

EDWARDS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

June 12, 2023 7:30pm

PRESENT: Supervisor Ron Taylor, 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. Several residents of Edwards Township.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - May 8, 2023, May 8, 2023 Special Meeting, and May 31, 2023 Special Meeting

Motion by Eileen Fournier, supported by Dan Zettel to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Motion by Eileen Fournier, supported by Dan Zettel to move Mickey Kartes to the top of the agenda and accept the agenda. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA:

None

MICKY KARTES - EDWARDS SCHOOL RD/BEARDSLEE RD

Mickey Kartes stated that her and other residents would like Edwards School Road and Beardslee Road to be paved. The board stated that Green Road is still under construction and won't be done for another year. The board encouraged Mickey and residents to keep coming to board meetings to state their case to get their road paved. Dan Winter from the Road Commission was in attendance to answer any questions Mickey or the board had.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER:

There was talk about the Field of Dreams to be transferred to West Branch

Township. Ogemaw County owns it right now. The survey would be costly to find exactly where the property lines are.

The Transit is working on hiring dispatchers and drivers for Saturdays.

The Sheriff's office hired a new Corrections Officer, Deputy, and new posse volunteer. They will do boat safety classes in the next coming weeks. They will start enforcing ORV laws and speed limits.

June 17th - Candy Drop at the airport

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:

Bob Clayton stated that he had contact with a lady on Greenwood Road that Rob had a complaint on. Bob told the lady that she needed to clean the place up.

Bob Clayton is going to reach out to Kyle O'Meara (attorney) to figure out what our next steps are for the dangerous building on Greenwood Road.

TREASURER UPDATE:

Treasurer report presented by Eileen Fournier. Motion by Todd Johnson, supported by Dan Zettel to accept the Treasurer Report.

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

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Motion by Todd Johnson, supported by Eileen Fournier to approve bills with checks #6708-#6747 and checks #6750 and #6751.

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

HALL DEPOSIT RETURNS:

Motion by Eileen Fournier, supported by Korey Kripli to issue hall deposit returns. Motion carried.

HISTORICAL MUSEUM - BOB HUTCHINS:

Bob Hutchins had a short presentation about the Ogemaw County Historical Museum and what it has to offer. Bob left pamphlets and encouraged residents to check out the museum and attend their numerous events in the next upcoming weeks. Pamphlets are available at the Edwards Township Hall.

PLANNING BOARD:

Motion by Eileen Fournier, supported by Todd Johnson to nominate Kimberly Glasser to the Planning Board. Motion carried.

OVER/UNDER ON TAX BILLS:

Eileen Fournier stated that there is a \$3 over/under for tax bills for our township. Fournier stated that she attended a training for BS&A and many townships are going to \$10 which she thinks is a lot. The board agreed and decided to keep the \$3 over/under that our township currently uses.

ROAD COMMISSION:

Dan Winter and Pat Reinke were in attendance from the Road Commission. Both answered questions about Green Road, brining, among other questions. The county is behind on brine. 4th of July brining may be delayed.

Bob Clayton asked why the brine is different this year. Pat stated that brine is salt and it needs water to activate. With the dry weather we have had, it didn't have a chance to activate and last longer.

Mike Laier asked about the corner of Rau Road and Pointer Road. Dan Zettel stated the road was just paved, but farmers are pulling 4-axle tankers that are huge. Pat Reinke suggested that the township should think about curbing that corner to stop the wear and tear from farm equipment.

Korey Kripli talked with Karen Michaels from Horton Township to try and pave the rest of Channel Lake Road. Pat Reinke said he would get with the board about an updated price.

PARCEL #003-420-027-00:

Eileen Fournier brought up that there was a parcel that was combined with another parcel that had a Chapman Lake assessment on it. The county asked Eileen to approve deleting that parcel so they can take it off the tax roll. Motion by Eileen Fournier, supported by Ron Taylor to delete parcel #003-420-027-00. Motion carried.

ARPA:

Rob put a list together of what the township has spent for ARPA. Current balance is \$37,437.43. Pavilion, concrete, and new steps out the side door have been already approved. Hall floors are going to be cleaned on June

20th and 21st. Carports will be installed soon. Exit signs for the hall are outdated.

Motion by Ron Taylor, supported by Todd Johnson to approve \$400 for new LED exit signs.

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

CPA UPDATE:

Eileen Fournier, Korey Kripli, and Ron Taylor met with the CPA to go over audit and F-65 form. Korey and Eileen have been busy inputting everything from 2019, 2020, and 2021 into Quickbooks. This information will help Stephenson and Co. complete the audit and F-65. Korey will be inputting 2022 and 2023 into Quickbooks in the next couple weeks.

Fournier also stated there were five payments to the IRS for past due payroll taxes that were not done by Yvonne Mahl. Those fees will catch the township up on past due payments, but it is not the fine. The CPA stated that the fine will be roughly in the \$1,500 range.

NOMINATION FOR BOR:

Motion by Eileen Fournier, supported by Dan Zettel to nominate Sherry Barber for Board of Review. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Pat Miller had questions about payables. She asked what the Sexton does for \$300 per month. Mike Laier said that he answers phone calls and meets with clients. He stated that it was a busy month. Dan Zettel brought up that he himself has a log book that he keeps for his dental practice to keep track of his on-call hours.

Pat also brought up the ordinance on Greenwood Road. She was concerned how long it has taken to complete the project. Ron Taylor stated that we need to make sure we do our checks and balances in order to complete the project legally.

Eileen Fournier mentioned the FOIA requests from Yvonne Mahl. Eileen wanted the residents to know and wanted it recorded in the minutes.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

MTA Chapter Meeting: Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at 6:30pm

Township Board Meeting: Monday, July 10, 2023 at 7:30pm

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Ron Taylor, supported by Eileen Fournier to adjourn at 8:50pm.
Motion carried.

Ron Taylor, Supervisor

Korey Kripli, Clerk