

GARDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
November 9, 2021

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

Present: Gary Sporer, Brenda Lester, Craig Potvin, Janet Feenstra-Daasch, and Sue Rochefort

CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Holiday lighting was added under new business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

MINUTES: Janet made a motion, seconded by Sue, to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on October 12, 2021. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS: None.

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

REPORTS:

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: The assessor report was given by Colleen Maki. A copy of the report will be on file. Board of Review will be held on December 14, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. Appointment of Board of Review members must be done in December with three regular and one alternate.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief, Keith Farley, was not present so there was no report.

CLERK/CEMETERY REPORT: The debit cards for the clerk and treasurer from First Bank have arrived. Questions regarding the Anderson Tackman bill have been resolved and the charges listed on their invoice is correct so the bill will now be paid. There's a burial on November 13, 2021. Archie is sick and can't do it so Travis Harvey has been hired to take care of the grave. His payment will be collected by the funeral home who will pay him directly rather than sending the money to the township to pay Travis. Brenda will purchase the antivirus for the township computers.

TREASURER: The Treasurer and Clerk accounts balance for the month of October, 2021.

TOWNSHIP HALL: Sue spoke to Julie of John Kuth Engineering Corporation and was told there is no hazmat protocol for the mold in the hall upstairs. The drywall with mold will need to be removed. Craig made a motion, seconded by Brenda, to hire Zachary Maki to remove and repair the drywall upstairs at a rate of \$15.00 per hour. Roll Call Vote: Craig – yes, Brenda – yes, Janet – yes, and Sue – yes. Motion carried. Gary will supervise the project. Damon Plumbing and heating will be doing the annual maintenance at the hall. A motion was made by Janet, seconded by Brenda, to purchase and install a drop box at the hall at a cost of not more than \$400. 00. Roll Call Vote: Janet – yes, Sue – yes, Brenda – yes, and Craig – yes. Motion carried. Sue will work on making a sign of the hall rules and policy to be placed in the hall. She also has revised the hall rules but will present it to the board for review next month along with all the other documents related to hall use and rental.

TRANSFER STATION: No report.

PARKS AND RECREATION: DesJarden Excavating hasn't done the gravel at the park yet but Janet was told that it will be done before winter. The recreation committee is having a survey regarding what they feel is needed. The surveys are due by December 8, 2021. Janet attended a cyber security workshop.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS: None.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER: John Malnar, District 1 Delta County Commissioner, was present and updated the board on some county issues. Some of the districts have changed due to changes in population.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Fire Signs:** Request was submitted and the township is waiting for delivery and installation of the second phase.
- **Purchase of State Land at Transfer Station:** Still pending.
- **American Rescue Plan:** The first payment should be deposited very soon.
- **Floor Scrubber for Township Hall:** Sue will call the school to see what they are using and where they purchased it. She will also call Hiawatha Chef Supply in Escanaba to see if they have anything to offer. Tabled until more information is received.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **FEMA Flood Plan:** The plan appeal process will be published in the Escanaba Daily Press.
- **Road Repairs:** Discussed requesting a millage for the roads.
- **Plantings at the Township Hall:** There is a volunteer who wants to plant flowers at the township hall next summer.
- **Impact of Redistricting:** The impact of redistricting state senator and representatives was discussed.
- **Broadband Initiative Presentation:** A broadband company wants to come to Fairbanks Township to give a presentation in February, 2022. Mike Lang, Fairbanks Supervisor, wanted to know if Garden Township wanted to join them. The board agreed to have the presentation held at the Garden Township Hall. Gary will contact Mike of Fairbanks to let them know.
- **Holiday Lighting:** Motion was made by Janet, seconded by Craig, to purchase holiday lighting for the Garden Community up to \$300.00. Roll Call Vote: Janet – yes, Sue – yes, Craig – yes, and Brenda – yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Craig made a motion, seconded by Sue, to adjourn at 9:22 p.m. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0. Motion was carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Brenda Lester
Garden Township Clerk