Town of Embarrass

Regular Board Meeting

May 10, 2023

Visitors: Bill Wright, Dennis Niemi, Roland Fowler, Paul Knuti, Roger Davies, Mickey White, Zane Beaton, John Munz

Present: Jack LaMar, Alyssa Hammond, Shireen Lee, Jennifer Boese, Mary Novak

Meeting called to order by LaMar with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:02 p.m.

*Motion/Lee: Second/Hammond approve the April 2023 minutes. Carried 3-0.*

*Motion/LaMar:Second/Hammond to put one month Post Office rent check into the old Post Office fund to cover the remaining negative balance. Carried 3-0. Motion/Lee:Second/ Hammond to accept the treasurers report. Carried 3-0.*

Maintenance Report given by Hammond. Campground water turned on; items stocked for hosts. Cemetery graves filled and candles and other items left throughout the winter on graves picked up. Debris picked up from flooding as well as road work done as best that could be done with equipment and supplies that the township has. Sauna Road was closed, borrowed signs from the county. Set up for meetings and regular daily maintenance duties. Upcoming property inspections later this month. Maintenance positions posted.

Campground caretakers Lori and Roy Worsham have returned for the camping season. Maintenance has prepared and stocked the campground.

Discussion was had on Township Brochures and supervisors were asked to look at the budget to help SISU with the costs of printing.

LaMar states that culverts on Sauna, Hanka Nevala and the Information Center were neglected for some time. County steamed the culverts with difficulty as in previous years but will no longer be able to help the township with steaming until culverts are replaced. With the recent flooding, the collapsing of culverts and partial roadways washed away, and Sauna Road had to be closed. The clerk received two estimates for replacement of culvert. *Motion/Lee:Second/Hammond to accept Holmes Excavating estimate contingent on the road restriction permit. Carried 2-0. LaMar abstains.* The clerk will continue to work on reports, maintenance will continue checks and giving updates. Clerk attending FEMA meeting next week to apply for funds to help cover the costs.

There will be a benefit for the previous clerk, Diane Nelmark. To be held on June 3rd at the Timber Hall. Spaghetti Feed, raffles and silent auctions. *Motion/Lee: Second/LaMar for Boese to purchase gift card. Carried 3-0.*

Beaton speaks to the supervisors about the township plowing the Timber Hall. Supervisors would like to contact MATS before making any decision. Fair Board is looking for someone to run the 5k run held during fair weekend. Contact a member of the Fair Board if interested. There will be no fair books this year.

Lee emailed Rep. Dave Lislegard about the increase in property taxes for township residents. Lee was asked to gather information from neighboring townships. Lee also asked Lislegard to come and speak with residents on the issue.

Lee gives update on kitchen license research. All private parties do not need a safe server present like previously thought.

*Motion/Hammond:Second/LaMar to allow the Quilting Club to use the Town Hall every 4th Wednesday of the month from 9-4 for sew in day. Carried 2-0. Lee abstains.*

Lee would like the supervisors to have business cards with contact information.

Roof Estimates were discussed. *Motion/Hammond:Second/Lee to accept Vertex estimate for Town Hall roof. Carried 3-0. Motion/Hammond:Second/Lee to take the deposit for the roof out of the ARPA funds. Carried 3-0.*

RAMS was discussed and supervisors would like to research more and be open to reconsideration of joining.

Clerk and maintenance are preparing for Memorial Day Service. Cemetery service will be at 9:00 a.m. on May 29th. Coffee and rolls will be served at the Town Hall after the service. Lee stated she would like to see supervisors involved in events for township.

*Motion/Lee:Second/LaMar to approve the Claims and correspondence. Carried 3-0.*

*Meeting adjourned by LaMar at 8:55 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Boese
Embarrass Town Clerk