

**GARDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**July 11, 2023**

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

**Present:** Jenna Silkworth, Susan Rochefort, Craig Potvin, Brenda Lester, and Kathy Young.

**CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:** None.

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

**MINUTES:** Jenna made a motion, supported by Sue, to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on June 13, 2023. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

**BUDGET AMENDMENTS:** None

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:** Jenna made a motion, seconded by Sue, to approve the bills with the adjustment for the lawn mower blades. Roll Call Vote: Jenna – yes, Sue – yes, Craig – yes, Brenda – yes, and Kathy – yes. Motion carried.

**REPORTS**

***ASSESSOR'S REPORT:*** Assessor was not present and there is no report. Assessor will submit a two-month report at the next regular meeting.

***CLERK/CEMETERY REPORT:*** There's been a couple more burials. New employee Arnold is doing a good job with the cemetery.

***FIRE DEPARTMENT:*** Keith Farley, Fire Chief, gave his report. Only one bid in the amount of \$36,000.00 from Cozzy's Polaris was received for the new side-by-side to be paid with the Tier III grant. Brenda made a motion, seconded by Craig, to approve the bid from Cozzy's in the amount of \$36,000.00 for the side by side. Roll Call Vote: Jenna – yes, Sue – yes, Craig – yes, Brenda – yes, and Kathy – yes. Motion carried. The bid now needs to be forwarded to Paul Geyer who'll present it to the Delta County Commissioners for approval. The bid did not include the brackets for the tracks so there will be an additional, approximate charge of \$400.00.

***TREASURER:*** The Treasurer and Clerk accounts balance for June, 2023. Bar code scanner doesn't need to be purchased because the township already has one that was purchased for elections.

***TOWNSHIP HALL:*** A bid was received from Okler Construction for the hall roof in the amount of \$105,000.00 for exposed fasteners or \$116,000.00 using concealed fasteners. The concealed fasteners should last a lot longer. There is currently no vapor barrier between the metal on the roof and the insulation to deter condensation. They suggest putting in a vent on the top of the wall, remove all the metal, put down purlins across the trusses, put down OSB and a vapor barrier, and then replace the metal with new or the used material. They suggested to use new metal because it could be one large piece instead of cutting them in half. They did not recommend using the old metal; therefore, bid received was for new metal only. Craig suggested the board get another estimate using the old metal. Craig will try and get more estimates. Sue and Brenda will work on new rates for renting the township hall so that smaller groups, such as birthday parties, will utilize the hall.

***TRANSFER STATION:*** Recycle bin still needs to be repaired. Bill temporarily repaired it but needs more work. He'll work on getting a price estimate on the repair. A new container would cost about \$14,000.00.

***PARKS AND RECREATION:*** Nothing to report.

***PLANNING COMMISSION:*** The quarterly meeting will be held on July 13, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

**SUPERVISOR COMMENTS:** Kathy is working on an equipment grant for the Fire Department to obtain some battery-operated equipment. She also applied for a grant to request reimbursement for the training fees for the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONER:** Delta County Commissioner, John Malnar, was present and explained the county's resolution, number 23-04, reaffirming Delta County to be a second amendment sanctuary county. He also talked about the resolution, number 23-05, for the opposing of proposed changes to the statewide septic code (HB 4479 & 4480 SB 299 & 300). The State wants mandatory septic inspections every five years to be done in the State of Michigan which the homeowner must pay for. If the inspection is completed and the system fails, for every month it's not repaired the homeowner would be fined \$1,000.00 and possible jail time may happen if not completed by a specific date. This is being worked on now so this may change. Cost of inspection may be around \$1,000.00. It was suggested that the Delta County Township's Association adopt a resolution and send it to the Michigan Township's Association for support.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- ***Enhanced Services for Tri-Star (Bay de Noc Ambulance Authority):*** Tabled.
- ***Lawn Mower Attachment:*** Tabled.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- ***Kate's Bay Cemetery Sign:*** Brenda will check with Steve Johnson from the Manistique Area to get a price on having new signs made.
- ***Grow Our Garden – Painting of Creek Walls.:*** Motion was made by Jenna, seconded by Craig, to approve a letter of support for the Grow Our Garden Group wall painting project. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Public comment was received.

Brenda made a motion, seconded by Sue, to adjourn. Ayes: 5, Nays: 0. Motion was carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Brenda Lee Lester  
Garden Township Clerk