

September 12, 2023

A regular monthly meeting was held on September 11, 2023 at 2:30 p.m. All board members were present. There were 2 public attendees. Motion by Ketola, supported by Seppala to approve the agenda with no additions. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to approve the regular monthly meeting minutes from August 8, 2023 and Executive session minutes from August 8, 2023. Roll call taken. Ayes: Kut, Ketola, Niemi, Kenney. Nays: None. Abstain: Seppala. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: No public comments.

PRESENTATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS: Reviewed the Library minutes and financial statements from Director Evelyn Gathu.

Reviewed ICECA report and financial statements provided by Chamber Director, Zach Hautala.

Reviewed Summer Recreation letter from Forest Park Community Schools.

Reviewed Fire Equipment Grant Award from Kevin A. Smith, Deputy Treasurer Sate and Local Finance Michigan Department of Treasury.

WATER SUPERINTENDENT/FOREMAN REPORT: Reviewed the Water Superintendent's report from the month of August.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT: Reviewed the Fire Chief's report from the month of August.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Reviewed the Zoning Administrator's report from the month of August.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Reviewed the Assessor's report from the month of August.

Discussion held on Department reports. Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to approve the Departmental reports as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENT: Reviewed email from Pat Quinn. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to appoint Pat Quinn to the Zoning and Planning Board. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE STATION UPDATE: Bid opening is scheduled for September 25, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. The site has been logged and cleared.

LIND ROAD CLEANUP UPDATE: Reviewed report from Todd Wloszczynski. Discussion held. Supervisor Kenney will touch base with Todd to get an inventory count.

SPARK GRANT APPLICATION: No update.

MICHIGAN EGLE SRF DRINKING WATER: No update.

MDNR TRUST FUND GRANT UPDATE: Supervisor Kenney and Robb Anderson from GEI attended the MDNR Trust Fund Board meeting on August 16, 2023. Robb Anderson from GEI gave a presentation.

FIRE CONTRACT – MANSFIELD PROPOSAL AND CONTRACT APPROVAL: Reviewed contract. Motion by Seppala, supported by Kut to approve the contract as drafted by Mr. Tinti for renewal of the Fire Contract with Mansfield. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

AUDIT REPORT: Discussion held. Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to accept the audit report that was received from Barry Gaudette, CPA. All ayes. Motion carried.

FURNACE BIDS – DUE AUGUST 17: Discussion held. Bids will be reviewed at September 25, 2023 Special meeting.

FIRE STATION BID OPENING – SEPTEMBER 25, 2023 – SPECIAL MEETING?: There will be a Special meeting on September 25, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. for bid openings.

IRON COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN: Reviewed the Iron County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion by Ketola, supported by Niemi to adopt the Resolution of the 2023 Iron County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

CLERK EDUCATION AND TRAVEL – BS & A & ELECTION TRAINING: Discussion held.

i. 101-215-860-000 - \$500

ii. 101-215-805-000 - \$150

Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to adjust the budget and approve the travel, education, and dues requested by the Clerk. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE PENSION CONTRIBUTION: Reviewed MERS report.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK – OCT 8 – 14: Reviewed ad. Motion by Niemi, supported by Ketola to approve advertisement in the Report for Fire Prevention Week. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

FIRE CADET PROGRAM: Reviewed letter from Steven Fabbri, Fire Chief. Discussion held. Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to approve the implementation of the Fire Cadet Program for the Fire Department upon approval from the insurance company. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

REVIEW OF CURRENT BILLS/INVOICES EFT'S/PREPAID/MONTHLY: Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to approve the prepaid's in the amount of \$28,284.27, the Monthly's for \$26,204.78 and the EFT's for \$887.40 with a total of \$55,376.45. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comments.

BOARD MEMBERS PRIVILEGE: Trustee Kut had questions about the floor in the hall, the roof, and the security system. Trustee Seppala commented about fall cleanup, which is on Saturday, October 7, 2023 from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Supervisor Kenney stated he sent a letter to GFL and WM about proposal for garbage. Treasurer Ketola had questions about markings outside the Township building and other areas nearby.

ADJOURN: Motion by Ketola, supported by Seppala to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

Diane LaChapelle/Deputy Clerk