

**GARDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
September 13, 2022**

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:** Planning Commission and Zoning Appeals Board members need to be appointed and was added to New Business. Budget Amendments and Approval of the Bills was moved to the end of the meeting after New Business.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None.

**MINUTES:** Sue made a motion, seconded by Janet, to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on August 10, 2022. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

**HANNULA INSURANCE:** Mark Hannula, Insurance Agent, was present for the board to ask questions regarding additional insurance coverage for zoning that needs to be considered once the Master Plan is completed. The insurance company would reimburse the township for the registration fee to attend the MSU Extension Citizen Planner Program training as long as the person passed. It is a very good training and is usually held in Lansing.

**REPORTS**

**ASSESSOR'S REPORT:** Colleen Maki gave the assessor's report. A motion was made by Janet, seconded by Craig, to adopt the new Land Division Ordinance. Roll Call Vote: Craig – yes, Brenda – yes, Janet – yes, Sue – yes, and Steve – yes. Motion carried. A motion was made by Janet, seconded by Sue, to adopt the Platted Lot Ordinance. Roll Call Vote: Craig – yes, Brenda – yes, Sue – yes, Janet – yes, and Steve – yes. Motion carried. A motion was made by Janet, seconded by Craig, to adopt the Boundary Line Adjustment Ordinance. Roll Call Vote: Craig – yes, Brenda – yes, Sue – yes, Janet – yes, and Steve – yes. Motion carried.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Chief, Keith Farley, was not present to give his report. The AC unit in one of the trucks still needs to be repaired. A motion was made by Brenda, seconded by Sue, to pay the fire fighters and chief salary quarterly effective October 1, 2022. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

**CLERK/CEMETERY REPORT:** Betty and Archie have started painting the lot markers. Brenda will be sending the insurance company an invoice for the cemetery clean-up. Brenda will place an ad in The Advisor regarding the cemetery.

**TREASURER:** The Treasurer and Clerk accounts balance for August, 2022.

**TOWNSHIP HALL:** Brenda made a motion, seconded by Janet to approve the bid received from Randy Myszkier to repair or remove the existing chimney flashing for both chimneys at the township hall totaling \$700.00. Roll Call Vote: Craig – yes, Brenda – yes, Janet – yes, Sue – yes, and Steve – yes. Motion carried.

**TRANSFER STATION:** There was a letter to the editor placed in the Manistique Pioneer Tribune from Rex Slingsby stating that Schoolcraft County residents should bring their recycling to the Garden Township Transfer Station. Janet made a motion, seconded by Sue, to NOT accept any recyclables from anyone unless they are residents of or pay property taxes to Garden Township. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion carried. Janet made a motion, seconded by Sue, to place an ad in The Advisor and write a letter

to the editor of the Manistique Pioneer Tribune stating that no recyclables will be accepted from anyone unless they live in or pay property taxes to Garden Township. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

