

April 8, 2025

A regular monthly meeting was held on April 8, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. All board members were present. There were 9 public attendees. Motion by Seppala, supported by Niemi to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to approve the Public Hearing minutes from March 11, 2025, the regular monthly meeting minutes from March 11, 2025 and the Special meeting minutes from March 18, 2025. All ayes. 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 provided by Chamber Director, Zach Hautala.

**WATER SUPERINTENDENT/FOREMAN'S REPORT:** Reviewed the Water Superintendent's report from the month of March. Trustee Kut noted the amount of reports the Water Superintendent had to complete.

**FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:** Reviewed the Fire Chief's report from the month of March.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:** Reviewed the Zoning Administrator's report from the month of March.

**ASSESSOR'S REPORT:** No report submitted by Assessor Ken West for the month of March.

**CODE COMPLIANCE OFFICER'S REPORT:** Reviewed the Code Compliance Officer's report from the month of March.

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

**FIRE STATION UPDATES:** Volunteer Firefighters James Sartori and Tom Bucek were present. They stated the move was completed from the old firehall to the new fire station.

The Township will move forward with soliciting bids for a concrete apron in front of the new fire station doors.

**RESULTS OF VACANCY ADVERTISEMENT FOR BOARD APPOINTMENTS:** Reviewed letters of interest for various board positions advertised. Discussion held.

Motion by Stebic, supported by Ketola to appoint Fern Tuchowski to the Planning Commission position. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ketola, supported by Niemi to appoint Jason Van Sickle to the open position on the Board of Review. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Niemi, supported by Seppala to appoint Jason Van Sickle as an alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried..

Motion by Kut, supported by Seppala to appoint Elizabeth Kreutzer to the Library Board. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

**GEI REPORT:** Reviewed report submitted from Robb Anderson. Discussion held.

**BEAD PROGRAM LETTER OF SUPPORT:** Reviewed letter from Highline Broadband Service requesting a letter of support for the Federal BEAD grant. Motion by Kut, supported by Ketola to send a letter of support. All ayes. Motion carried.

**HANSEN AUCTION GROUP:** Reviewed information submitted.

**BATES TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF INTENT TO PREPARE A MASTER PLAN:** Reviewed letter from Bates Township.

**FOREST PARK ALCOHOL-FREE GRADUATION PARTY REQUEST:** Reviewed request. The Township is unable to donate.

**ST. VINCENT de PAUL THANK YOU:** Reviewed letter. It does not apply since the township employee was volunteering on his own personal time.

**UPSET DONATION THANK YOU:** Reviewed letter.

**TOWNSHIP UTILITY BILLING CLERK JOB ADVERTISEMENT:** Reviewed resignation letter. Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to accept the resignation letter from Becky Grandahl for the Utility Billing and Deputy Clerk positions with thanks for her service. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Niemi, supported by Ketola to advertise for the Utility Billing position. All ayes. Motion carried.

**ASSESSOR COMPLIANCE REPORT:** Reviewed the information provided by MTA regarding the responsibilities of the Township Board with property assessments.

**REAPPOINTMENT OF DAN LATO TO PLANNING COMMISSION:** Motion by Stebic, supported by Kut to reappoint Dan Lato to the Planning Commission. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

**REVIEW OF CURRENT BILLS/INVOICES EFT'S/PREPAID/MONTHLY:** Motion by Seppala, supported by Ketola to approve the prepaid's in the amount of \$162,996.88, the Monthly's for \$24,480.25 and the EFT's for \$725.50 with a total of \$188,202.63. Roll call taken. All ayes. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Penny McCumber stated concerns of debris on property located on State Highway M-69.

**BOARD MEMBER'S PRIVILEGE:** No comments.

**ADJOURN:** Motion by Seppala, supported by Niemi to adjourn the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

Nancy Niemi/Clerk