

EDWARDS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

October 14, 2024 7:30pm

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

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 - September 9, 2024 Board Meeting and September 21, 2024 Special Meeting

Motion by Rob Kowalski, supported by Eileen Fournier to approve the minutes for the September 9, 2024 Board Meeting and September 21, 2024 Special Meeting. Motion carried.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA:

Motion by Eileen Fournier, supported by Robert Kowalski to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA: Mark White wants clarification on blight.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER:

Brenda Simmons stated that the jail is closed. Only necessary employment is needed. Commissioner meeting will be held on Thursday, October 17, 2024 at 5:30pm.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:

Bob had two new permits this month. Three letters for blight. Another family has joined the Amish. They are proceeding with the rules of the township.

TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer report presented by Eileen Fournier. Motion by Korey Kripli, supported by Daniel Zettel to accept the Treasurer Report.

Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Motion by Robert Kowalski, supported by Eileen Fournier to approve bills with payroll checks #10,084-10,100 and payable checks #7284-7305 for a total of \$23,317.29.

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

Motion approved.

HALL DEPOSIT RETURNS:

No hall deposits were issued.

PROPANE CONTRACT:

Motion by Rob Kowalski, supported by Eileen Fournier to approve Fick and Sons for propane service.

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

Motion approved.

F-65 UPDATE:

Stephenson and Company had to go back through our records to complete the F-65 for 2023. Stephenson & Company had to go back and fix numerous errors in the General Ledgers which made the bill higher than previous years. The new Quickbooks account has since solved these problems for the current and future years for the township.

TREE REMOVAL - CEMETERY:

Quote from Fresh Coast Tree Service for stump grinding. 7 stumps for \$550. Motion by Robert Kowalski, supported by Eileen Fournier to grind seven stumps and cleanup for \$550.

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

Motion carried.

STUMP GRINDING - CEMETERY:

This issue was solved in the previous agenda item for Tree Removal Cemetery.

FAHEY SCHULTZ BILLS:

The bills from Fahey Schultz are from the dangerous building with Brian Dematio. The township lawyer has given him 30 days to respond with updates for his dangerous building.

941 REFUND:

The township received a refund for overpayment from state taxes. This is from the error from Stephenson and Company overpaying 941 taxes.

UP NORTH SECURITY YEARLY MAINTENANCE:

Yearly maintenance for Up North Security is \$384. This covers June 2024 - June 2025.

ELECTION REIMBURSEMENT CHECK - MAY ELECTION:

The township received a reimbursement check from the county for the May 2024 election for a total of \$2,211.03.

PAVILION RAILING:

Rustic Way completed the pavilion railing for a total of \$1,080.

VETERAN'S BUS:

Veterans Evaluation Service will be at the township hall on October 16th and 17th to service veterans in the area. This is a great service that we continue to provide assistance.

PICNIC TABLES:

Eillen Fournier made a motion to approve \$400 to purchase two picnic tables for the outside gazebo. This was supported by Daniel Zettel.

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

Motion carried.

CEMETERY BUYBACKS:

Jerry and Mary Lucas would like to buy back the four cemetery plots that they own. Motion by Robert Kowalski, supported by Korey Kripli to refund Jerry and Mary Lucas for their four cemetery plots at \$100 per plot for a total of \$400.

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

Motion carried.

PLANNING COMMITTEE DATES:

January 6, 2025

July 7, 2025

April 7, 2025

October 6, 2025

All meetings will be held at 7pm at the township hall.

Motion by Robert Kowalski, supported by Eileen Fournier to approve of Planning Committee Dates.

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mark White brought attention to the board about the motorhome and Tahoe that is blight near their property. Discussion was made about this issue. Bob Clayton, Zoning Administrator, was aware of this situation.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- Township Board Meeting: Monday, November 1, 2024 7:30pm

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Robert Kowalski, supported by Daniel Zettel to adjourn at 8:4pm.
Motion carried.

Rob Kowalski, Supervisor

Korey Kripli, Clerk