**PARKS AND RECREATION:** Janet gave her report.

**SUPERVISOR COMMENTS:** Steve updated the Board on the 911 sign project.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** Janet updated the Board on the Planning Commission. They are working on temporary solar and wind ordinances for the interim zoning ordinance. Once the Master Plan is created then the Planning Commission will work on the permanent zoning.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER:** Not present.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Color Copier:** Janet made a motion, seconded by Brenda, to purchase a new color copier from Cooper Office Equipment in the amount of \$2,880.20 by taking advantage of the MiDeal discount. Roll Call Vote: Craig – yes, Brenda – yes, Janet – yes, Sue – yes, and Steve – yes. Motion carried. A motion was made by Janet, seconded by Sue, to approve payment for the color copier as long as the invoice is \$3,000.00 or less. Roll Call Vote: Craig – yes, Brenda – yes, Janet – yes, Sue – yes, and Steve – yes. Motion carried.
- **Stevens Lake Road Project:** Brenda made a motion, seconded by Sue, to approve payment to the Delta County Road Commission for the Stevens Lake Road project for \$4,016.36 from the General Fund and \$10,983.64 from the Hiawatha Forest Road Fund. Roll Call Vote: Craig – yes, Brenda – yes, Sue – yes, Janet – yes, and Steve – yes. Motion carried.
- **Pot Luck Events:** The township will try to have pot luck events at the township hall starting next year.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Appointment of Members to Planning Commission and Zoning Appeals Board:** Steve made a motion, seconded by Brenda, to appoint Tom Lang to the Garden Township Planning Commission for a 3-year term ending June 30, 2025. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion carried. Steve made a motion, seconded by Brenda, to appoint Craig Potvin to the Garden Township Zoning Board of Appeals for a 2-year ex-officio term ending November 20, 2024. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion carried. Steve made a motion, seconded by Janet, to appoint Richard Seibert to the Garden Township Zoning Board of Appeals for a 1-year term ending June 30, 2023. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion carried. Steve made a motion, seconded by Janet, to appoint Jody Durrance to the Garden Township Zoning Board of Appeals for a 3-year term ending June 30, 2025. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion carried. Steve made a motion, seconded by Janet, to appoint Megan Kelly to the Garden Township Zoning Board of Appeals as an alternate for a 3-year term ending June 30, 2025. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion carried.
- **Recyclables:** Covered under the Transfer Station Report.
- **Hazard Mitigation:** A resolution was read by Janet in support of Delta County's 2022 Hazard Mitigation Plan. Janet made a motion to adopt the Delta County 2022 Hazard Mitigation Plan resolution, seconded by Craig. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion carried.
- **Heritage Easement for the Helipad:** Little Summer Island, LLC, has informed Garden Township that the easement for the helipad will be revoked as of September 29, 2023. The helipad was being used by Tri-Star for emergency transport of patients.
- **Land Division Fees:** Tabled until the October, 2022 meeting.

**BUDGET AMENDMENTS:** The following budget amendments for the General Fund were presented by the Clerk:

- **Park Improvement Exp.:** Decrease from \$11,952.02 to \$-0-
- **Road Repairs Exp.:** Decrease from \$24,000.00 to \$4,016.36, a decrease of \$19,983.64
- **Board of Review Travel Exp.:** Increase from \$60.94 to \$60.97 (out of balance 3 cents)
- **Cemetery Wages Exp.:** Increase from \$6,500.00 to \$9,000.00, an increase of \$2,500.00

- **Elections-Misc. Exp.:** Increase from \$-0- to \$485.99 (to be moved to Capital Outlay after audit)
- **Legal Contracted Services:** Increase from \$15,500.00 to \$20,000.00, an increase of \$4,500.00
- **Planning Commission Ads & Notices:** Increase from \$2,000.00 to \$2,500.00, an increase of \$500.00
- **Planning Commission Wages Exp.:** Increase from \$-0- to \$3,000.00
- **Planning Commission Supplies Exp.:** Increase from \$-0- to \$200.00
- **Planning Commission Training & Books Exp.:** Increase from \$-0- to \$300.00
- **Planning Commission Misc. Exp.:** Increase from \$-0- to \$500.00
- **Culture & Recreation Misc. Exp.:** Increase from \$2,200.00 to \$5,400.00, an increase of \$3,200.00
- **Township Office Capital Outlay Exp.:** Increase from \$2,500.00 to \$5,500.00, an increase of \$3,000.00
- **Other Federal Grants ARPA Revenue:** Increase from \$-0- to \$27,217.64
- **ARPA Coronavirus Revenue:** Decrease from \$27,100.00 to \$-0-
- **Misc. Revenue:** Increase from \$200.00 to \$2,700.00, an increase of \$2,500.00

A motion was made by Janet, seconded by Craig, to approve the budget amendments presented by the Clerk. Roll Call Vote: Craig – yes, Brenda – yes, Janet – yes, Sue – yes, and Steve – yes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE BILLS:** A motion was made by Brenda, seconded by Sue, to approve the bills as presented by the clerk with an addition. Roll Call Vote: Craig – yes, Brenda – yes, Janet – yes, Sue – yes, and Steve – yes. Motion carried.

**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 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Brenda Lester  
Garden Township Clerk