

EDWARDS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

August 14, 2023 7:30pm

PRESENT: Supervisor Ron Taylor, Treasurer Eileen Fournier, and Trustee Todd Johnson

ATTENDANCE: Planning and Deputy Supervisor Rob Kowalski, County Commissioner Brenda Simmons (absent), Zoning Administrator Bob Clayton, and Deputy Clerk Kim Glasser. Several residents of Edwards Township.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - July 10, 2023 Board Meeting

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

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA:

None

COUNTY COMMISSIONER:

Absent

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:

Bob Clayton stated that he will be having a meeting with the homeowner on Greenwood with the dangerous building and Larry Watson on August 21st at the hall.

TREASURER REPORT:

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

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Motion by Eileen Fournier, supported by Todd Johnson to approve bills with checks #6779-#6843 for a total of \$62,199.48.

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

Motion Carried.

HALL DEPOSIT RETURNS:

Motion by Ron Taylor, supported by Eileen Fournier to issue hall deposit returns for a total of \$600. Motion carried.

EDUCATION ORDINANCE:

Discussion was made about the training required by new board members to complete as they take office. The board wanted to present this language to the lawyer for further confirmation. Tabled for next meeting.

FLAG POLE:

Discussion was made about a flag pole for the cemetery. The cost of the pole is \$84.99. Deputy Supervisor Rob Kowalski suggested buying two light kits for both the flag at the cemetery and the one at the hall. Rob also stated that shirts for constables need to be purchased. Pots, shelves, and towels will also need to be purchased for the kitchen. Total for everything would be \$731.20. Motion by Ron Taylor, supported by Eileen Fournier to approve \$800 to purchase flag pole, constable shirts, and miscellaneous items for kitchen.

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

DRAIN FIELD:

Discussion was made about the drain field for the hall with the issue of poison sumac. No permit has been found to show where the drain field actually is on the township property. Issue is tabled for next meeting until more details are provided.

AUDIT UPDATE/ROAD FUND SEPARATE ACCOUNT:

Eileen Fournier stated that the township has made it through the first audit and the CPA is working on the second audit. The F65 had been filed and now the CPA is working on the second F65. Fournier stated that after meeting with the CPA, the township should have a separate bank account for the road fund to make it easier for future audits. Motion by Eileen

Fournier, supported by Todd Johnson to approve a separate bank account for the road fund.

Motion approved.

CEMETERY SIGN:

Discussion was made about the cemetery sign. With lack of bids, the issue has been tabled for the next board meeting.

CEMETERY MONEY POLICY:

Discussion was made about how funds are exchanged between the Sexton, Steurnol McLaren, and the township. Todd Johnson stated that he wanted to speak with the lawyer to clarify the ordinance that needs to be added. This issue will be tabled for the next board meeting.

TRASH PICK-UP:

Eileen Fournier stated that she had tried to reach out to Republic about the trash pick up being part of our taxes. The issue had been brought up by a couple residents of the township. A public meeting will be in order once the board receives more information from Republic. The issue is tabled for next board meeting.

9 DAYS EARLY VOTING:

Ogemaw County Clerk has asked townships if they are planning on running the 9 Day Early Voting at their township or if townships wanted the county to run their program for all townships in Ogemaw County. The board stated that they wanted more information on how much each township will have to pay for the nine days of early voting at the county building. Also, if it was only for State/Federal elections and not voting issues that are specifically for Edwards Township. Is the state helping to pay the bill? This issue is tabled for the next board meeting.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR:

Rob Kowalski stated that Linda Groth resigned from BOR.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Comment was made by Dale Sheltroun about the drain field. Maybe the health department has record of where the drain field was put in?

Bob Clayton stated that if he gets a complaint about a property and writes a citation that he legally has to involve the attorney.

Ron Taylor talked about doing another tire drive since the last one was successful.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Township Board Meeting: Monday, September 11, 2023 at 7:30pm

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Ron Taylor, supported by Eileen Fournier to adjourn at 8:24pm.
Motion carried.

Ron Taylor, Supervisor

Korey Kripli, Clerk