

EDWARDS TOWNSHIP BUDGET MEETING

April 10, 2023 7:30pm

PRESENT: Supervisor Ron Taylor (absent), Clerk Korey Kripli, Treasurer Eileen Fournier, Trustee Todd Johnson, and Trustee Dan Zettel

ATTENDANCE: Planning and Deputy Supervisor Rob Kowalski, County Commissioner Brenda Simmons, Zoning Administrator Bob Clayton, and Deputy Clerk Kim Glasser.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - MARCH 13,2023

Motion by Eileen Fournier, supported by Todd Johnson to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Motion by Korey Kripli, supported by Eileen Fournier to add Road Brining as 14A to the agenda and accept the agenda. Motion carried.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER:

Discussion has taken place about putting Kalkaska inmates in Ogemaw County Jail. The county is opposing the expansion of Camp Grayling. The county approved a new conduct policy and have repealed some county ordinances that are no longer enforceable. The jail is going to spend ARPA money on a new body scanner. The county is starting to manage their expenditures more thoroughly and will start saying "no" to more organizations. A Geo-caching program has started for tourism throughout Ogemaw County. The county has denied rezoning for a Dollar General near M-55 and M-33 by the Ogemaw County Fairgrounds. The jail is now completing prescriptions electronically.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:

Bob Clayton sent out a letter to a resident inviting her to a special meeting on May 8th at 7pm to deal with her dangerous building. At the planning commission last week, they are looking at a special use permit for a campground. Currently waiting for a property survey. Bob turned in three new zoning permits.

TREASURER UPDATE:

Treasurer report presented by Eileen Fournier. Motion by Dan Zettel,

supported by Korey Kripli to accept the Treasurer Report.

Roll Call: Taylor Absent Kripli Y Fournier Y Johnson Y Zettel Y

Motion carried.

HALL DEPOSIT RETURNS:

Motion by Eileen Fournier, supported by Dan Zettel to issue hall deposit returns. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Motion by Eileen Fournier, supported by Dan Zettel to approve bills with checks #6637-#6667 and check #6705.

Roll Call: Taylor Absent Kripli Y Fournier Y Johnson Y Zettel Y

CPA UPDATE:

The Clerk's laptop, specifically the hard drive, crashed. Computer Genie was able to retrieve most of the information on the laptop, except for the Pontem Software that was not backed up properly. The Board approved the buying of a new laptop for \$500. The Clerk will now work with the CPA, Eileen Fournier, and Kim Glasser to start over using Quickbooks Online.

Motion by Eileen Fournier, supported by Dan Zettel to purchase Quickbooks Online for \$42.50 per month.

Roll Call: Taylor Absent Kripli Y Fournier Y Johnson Y Zettel Y

Motion by Eileen Fournier, supported by Dan Zettel to purchase a Dell laptop for \$500.

Roll Call: Taylor Absent Kripli Y Fournier Y Johnson Y Zettel Y

HALL MAINTENANCE:

Motion made by Korey Kripli, supported by Eileen Fournier to purchase two sets of speakers for \$500.

Roll Call: Taylor Absent Kripli Y Fournier Y Johnson Y Zettel Y

Motion made by Eileen Fournier, supported by Korey Kripli to purchase two 12' x 40' car ports for a total of \$6,651.50.

Roll Call: Taylor Absent Kripli Y Fournier Y Johnson Y Zettel Y

Motion made by Eileen Fournier, supported by Dan Zettel to write a check for \$665.15 for the deposit on the car ports.

Roll Call: Taylor Absent Kripli Y Fournier Y Johnson Y Zettel Y

Seal Coating has been tabled for the next board meeting. Currently waiting on other bids.

Motion made by Eileen Fournier, supported by Dan Zettel to re-approve the purchase of two kitchen sinks for \$606. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dan Zettel, supported by Eileen Fournier to purchase new countertops for the kitchen for a total of \$7,000.

Roll Call: Taylor Absent Kripli Y Fournier Y Johnson Y Zettel Y

Motion made by Eileen Fournier, supported by Korey Kripli to purchase three new high chairs for the hall for a total of \$213.

Roll Call: Taylor Absent Kripli Y Fournier Y Johnson Y Zettel Y

Motion made by Eileen Fournier, supported by Dan Zettel to purchase window shades for the hall for a total of \$2,000.

Roll Call: Taylor Absent Kripli Y Fournier Y Johnson Y Zettel Y

Motion made by Eileen Fournier, supported by Dan Zettel to approve the purchase of a bar table with casters for events at the hall for a total of \$550.

Roll Call: Taylor Absent Kripli Y Fournier Y Johnson Y Zettel Y

Outdoor pavilion/gazebo is tabled until the next upcoming board meeting.

Motion made by Eileen Fournier, supported by Korey Kripli to hire Clean Cut Lawn Care for lawn cutting at the cemetery and township hall.

Roll Call: Taylor Absent Kripli Y Fournier Y Johnson Y Zettel Y

ARPA FUND BALANCE (with above purchases): \$35,000

PENSION:

The township sent a check in for Katie Pfiefer last month for everything that we owed her. She signed an agreement from the attorney to accept that and to not ask for any more money.

The township reached out to Brent Illig. He did not respond. He was supposed to sign the form at the meeting today. His account should have been closed years ago and never got cashed out.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SALARY:

Motion made by Korey Kripli, supported by Eileen Fournier to increase the

Deputy Supervisor salary from \$100 to \$150 per month. This motion will make all deputy salaries equal.

Roll Call: Taylor Absent Kripli Y Fournier Y Johnson Y Zettel Y

ROAD FUND PAYMENT PLAN:

Motion made by Eileen Fournier, supported by Dan Zettel to accept the interest rate payment plan from the road commission.

Roll Call: Taylor Absent Kripli Y Fournier Y Johnson Y Zettel Y

ROAD BRINING:

Motion made by Dan Zettel, supported by Eileen Fournier to not approve the road brining due to the lack of financial information presented by the county road commission. Motion carried.

INTERMENT FEES:

Motion made by Eileen Fournier, supported by Korey Kripli to increase interment fees by \$50 and to put that money in a maintenance fund to help offset expenses of the cemetery. Motion carried.

TIRE PROGRAM:

Edwards Township will be doing a tire recycling drive using a grant on April 26th from 11am to 7pm and April 27th from 10am to 2pm. More information is available on the Edwards Township website and is in the Ogemaw Herald dated for April 13, 2023.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Rick Stillwagon stated that the board is doing a nice job and are really putting forth an effort.

Mike Laier asked the board when the dumpster was going to be ready for use. Rob Kowalski stated that it will be in once the security cameras are up and when the painting is done. May 15th is the estimate.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Eileen Fournier, supported by Dan Zettel to adjourn the board meeting at 9:30pm. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING:

Special Meeting May 8, 2023 at 7pm

Board Meeting May 8, 2023 at 7:30pm

