Town of Embarrass

December 13, 2023

Board Meeting

Present: Jack LaMar, Shireen Lee, Eric Garman, Mary Novak, Jennifer Boese

Visitors: Jason Johnson, Chris Dale, Rodney Dale, Bill Wright, Mickey White, Carissa Smith, Paul Knuti

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by LaMar with the Pledge of Allegiance.

*November 2023 minutes approved. Motion: LaMar /Lee. Carried 3-0.*

Treasurers Report given by Novak.

Cemetery Report by Garman. Flags placed by maintenance for candle marking.

Maintenance Report by Lee. DR brusher needs replacing. Lee expresses her appreciation for all the work done for the ice candle celebration and more by maintenance, clerk, and deputy clerk. Brushing, rink liner, and more discussed.

Road Report by Lee. Grader operator checked roads and looking good at this time. Rock on Hanka Nevala addressed. St. Louis County snow plowing invoice for 1st partial payment to be paid.

LaMar spoke about the rink liner and advertisers he has found to cover the cost of liner.

Carissa Smith speaks on behalf of the Fair Winter Fest coming up in January. Looking for township collaboration in making this a great community event. Rink and sliding hill will be reserved on January 20th for the event, per township supervisors. Volunteers to help with the event are wanted if there is interest, meeting will be held on December 19th.

Board meeting conduct presented by LaMar. Discussion on running a board meeting with basic rules. The clerk presented resolution. Tabled for review.

Clerk informed supervisors that by law, minutes are not a complete transcript of the meeting but rather motions made and a brief description of discussions. Public comments need not to be included word for word, making minutes longer than needed. *Motion: LaMar/Lee to post in Flying Finn that minutes will be motions made and brief description of topics on agenda. Carried 3-0.*

Fire Department asking for township to transfer deed over for the very small piece of land in front of department. *Motion: Lamar/Lee to authorize Lee to call attorney to get information to resolve the matter. Carried 2-0. Garman abstains.*

Flying Finn costs discussed. Ads sent by local organizations has been done at no charge, discussion on asking organizations to pay for advertising or possible donation. Spreadsheet will be created by Clerk, tabled.

Canister Site lease discussed and Lee to contact St. Louis County and inquire on the yearly lease of $300 and the possibility for an increase.

Ice Candle traffic control discussed by Lee. EVFD volunteering to help with traffic control. *Motion: Lee/LaMar to make $300 donation to EVFD. Carried 3-0.*

DPS invoice for concrete work to be done in spring/summer months. *Motion: LaMar/Garman to not pay until work is complete and FEMA funds received. Carried 3-0.*

*Motion: Lee/LaMar to purchase an AED (Automatic External Defibrator) for the town hall as soon as fiscally possible. Carried 3-0*.

*Motion: Lee/Garman for clerk to contact credit card company to make a onetime adjustment on card to purchase Starlink internet. Carried 3-0.*

LaMar will contact Jerry Meier about water filter system for the campground.

Knuti discusses the Apostolic Church being added to the National Register of Historic Places. Celebrating a Milestone, written by Ron Sutton will be put in the January Flying Finn about the Apostolic Church.

Pyhala Farm. Knuti would like the township to take steps into restoration work. Knuti is looking for guidance on the township’s interest in moving forward. Lee speaks that township budget is not in shape to do so and needs public support if were to go forward. . Knuti would like to see an economic committee developed for the Pyhala property. LaMar speaks and supports the mission of SISU and restoration be looked into.

*Motion: LaMar/Lee to approve claims and correspondence. Carried 3-0.*

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m. by LaMar.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Boese, Embarrass Town Clerk