Town of Embarrass

Board Meeting and Reorganizational Meeting

January 8, 2020

**PENDING BOARD APPROVAL**

Present: Roy Worsham, Gary Rantala, Gene Wright, Mary Novak, Jennifer Boese

Visitors: Kirk Saranpaa, Bill Wright, Paul Knuti, Mickey White, Jack LaMar

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 by Worsham with The Pledge of Allegiance.

*December minutes approved as printed with correction of the spelling of Knuti., Motion/Wright: Second/Worsham. Carried 3-0.*

*Motion/Wright: Second/Rantala for Worsham to remain as Board Chair. Carried 3-0.*

*Motion/Worsham: Second/Wright for Rantala to be Vice Board Chair. Carried 3-0.*

*Motion/Worsham: Second/Rantala to adopt schedule of second Wednesday of each month for board meetings at 6:00 p.m. Carried 3-0.*

*Motion/Wright: Second/Worsham to leave chair supervisors pay as it is. Carried 3-0.*

*Motion/Wright: Second/Worsham to increase treasures pay $25.00 a month. Carried 3-0.*

*Motion/Wright: Second/Worsham to increase clerks wages by $1.03 an hour. Carried 3-0.*

*Motion/Worsham: Second/Wright to leave sextons pay as is. Carried 3-0.*

*Motion/Worsham: Second/Rantala to table campground caretaker wages until able to speak with caretaker. Carried 3-0.*

*Motion/Wright: Second/Rantala to table maintenance until maintenance has returned and a meeting is held. Carried 3-0.*

*Motion/Wright; Second/Worsham for a $1.01 increase in lead maintenance hourly pay. Carried 3-0.*

*Motion/Worsham: Second/Wright to leave summer hire wages as is. Carried 3-0.*

*Motion/Worsham: Second/Wright to leave tour guide wages as is. Carried 3-0.*

*Motion/Worsham: Second/Wright to increase grader operator hourly wages by $0.59*

*Motion/Worsham: Second/Wright to leave training pay as is. Carried 3-0.*

*Motion/Worsham: Second/Rantala to leave extra meeting pay as is. Carried 3-0.*

*Motion/Worsham: Second/Rantala to keep Rantala as roads supervisor and Wright as maintenance supervisor. Carried 3-0.*

*Motion/Worsham: Second/Rantala to designate Timber Jay as the official publishing newspaper. Carried 3-0.*

*Motion/Rantala: Second/Worsham to designate EVFCU, Embarrass Town Hall, Embarrass Post Office, Trapline Liquor & Convenience Store as the Embarrass posting places. Carried 3-0.*

*Motion/Worsham: Second/Wright to change one-week RV camper w/water & electric from $130 to $150. Up the $300 a month (4 weeks) to $450. Primitive (tent) sites to $15 a day with the 7th day free. Primitive (tent) monthly rate from $200 to $300. Season for RV from $1,250 to $1,500. Dumping station cost stay the same at $10 for non-campers. Shower prices stay the same at $3 for non-campers. Firewood $3 a day was questioned and tabled till ask maintenance. Carried 3-0. (Clerk notes: spoke with maintenance and firewood is $3 a cart load not a day)*

*Motion/Wright: Second/Worsham to leave Flying Finn yearly rates at $15.00. Carried 3-0.*

*Motion/Wright: Second/Worsham to leave the Town Hall rental rates the same. Carried 3-0.*

*Motion/Worsham: Second/Rantala to leave cemetery rates the same after discussion was held. Carried 3-0.*

*Motion/Worsham: Second/Wright to raise the price of Ice Candles from $3 to $4 each. Carried 3-0.*

*Motion/Worsham: Second/Rantala to table the tour rates until meet with Marlin Bjornrud. Date to be determined to meet with Bjornrud. Carries 3-0.*

*Motion/Worsham: Second/Wright to have the 2020 Ice Candle Celebration on December 19, 2020. Carried 3-0.*

Board reviews and signs the Code of Ethics and Open Meeting Law Policies. Board reviewed the upcoming training opportunities.

