

GARDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
March 8, 2022

The regular meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:07 p.m. by Deputy Supervisor, Gary Sporer.

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

CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Added Fairbanks fire contract and possible zoning repeal by Delta County. Officer salary resolutions were removed because it will be covered during the budget hearing meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

MINUTES: Janet made a motion, seconded by Brenda, to approve the minutes as read for the regular meeting held on February 8, 2022. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0. Motion carried. Sue made a motion, seconded by Craig, to approve the minutes for the budget workgroup meeting held on February 10, 2022. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0. Motion carried.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS: Budget amendments will be presented by the Township Clerk during the budget hearing meeting.

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

REPORTS

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: No assessor's report this month due to the Board of Review.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief, Keith Farley, was not present.

CLERK/CEMETERY REPORT: Brenda is still working on the cemetery ordinance. The workman's compensation audit request from the Accident Fund has been received but is not complete yet.

TREASURER: The Treasurer and Clerk accounts balance for the month of February, 2022.

TOWNSHIP HALL: Brenda made a motion, seconded by Sue, to purchase three hands free paper towel dispensers and hand soap dispensers from Staples for the township hall restrooms and kitchen from Staples to be paid with ARPA funds. Roll Call Vote: Craig – yes, Janet – yes, Sue – yes, and Brenda – yes. Motion carried.

TRANSFER STATION: No report.

PARKS AND RECREATION: Recreation committee will meet with Julia Cogger of CUPPAD sometime in March.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS: Gary gave his report. John Malnar, Delta County District 1 Commissioner, told Gary there will be a meeting regarding the repeal of the Delta County zoning ordinance. The townships may attend this meeting and will be able to voice their concerns if the county zoning ordinance is repealed.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER: John Malnar, District 1 Delta County Commissioner, was not present.

Fire Contract: Mike Lang, Fairbanks Township Supervisor, asked the board what the amount of their new fire protection contract will be for FY 2022/2023. Brenda stated it will be \$7,425.00 for next fiscal

year based on the 2020 census. Craig asked Mike if Fairbanks would be willing to pitch in with Garden Township for the 4th of July fireworks. Mike stated he would ask their board.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Fire Signs:** Signs have been printed and will be installed in the spring.
- **Purchase of State Land at Transfer Station:** Still pending.
- **American Rescue Plan:** The first report is due by April 30, 2022.
- **Floor Scrubber for Township Hall:** It has arrived.
- **Road Repairs:** Will be discussed at the budget hearing meeting following this regular meeting.
- **Cemetery Ordinance:** Still pending.
- **Hall Policy:** Gary is working on posting the township hall rules sign in the hall.
- **2022 Election:** An email was sent to the township attorney regarding drafting the ballot language for the Transfer Station millage. The ballot language needs to be approved before April 27, 2022 so this needs to be decided during our April meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Reaffirm Poverty Exemptions for Board of Review:** A motion was made by Janet, seconded by Craig, to approve the resolution for the Garden Township Board to reaffirm the new poverty guidelines for poverty exemptions. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0. Motion carried.
- **Cloverland Electric Franchise Agreement:** A new franchise agreement was received from Cloverland Electric because it is up for renewal. Brenda forwarded it to the township attorney to review.
- **Anderson Tackman Audit:** A letter was received from Anderson Tackman regarding the biannual audit. They are charging \$6,000.00 this year. There's also a charge for them to complete the F-65 for \$800.00 and will assist the township with their year-end accruals for an additional fee. A motion was made by Janet, seconded by Craig, to approve Anderson Tackman to complete the township audit. Roll Call Vote: Craig – yes, Janet – yes, Brenda – yes, and Sue – yes. Motion carried.
- **Covid Bonuses for Essential Workers and First Responders:** Tabled. Will be discussed during budget hearing meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comment was received.

Brenda made a motion, seconded by , to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Ayes: 4, Nays: 0. Motion was carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Brenda Lester
Garden Township Clerk