

**ESCANABA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES APRIL 15, 2024**  
**7:30 PM Escanaba Township Hall 4618 County 416 20<sup>th</sup> Rd Gladstone MI 49837**

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Supervisor Rymkos called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff presented a prayer.

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

**Clerk Chenier made a motion with second by Trustee Gareau to approve agenda. All in favor. Motion passed.**

**Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff made a motion with second by Trustee Gareau to approve March 11, 2024 minutes with correction added. All in favor. Motion passed.**

The Financial report was present in Board member packets. Both Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff and Clerk Chenier stated all accounts have been balanced with the bank statements.

**Trustee Gareau made a motion with second by Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff to approve the Financial Statement presented. All in favor. Motion passed.**

Communications. Supervisor Rymkos received a letter from DTE that they are scheduled for maintenance on meters.

Public Comments. Barbie Clairmont

Fire Department report presented by Fire Chief Zach Denome. A list of Escanaba Township Volunteer Fire Department Officer nominees was presented to the Board as follows;

Chief: Zachary Denome	Asst Fire Chief: Brad Barron
Secretary: Russ Casey	Treasurer: Ray Hughes
Training: Brad Liberty	Ladder Captain: Tom Sealander
Maintenance Officer: Scott Karl	

**Clerk Chenier made a motion with second by Trustee Gareau to approve the submitted nominations for Escanaba Township Volunteer Fire Department officers as presented. All in favor. Motion passed.**

There is someone interested in purchasing old fire truck. Lights were installed on Truck#1. The last weekend in April they will conduct live burns. The department is implementing MABAS. They will be going over by-laws. 2 tanker trucks need steer tires replaced.

**Clerk Chenier made a motion with second by Trustee Gareau to purchase tires for Truck #6 and Truck #2 cost=\$2680.00. All in favor. Motion passed.**

Denome stated air pack flow testing is good price at \$35/pack 18 air packs. Generator is needed at Flat Rock Fire Hall. Besse Hall can use Truck#1's generator to open door and use computers. Next Honor Flight is May 2, 2024.

**Clerk Chenier made a motion with second by Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff for trucks #5 and #6 to participate at Honor Flight reception May 2, 2024. All in favor. Motion passed.**

The Fire Department by- laws are changing to include a no beard or facial hair policy for air pack to work as needed. Training continues at Bay College with EMT's. The current *Jaws of Life* is aging. A grant for an electric *Jaws of Life* will be looked into. Training in the U.P. on farm equipment was discussed.

Blight report given by Trustee Fleury. LaBumbard property has shown to be moving items from property and cleaning up. EGLE to fund removing TV's and A.M. Express Trucking to haul off. Bouchard property complaint is continuing to try to be settled.

Unfinished Business.

Audit. The 2021 audit is near to be completed.

ARPA Funds. Renovation at Township Hall is progressing. ARPA funds to be used for flooring, that has been completed, counter top in kitchen, stainless steel table, warmer with one door, and gutters on townhall. **Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff made a motion with second by Clerk Chenier to transfer the balance remaining from renovation to be used towards blacktopping the parking lot. The difference will be deducted from savings building fund. All in favor. Motion passed.**

Fire/Road Signs continue to be a work in progress.

Parking Lot lighting at the Flat Rock Fire Hall and Township Hall parking lots were discussed. Flood light is considered for fire department. An estimate is being waited on for a warning flashing light. An estimate is being waited on for Fire Department/Townhall generator.

New Business.

Investments. **Trustee Fleury made a motion with second by Trustee Gareau to transfer money to Thrivent per Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff's paperwork to include Treasurer Kim Knauf-Wyckoff and Supervisor Tom Rymkos on account. All in favor. Motion passed.**

The roads budget is \$90,000. **Trustee Gareau made a motion with second by Treasurer Kim Knauf-Wyckoff to approve roads recommended by the Delta County Road Commission. All in favor. Motion passed.**

Duct Cleaning will be needed at the Township Hall. Call outs will be made.

**Clerk Chenier made a motion with second by Trustee Gareau to pay the Board of Review \$25 per hour with amendment to Charges and Pay Schedule. All in favor. Motion passed.**

**Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff made a motion with second by Trustee Fleury to sign a contract with UPSET for \$300 as budgeted. All in favor. Motion passed.**

Public Comments. Dave LeMire. Ilsa Minor. Barbie Clairmont. Myra Croasdale. Zach Denome.

Member Comments. Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff announced the Landfill passes are now available. They can be redeemed in the months of May and June 2024 at the Delta County Landfill. The 23<sup>rd</sup> mission of the U.P. Honor Flight is May 2, 2024. 7 am departure. 8:20pm return to Delta County Airport.

Clerk Chenier stated next week herself and Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff will be attending MTA conference. Trustee Fleury will be in the office.

**Clerk Chenier made a motion with a second by Trustee Gareau to sell old bleachers, that were replaced at township baseball field, for \$25 each or all 4 for \$100 to Gladstone High School. All in favor. Motion passed.**

Commissioner Steve Viau gave Delta County Commissioner's report with updates on the Delta County Opioid Task Force, zoning and internal politics.

**Clerk Chenier made a motion with second by Trustee Gareau to adjourn. All in favor. Motion passed.**

The next scheduled meeting of the Escanaba Township Board will be May 13, 2024 at 7:30pm Escanaba Township Hall 4618 County 416 20<sup>th</sup> Rd Gladstone, MI 49837. Please call 906-786-6200 to arrange assistance to attend a meeting.

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