

ESCANABA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES APRIL 11, 2023 7:30 PM
ESCANABA TOWNSHIP HALL 4618 COUNTY 416 20TH RD GLADSTONE MI 49837 906-786-6200
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Supervisor Tom Rymkos called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff lead a prayer of sympathy to the Patricia Beauchamp family and asked of direction and guidance.

Roll Call. Supervisor Tom Rymkos, Clerk Theresa Chenier, Treasurer Kim Knauf-Wyckoff, Trustees Al Gareau and Norman Fleury. All members present.

Motion to approve agenda made by Trustee Gareau. Second by Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion to approve March 13, 2023 minutes with corrections made by Clerk Chenier. Second by Trustee Gareau. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion to accept the Financial Report made by Trustee Gareau. Second by Trustee Fleury. All in favor. Motion passed.

Communications. Supervisor Rymkos received a letter from UPPCO. They are holding a hearing through teleconference

Public Comments. Fred Minor

Fire Department report presented by Zach Denome. There was 1 call out for a structure fire. A training mock car accident was held at Bay College with student EMT's and the Guardian Flight. March 31, 2023 they will be holding pipeline training. Denome presented bills for payment approval, approval of new cadet, and approval of nominated Escanaba Township Fire Department positions: Chief Matt Rian, Asst Chief Brad Barron, Secretary Santana Wells, Treasurer Ray Hughes, Training Zach Denome, Asst Training Brad Milligan, Maintenance Scott Karl. The Fire Department Bylaws were completed.

Motion to accept the nominated fire department positions made by Trustee Gareau. Second by Clerk Chenier. All in favor. Motion passed. Motion to pay \$35 annual membership dues and purchase of fog machine for smoke simulation training made by Clerk Chenier. Second by Trustee Gareau. All in favor. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business. The State audit is on a second review. The new website is up and running. EscanabaTownshipmi.org Any suggestions for improvements is encouraged. ARPA-approval for pump & transmission quote was tabled. Additional repair suggestions for basement water fix is ongoing. Bittner Engineering will be presenting drawings and estimate of project cost soon for renovation to the township hall and bathroom updated to be ADA compliant. Trustee Fleury will do a follow up on progress at LaBumbard blight property. The board tabled discussion to have a civilian photographer at fire calls to use the photos as training tool until liability and insurance concerns are answered. Malarie Luft, local resident and 4-H leader, requested use of the township hall for her 4-H Youth Group of 10 students. 4-H holds insurance through Michigan State University. A Hall Use Agreement was presented. **Motion to approve 4-H group to hold meetings at the township hall was made by Trustee Gareau. Second by Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff. All in favor. Motion passed.**

Motion made by Trustee Fleury to purchase 2 sets of aluminum bleachers for the Chenier Field. Second by Trustee Gareau. All in favor. Motion passed.

April 26, 2023 at 5:15 pm was agreed upon to hold special meeting of the Township Election Committee consisting of the Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer to discuss transformation of Escanaba Township from 3 Precincts to 2 Precincts.

The Delta County Hazard Mitigation Plan passed January 17, 2023. This will allow for eligibility to apply for grants. **Motion made by Trustee Gareau to adopt resolution to Hazard Mitigation plan. Second by Trustee Fleury. All in favor motion passed.**

Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff reviewed CD investments held by the township. She suggests there should be consolidation in place of several smaller accounts **Motion made by Trustee Fleury to combine smaller investment accounts starting with the most current coming due. ^ CORRECTION ADDED- TO START WITH THE LIQUOR LAW CD'S TO BE MOVED INTO THRIVENT FINANCIAL MONEY MARKET** Second by Trustee Gareau. Roll call vote: Knauf-Wyckoff YES, Fleury YES, Gareau YES, Chenier YES Rymkos YES. All in favor. Motion passed 5 Yays.

New Business. **Motion made by Trustee Fleury to accept the Assessor's 3 year contract. Second by Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff. All in favor. Motion passed.**

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Motion to accept Beyond Pest Management contract was made by Trustee Fleury. Second by Trustee Gareau. All in favor. Motion passed.

Three outdated laptops were located. Supervisor Rymkos agreed to having 1 laptop updated at the cost of \$100 to see how it works out. Trustee Gareau will look into the cost of getting benches to put at the end of 8 (eight) picnic tables at the pavilion. This will assist with easier accessibility. Mitchel Gannon presented an application to become a member of the Planning Commission. Supervisor Rymkos will check with the County for placement of additional Amish signs. The cost could be \$120 each.

Motion to accept UPSET contract for services made by Trustee Fleury. Second by Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff. All in favor. Motion passed.

Public Comments. Fred Minor

Board Comments. Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff announced that the seasonal trash vouchers are now available by stopping at the township office or sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to 4618 County 416 20th Rd Gladstone, MI 49837 to have one mailed to you. Clerk Chenier informed a \$7000 insurance payment was received for claim on turn out gear. \$ 250 deductible may also be recovered.

Planning Commission Liaison Report given by Clerk Chenier. No ~~ZA~~^CORRECTION NO ZONING ADMINISTRATOR report was given. The Planning Commission is working on 14 questionable zoning changes that were discovered and the correct posting coinciding to the 2010 zoning map. Zoning fee schedule was discussed for resolution to make a recommendation to the Board. At the Planning Commission meeting May 1, 2023 there may be an inclusion of a public hearing for re-zone of 195 acres consideration made by Bob Barron.

Delta County Commissioner Steven Viau gave the Commissioner's report. Delta County Parks have an on-line service for camp site reservations. The county has placed an ad for County Administrator position. He will help research for a grant available for fire signs. He will be attending Michigan Association of Counties conference April 24, 25, 26, 2023. Please reach out to him if you have any concern that you would like him to present.

Motion to approve bills made by Trustee Gareau. Second by Trustee Fleury. All in favor. Motion passed. Motion to approve payment to Johnson Printing \$90 for printing trash vouchers made by Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff. Second by Trustee Gareau. All in favor. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn at 9:33 pm made by Trustee Gareau. Second by Trustee Fleury. All in favor. Motion passed.

The next scheduled meeting of the Escanaba Township Board is May 8, 2023 7:30 pm at the Escanaba Township Hall 4618 County 416 20th Rd Gladstone, MI 49837. If you require assistance to attend a meeting, please contact 906 280 6182.

Minutes prepared by Cathy Culliton, recording Secretary

Minutes approved with addition and correction on May 8, 2023 cmc

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