

GARDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
January 10, 2023

The regular meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor, Steven Freeman.

Present: Brenda Lester, Janet Feenstra Daasch, Craig Potvin, Susan Rochefort, and Steven Freeman

CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

MINUTES: Brenda made a motion, supported by Janet, to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on November 10, 2022, special meeting held on November 29, 2022, and regular meeting held on December 13, 2022. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS: None.

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Brenda presented to the board a revised bill sheet for December, 2022 because there were two prepaid bills that were not listed. Janet made a motion, seconded by Craig to approve revised bill sheet for December 13 and the bill sheet for January 10, 2023. Roll Call Vote: Craig – yes, Brenda – yes, Janet – yes, Sue – yes, and Steve – yes. Motion carried.

REPORTS

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Colleen Maki gave the assessor's report and a copy of the report will be kept on file. They are working on the county sales and appraisal studies for 2023 assessment roll.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief, Keith Farley gave his report. He requested the township amend the fire department budget in order to pay the volunteers for their past runs. Brenda stated that she will look at their budget and have something ready for the February meeting. The township will receive an invoice from EI-Com for work on the radios.

CLERK/CEMETERY REPORT: A veteran has requested the township purchase a flag pole for the old Garden Cemetery and they will install it. Brenda stated if the board approves this, one should also be placed in the Kate's Bay Cemetery. Brenda will research prices and get back to the board. The MiDeal membership does not need to be renewed for the new copier since it was ordered last year. The new copier should be received soon.

TREASURER: The Treasurer and Clerk accounts balance for November and December, 2022.

TOWNSHIP HALL: There will be a rental in May for a graduation party. There are 1,400 screws per side on the hall roof that may need to be replaced. The township is expecting an estimate for the roof repair from Valentines Creek Construction.

TRANSFER STATION: Nothing to report.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Janet gave her report. The recreation plan has been submitted and accepted; therefore, grant applications may now be submitted.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS: Janet made a motion, seconded by Brenda, to renew and continue the township's participation in the **FEMA flood insurance program**. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion carried. Janet made a motion to adopt the ordinance Addressing Floodplain Management Provision of the State Construction Code, seconded by Craig. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion carried. Janet made a motion to adopt the resolution for Michigan Community Resolution and Intergovernmental Agreement to Manage Floodplain Development For The National Flood Insurance Program, seconded by Sue. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion carried. The contract with Tri-Star through the Bay de Noc Ambulance Authority is up for renewal the end of March. Steve will get together with Fairbanks and Nahma Township to see if they'd

be willing to increase their contract in order to provide enhanced services to the public. One Planning Commission member has resigned so the Township needs to appoint a new person.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Janet made a motion, seconded by Sue, to approve the recommendation not to approve the rezoning request from zone C-1 to R-3 as recommended by the Planning Commission meeting held on October 24, 2022. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0. One abstention by Craig Potvin. A motion was made by Janet, seconded by Sue, to approve the ordinance to add "Single family dwellings" as permitted principal uses in the C-1 and C-2 zoning districts and will become effective upon publication. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0. One abstention by Craig Potvin. There is a clerical typographical error in the interim zoning ordinance referencing Hazelton Township and Gladstone Bluff Lines. Janet made a motion to pass the ordinance correcting the error. There was no support and was tabled.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER: Not present.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Interim Solar Ordinance:** The proposed solar ordinance was discussed and it references "Section XX" and the board needs clarification on that. Brenda made a motion to table the Interim Solar Ordinance until the February meeting, seconded by Janet. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Capitalization Policy:** A motion was made by Janet to adopt the resolution for the Garden Township Capitalization Policy, seconded by Sue, to adopt the Capitalization Policy. Roll Call Vote: Craig – yes, Brenda – yes, Janet – yes, Sue – yes, and Steve – yes. Motion carried.
- **February Regular Board Meeting:** Steve made a motion to reschedule the February 14, 2023 regular meeting to February 7, 2023. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion carried.
- **Hazard Mitigation Plan:** A motion was made by Craig to adopt the 2023 Delta County Mitigation Plan, seconded by Sue. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion carried.
- **Supervisor Resignation:** Steven Freeman, Township Supervisor, submitted his resignation. Brenda made a motion to table acceptance of Steven Freeman's resignation until the meeting to be held on February 7, 2023, seconded by Janet. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0. Steve abstained.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comment was received.

Janet made a motion, seconded by Craig, to adjourn. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion was carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Brenda Lee Lester
Garden Township Clerk