Taylor, support by Dan Zettel to accept agenda with addition, motion carried.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER:

Craig Scott reported the following:

1. Accepted a grant for Covid Reimbursement for Corrections Dept
2. Authorized purchase of 2 Sheriff cars, 2022 Chev Tahoes. Purchased thru MiDeal at \$67,240 each. Paid using Road patrol budget
3. Listened to a proposal for the County's Veterans office move into the former State Police building with other veterans services
4. Authorized Transit to purchase its annual tire inventory
5. Authorized purchase of body-worn cameras for Law Enforcement personnel
6. Approved resolution to establish a fee for Telecommunications tower site plan review
7. Authorized the sale of Surplus County Property
8. Listened to annual report form Ausable Valley Mental health & NEMSCA
9. Public hearing held for Housing Dept's CDGB funding (Comm Development Block Grant)
10. Committee Reports:
  - Parks & Recreation: Nature Park was able to put the herd in the fenced area, while the remainder of the fence is installed. The RV park had some minor repairs done. Attendance is good this year.
  - Airport: A review of project & finances
  - Planning: A Special Use was approved in Rose Twp for storage units, and one was approved for Mills Twp for an Auto recycling facility
  - Road Commission: Starting Union negotiations, reviewed road projects & equipment status.

#### ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Bob Clayton reported that he had a meeting with Young (Greenwood Rd). She was a no-show. He is waiting for Bryan Stein's report on next move. There was a formal hearing on the M-30 property. He promised to comply. He extended the clean-up to the 11<sup>th</sup>. He has had one building permit this month.

#### TREASURER REPORT

Eileen Fournier read the Treasurers Report for August, 2022. A motion was made by Todd Johnson, supported by Dan Zettel as presented. Motion carried.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Amended Regular meeting minutes dated July 11, 2022 and the Regular Meeting Minutes dated August 8, 2022 were presented. A motion was made by Todd Johnson and supported by Eileen Fournier. Motion carried.

#### HALL DEPOSITS

Motion by Eileen Fournier, supported by Dan Zettel to return hall deposits as presented. Motion carried.

#### CHANNEL LAKE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION

Todd Johnson discussed this resolution. It is only for the lots that touch the lake. There will be a public hearing on Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at 7:00pm. There will also be a public hearing every 5 years. The residents of the lake will pay for the water treatment. A motion was made by Todd Johnson, supported by Ron Taylor to accept the Channel Lake Special Assessment Resolution as presented. Motion carried.

#### APPROVAL OF BILLS

There was a discussion regarding the check payable to Gleaner for \$4,989.28. It was decided to not approve that check at this time until further direction from our attorney. A motion was made by Todd Johnson, supported by Ron Taylor to accept the bills, except for the check payable to Gleaner for \$4,989.28, totaling \$24,087.26.

ROLL CALL Taylor – Y, Mahl – absent, Fournier-Y, Johnson – Y, Zettel – Y

AUDIT REPORT – tabled until next month

#### FORM L-4029 MILLAGE REQUEST

Form L-4029 was presented and discussion followed. Ron Taylor made a motion to accept the form as presented, Eileen Fournier supported. Motion carried.

#### BLIGHT REQUEST INVENTORY

Ron Taylor met with Caren Piglowski (County Treasurer) regarding her request of the townships blight inventory. She is applying for a state grant to help rebuild or tear down blighted properties. She is looking for addresses from our township to make improvements.

#### GLEANER

Ron Taylor requested the removal of the check to Gleaner until we have clear directions from our attorney.

#### SNOW REMOVAL –tabled

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Pat Miller requested a copy of the contract that we signed from Stephenson & Company for the audit. Eileen will get information to her.

Rob Kowalski discussed the following:

Fresh Start (painters) increased their bid by \$1,000. A motion made by Todd Johnson, and supported by Dan Zettel, to approve the \$1,000 increase. Motion carried.

He also discussed a new sink, countertops, front door icing up, and kick plates for the doors.

He handed out copies of the new Poverty Exemption rules that we are following. We adopted the new asset test. It was approved by the Board of Review.

#### BOARD COMMENT

Ron Taylor stated that on September 15, from 9am-5pm at Horton Hall there will be a question and answer session for the Drainage system.

Ron Taylor stated that he received a letter from the Michigan Dept of Treasury and Edwards Township has met the minimum requirement for our assessments. All is good.

Eileen Fournier reported that her deputy Nadelle Rosebrugh will no longer be serving after this month. Her new deputy will be Sydney Lademan who will be appointed and sworn in in October.

#### UPCOMING MEETINGS

Township Board Meeting, October 10, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business appearing, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm

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Ron Taylor, Edwards Township Supervisor



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Eileen Fournier, Edwards Township Treasurer