

# **EDWARDS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**

**February 12, 2024 7:30pm**

**PRESENT:** Supervisor Rob Kowalski, Clerk Korey Kripli, 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 - January 8, 2023 Board Meeting**

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

## **ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

Motion to add 16A Aquatic Nuisance, 16B Testing, 16C Field Works to the agenda by Eileen Fournier, supported by Dan Zettel to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA:** None

## **COUNTY COMMISSIONER:**

New washing station for transit building. This will help with the snow on top of the transit vehicles. Sheriff Millage on May Ballot. Brenda is working on an application that will allow residents input their taxable value and it will show them their increase in taxes if the millage passes.

## **ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:**

Possibly citing three or four places for blight. A letter will be sent to residents of Tee Lake about the septic ordinance.

## **TREASURER REPORT:**

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

Motion carried.

## **APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

Motion by Robert Kowalski, supported by Eileen Fournier to approve bills with checks #7057-7092 for a total of \$11,980.90.

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

Motion Carried.

## **HALL DEPOSIT RETURNS:**

Motion by Robert Kowalski, supported by Eileen Fournier to issue hall deposit returns for a total of \$0. Motion carried.

## **ORDINANCE ADOPTION:**

The board has adopted Ordinance 2024-1 as an onsite wastewater ordinance. This states that you cannot reside in any recreational vehicle without a wastewater system.

## **LETTER TO RESIDENTS:**

A letter will be sent to residents at Tee Lake regarding Ordinance 2024-1.

## **QUOTE FOR CEMETERY CLEAN-UP:**

Motion by Eileen Fournier, supported Korey Kripli to have Clean Cut Lawn Care to clean up the cemetery with all the broken limbs down for a total of \$450.

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

Motion carried.

## **FAHEY SCHULTZ:**

The bill from the law office has detailed the Katherine Young Residence process. Any charges that occur during this demolition process will be attached to the lien including attorneys, demolition fees, and penalties.

## **MICHIGAN AG EXPORTER APPLICATION:**

There is an Agricultural Award that residents can apply for via an application. Please contact the Supervisor if you are interested.

## **POVERTY EXEMPTION LIMITS:**

Motion by Eileen Fournier, supported by Korey Kripli to adopt Federal Poverty Exemption Limits.

Motion carried.

## **INSURANCE COMPANY CHANGE:**

Motion by Korey Kripli, supported by Eileen Fournier to cancel current insurance policy with Municipal Underwriters and contract a new policy through the Hartleb Agency.

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

Motion carried.

## **AQUATIC NUISANCE:**

Aquatic Nuisance Plant Division Northern Michigan reached out for the board to approve the submission of the application for the EGLE permit to spray Channel Lake.

Motion by Korey Kripli, supported by Eileen Fournier to approve the EGLE permit submission process for Aquatic Nuisance Plant Division Northern Michigan for Channel Lake.

Motion carried.

## **TESTING:**

Election Source will be testing our election equipment on February 15, 2024 at 1pm. There will be a public meeting at 2:30pm for anyone to witness the testing.

## **FIELD WORKS:**

A company named Field Works reached out to a resident about acquiring their land to construct solar panels on their property. The board wanted to address residents about this company. Even though the township has an ordinance against solar panels, the state of Michigan has the final say in this matter.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Richard Stillwagon asked about Planning Training. Robert Kowalski stated that he is working on a date and time.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

- Township Board Meeting: Monday, March 11, 2024
- BOR - March Board of Review:
  - March 5, 2024: Organizational Meeting @ 11am
  - March 11, 2024: 9am to 3pm
  - March 12, 2024: 3pm to 9pm
  - March 13, 2024: TBA

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Rob Kowalski, supported by Dan Zettel to adjourn at 8:55pm.  
Motion carried.

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Rob Kowalski, Supervisor

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Korey Kripli, Clerk