

# **EDWARDS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**

**January 8, 2024 7:30pm**

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Rob Kowalski, Clerk Korey Kripli (absent), Treasurer Eileen Fournier, Trustee Dan Zettel, and Trustee Todd Johnson

**ATTENDANCE:** County Commissioner Brenda Simmons, Zoning Administrator Bob Clayton, and Deputy Clerk Kim Glasser. Several residents of Edwards Township.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - December 11, 2023 Board 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 Rob Kowalski to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA:** None

## **COUNTY COMMISSIONER:**

Commissioner Meeting Changes from:

Thursday July 4, 2024 to Tuesday July 2, 2024

Thursday November 28, 2024 to Tuesday November 26, 2024

Ogemaw Hills Rec Complex on M-55

West Branch Township would like to own the complex. The township has a 99 year lease to 2118. We are leaning to retain this property we paid \$75,000 for.

Transit is looking for an Assistant Transit Director/Safety Officer. Job description is being written for review.

There will be four elections in 2024 and there will be several millages on the ballots in 2024 to vote on. I am not sure what the outcome will be during the elections. But I do know, the county cannot continue to maintain services at the same level they are now. The county cannot spend more money than it receives.

With the Headlee Amend and Proposal A the county has lost over 1 million dollars. These lawas have reduced our Millage from 7.2 mils to 6.09 mils. This has resulted in an annual loss of over \$1m in revenue.

Veterans 100% disabled do not pay property tax.

The DDAs receive the tax dollars on all new construction in their DDA.

### **ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:**

Three notices of blight were issued. There will be a special meeting at 7pm before next months board meeting about the Katherine Young residence. Motion by Rob Kowalski, supported by Eileen Fournier to demolition the Young residence.

Motion carried.

### **TREASURER REPORT:**

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

Motion carried.

### **APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

Motion by Eileen Fournier, supported by Dan Zettel to approve bills with checks #7018-7055 for a total of \$44942.02.

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

Motion Carried.

## **HALL DEPOSIT RETURNS:**

Motion by Eileen Fournier, supported by Todd Johnson to issue hall deposit returns for a total of \$825. Motion carried.

## **FAHEY SCHULTZ:**

Rob Kowalski detailed the reasons for the bills from the attorney. The bills were due to the FOIA request from a company that was requesting to take over FOIA requests for the township. The township denied their request. Also, the other bill was for the draft in order to borrow the money from the general fund to transfer to the road fund in order to pay the road commission.

## **DALE SHELTRON:**

Dale wanted to talk about the salary increases that were given to the board last year. The entire board is up for re-election in 2024. They must be filed with the clerk by April. Dale wanted to know what the wages were for the upcoming year. The March 14th and April 11th board meeting minutes have this information. The old wages were extremely low when you look at other townships. Rob Kowalski thinks the board is paid adequately. Rob did mention that he took a \$500 pay decrease since he does not do the accessing for the township.

## **ORDINANCE:**

Planning Commission met about the Water Waste Ordinance.

Motion by Rob Kowalski, supported by Todd Johnson to accept Ordinance 2024-1.

Motion carried.

## **EDC:**

The EDC reached out to the township for a donation. The board did not think it was good timing to donate. There are much better causes such as 4H or STING.

**BRINE APPLICATION:**

The Supervisor received an email from the Ogemaw County Road Commission. They are no longer doing spot applications for brine. The only options are solid single pass or solid double pass. We will know more in March.

**MAYOR COMMAND:**

The Supervisor received an email from this company to use their system for notifying residents of election dates, weather, township issues, etc.

Rob Kowalski doesn't think it is worth it.

**BOR TRAINING:**

February 8, 2024 11am - 4pm is BOR Training.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Bob Clayton stated that the brine was not good last year.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

- Township Board Meeting: Monday, February 12, 2024 at 7:30pm

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Rob Kowalski, supported by Dan Zettel to adjourn at 8:25pm.  
Motion carried.

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Rob Kowalski, Supervisor

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Korey Kripli, Clerk