

**Edwards Township Board Meeting
January 9, 2023**

Present: Supervisor Ron Taylor, Treasurer Eileen Fournier, Trustee Dan Zettel, Trustee Todd Johnson, and Deputy Clerk Kate Pfeiffer.

Absent: Yvonne Mahl, Clerk

Attendance: Sexton Mike Laier, Deputy Supervisor Rob Kowalski, County Commissioner Brenda Simmons, Residents ***

Pledge of Allegiance

Additions/ Deletions to agenda: none

Motion made by Todd Johnson supported by Dan Zettel, motion carried

County Commissioner: Transit was missed in the millage, will need close monitoring. Sheriff made dog licenses available with adoption. Minutes were left with information regarding Regional Juvenile Center concept.

Road Commission: Green road will need about \$195k in additional funds to complete, county is willing to go 50/50 with Township, there is some time to come to an agreement as DTE needs to move lines before continuing with construction.

Zoning administrator: No permits. Removal of obscene objects from the yard on M-30 continues, resident was fined.

Treasurer report: Motion made by Todd Johnson seconded by Dan Zettel, motion carried.

Approval of the minutes: Brenda Simmons suggested that "shortfalls" and "going after the bond" were not mentioned. She also mentioned that in the pension section of the minutes it is not noted that "Yvonne will get vouchers from Gleaner". Rob Kowalski suggested that in the Hall Security section the word "kick plates" be changed to "striker plates". Motion to amend made by Ron Taylor, seconded by Dan Zettel, motion carries.

Hall deposit returns: Treasurer was curious as to what "carry over" meant and why a refund was not issued to Yvonne Mahl. Deputy clerk explained the township often allows residents to "carry over" their refund as a deposit for their next planned even. Motion made by Eileen Fournier seconded by Todd Johnson, motion carries.

Approval of the bills: Treasurer was curious if ACH transactions were only for the 4th quarter or for the entire year, awaiting response from Clerk. Motion made by Eileen Fournier seconded by Todd Johnson, motion carries.

Gleaner Pension: Gleaner is not associated with the name Mannor Group, and Tara is the contact person. Eileen Fournier signed a document accepting the proposed offer, bringing them current with pension. Motion made by Ron Taylor to pay a total of \$7140.82 to Mannor Group for Eileen and Brent, seconded by Todd Johnson. Roll call: Taylor, Fournier, Johnson, Zettel. Motion carries. Rob Kowalski is to get with Kate Pfeiffer with further information regarding her pension.

Audit Report: Multiple questions arose as to how we move forward, do we need a new computer system, why is the old system so corrupt, how to we fix the pay stub issue, will the insurance/ bond pay for the forensic investigation Ron suggested. Todd Johnson made amotion to hire Stevenson and Co. to do forensic investigation of budget and audit, seconded by Ron Taylor. Roll call: Taylor, Fournier, Johnson, Zettel. Motion carries.

Hall Security: Todd Johnson suggested this topic be tabled until the audit is complete and there is a dollar amount for how much ARPA funds are left.

Public comment: Winters stated that Kerry Klug is concerned with the safety of drivers at the intersection of Green Rd and Rau Rd. Klug's residence is on that corner and he is concerned that drivers are "blowing through the stop sign". No suggestion was made as a fix for the issue, Klug was just wanting to inform the board of the issue. Mike Laier suggested a yearly audit to prevent further discrepancies with budget. Laier also was curious as to if there are systems on the computer missing, and how to we fix these problems. Rob Kowalski offered to sell the township chairs for \$6 each, he has 60 – 80 chairs available.

Board comments: Deputy Clerk Kate Pfeiffer spoke about how intricate and complicated the Pontem System is, and how the discrepancies with finalizing the budget has been a tedious task. She also suggested that systems when working as Deputy Clerk with Dennis Stephens were for some unknown reason not available or able to be found on the laptop as Deputy Clerk with Yvonne Mahl, making this a complicated process for her as well as the clerk. Pfeiffer was interested to see if the forensic investigation would be able to shed light on that situation as well as the budget issues. Dan Zettel suggested using Quickbooks across the board to be concurrent with the payroll system. Eileen Fournier suggested BS&A like the County uses, as it is a sophisticated system used for municipalities.

Upcoming meetings: Township board meeting February 13th 2023 at 7:30pm.

Adjournment: Motion made by Ron Taylor seconded by Todd Johnson, motion carries.



Ron Taylor, Edwards Twp Supervisor



Eileen Fournier, Edwards Twp Treasurer