Town of Embarrass

Board Meeting

November 13, 2019

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

Visitors: Kirk Saranpaa, Rodney Dale, Chris Dale, Roland Fowler, Mickey White, Jack LaMar

Meeting was called to order at 6:06 by Wright with The Pledge of Allegiance.

*October minutes approved as printed Motion/Wright: Second/Rantala. Carried 2-0.*

*Treasures report accepted Motion/Wright: Second/Rantala. Carried 2-0.*

Rantala reports the roads are fine for this time of the year.

Maintenance report was given by Wright. Wright also speaks about the trees that had fallen at cemetery that had to be removed for safety reasons. Clerk tells board grader operator is retiring and will be needing a replacement for 2020.

Novak reports about Tourism Bureau meeting she attended. Talks about a car group from the 1950s that are interested in a tour. Two other groups will be in the area and Novak is hoping they would be interested in tours as well. Novak explains to the board about a media technology grant for $1,500 she has discovered and would be interested in applying for the township and possibly along with SISU. *Motion/Wright: Second/Rantala to have Novak apply for Media Technology Grant. Carried 2-0.*

*Motion/Wright: Second/ Rantala to renew lease of copier for the office at the same price. Carried 2-0.*

6:49 Worsham joins the meeting.

*Motion/Worsham: Second/Wright & Rantala to approve and sign the USDA resolution for a truck grant that the clerk has applied for. Carried 3-0.*

One bid was received for the Cub Cadet lawnmower. *Motion/Rantala: Second/Worsham to accept the bid of $30.Wright abstained. Carried 2-0.*

*Motion/Worsham: Second/Wright to table the gutters estimates until after the first of the year. Carried 3-0.*

Pyhala house was broken into again. Maintenance boarded up the busted door. Some are questioning the townships liability if someone is injured breaking in the house. Clerk to seek legal advice on what the township liability would be. Wright would like a letter drafted to registered voters in Embarrass regarding the community’s thoughts on selling Pyhala and at some time, a public hearing to be set up. Clerk and Wright will work on drafting a letter to be reviewed at December meeting. *Motion/Wright: Second/Worsham to get advice from legal counsel on the liability of township if someone is injured while breaking in the Pyhala. Carried 3-0. Motion/Wright: Second/ Worsham for Clerk and Wright to spend time drafting a letter for community to be presented to the board at the next meeting. Carried 3-0.*

Clerk has been working on grants for restrooms at the Information Center and hands supervisors 4 estimates and plans she has received for new restrooms. Wright would like to see if the outhouses and tanks can be repaired. Wright tables the info center restroom grant discussion. *Motion/Wright: Second/Rantala to have info center outhouses pumped and to have satellites removed for the winter. Carried 3-0.* Clerk will call around to see who can look at tank and see if can be repaired.

Clerk presents a letter from Embarrass Volunteer Fire Department regarding annual meeting date on January 7 and a 3% increase asking for in 2020. Township board would like to attend meeting. Clerk will post.

*Motion/Wright: Second/Worsham to approve of clerk to submit grant application for the dodge truck. Carried 3-0.*

*Motion/Worsham: Second/Rantala to approve LaMar to make pine swag for the same price as last year. Carried 3-0.*

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

*Meeting adjourned by Worsham at 8:07.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Boese, Embarrass Towns Clerk