*Motion/Wright: Second/Rantala to accept the maintenance December report. Carried 3-0.*

*Motion/Wright: Second/Worsham to hire Frank Maki as the grader operator. Carried 3-0.*

Discussion was held on making a contingency plan to have township roads plowed incase the county strikes. The township grader will be put into operation. Wright will speak with persons interested in plowing with the township grader. *Motion/Wright: Second/Rantala to hire Eric Garman as the grader operator during the county strike so our grader operator does not have to cross the picket lines. Carried 2-0. Worsham abstained.* Wright tells the visitors that we will havethe township roads plowed the best we can if the strike should occur. Worsham speaks to explain that while at Fire Dept meeting it was discussed that the Fire Department will lead with a plow truck for any emergency calls they may have.

Rantala reports that currently the township roads are in good condition.

*Motion/Worsham: Second/Wright to accept the letter to the Embarrass residents regarding the Pyhala. Carried 3-0.* All board supervisors sign the letter.

*Motion/Worsham: Second/Wright to use our own attorney to look into the legalities of the Pyhala. Carried 3-0.* Knuti informs the board he has access and can make copies of documents needed. *Motion/Worsham: Second/Wright to keep the attorneys used in past, Colosimo, Patchin, Kearney & Brunfelt, LTD. Carried 3-0. Motion/Wright: Second/Worsham to have designate attorney to the next reorganizational meeting in 202. Carried 3-0.*

Wright explains to the visitors that questions will not be answered before the annual meeting and that the Pyhala does not need to be brought up at the February meeting. A lot of information is still needed. The letter being sent out will inform people of a meeting coming up, but a date has not been set yet.

*Motion/Worsham: Second/Rantala to allow clerk to work on grant for election equipment. Carried 3-0.*

*Motion/Wright: Second/Wright to approve and sign cemetery deeds. Carried 3-0.*

Novak speaks and explains she applied for a $1,500 technology grant, which was approved. Novak has come up with a few ideas on where the money may be used, one was on the Embarrass website but is also looking for other ideas. Novak also spoke about an idea she has with doing tours through cell phones. People interested could get a virtual tour through an app on cell phones.

IRRRB grant for $45,000 for the restrooms at the Information Center that was awarded was brought up by a visitor. Visitors were pleased about the clerk working on the grant and it being awarded. A meeting will be held most likely in February with the clerk, supervisor and IRRRB representative to discuss the options the township has being that the other portion of grant applies was not eligible by a CDBG grant. At some point there may be a need for residents to volunteer labor and supplies to complete the project of the restrooms at the Information Center.

The supervisors would like to thank Jared Wright for all the volunteering work he has done at the rink.

LaMar speaks to the supervisors and says he is available to help being the township is short a maintenance worker currently. *Motion/Wright: Second/Worsham to call LaMar if needed for* *maintenance. Carried 3-0*. Worsham tells the other supervisors he approved Roger Davies to purchase a leaf blower and a ladder being that Davies has been going home to get his for township use. Davies has also been using his personal snowblower for township use. *Motion/Worsham: Second/ Rantala to purchase a gas snowblower* *for the township and spend up to $650 so Davies no longer has to use his own. Carried 3-0.*

*Motion/Worsham: Second/Wright to accept the Claims and Correspondence. Carried 3-0.*

*Motion/Worsham: Second/Rantala to accept the Treasures Report. Carried 3-0.*

Discussion was held on the Fire Dept Annual Meeting and the 3% increase they are asking for*.* With the 7 new fire dept. volunteers’ new equipment is needed along with training. The 3% increase is justified.  *Motion/Worsham: Second/Wright to post for a special meeting to discuss the upcoming 2021 levy. Meeting will be held January 28 at 6:00. Carried 3-0.*

Rantala leaves meeting.

Audit was completed by the supervisors and all claims were found accurate and in order. *Motion/Worsham: Second/Wright to accept the audit. Carried 2-0.*

*Meeting adjourned by Worsham at 8:53 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Boese

Embarrass Town Clerk