

Lee Township Board of Trustee's
Regular Meeting October 11, 2021
7:00 PM
(APPROVED)

In attendance: Supervisor Gustafson, Clerk Dawson, Treasurer Stewart, Trustee Rippee.
Absence: Trustee Henry. Also, in attendance Attorney Dangl as well as numerous residents.

- Clerk Dawson made a motion to amend the agenda to add the Closed Minutes from October 5, 2021, to be read, approved, and sealed for the given time frame, and the Cemetery. 2nd by Treasurer Stewart. Roll call: Trustee: Rippee: yes, Supervisor Gustafson: yes, Treasurer Stewart: yes, Clerk Dawson: yes. Motion carried.
- Clerk Dawson made a motion to amend agenda to add Guest Speaker Steve Glasser. 2nd by Treasurer Stewart. Roll call was taken. Clerk Dawson: yes, Treasurer Stewart: yes, Supervisor Gustafson: yes, Trustee Rippee: yes. Motion carried.
- **Minutes:** Supervisor Gustafson made a motion to approve the minutes from (1) September 13, 2021. Treasurer Stewart 2nd motion. Voice vote of yes carried. Supervisor Gustafson made a motion to approve the minutes from (2) September 14, 2021. Treasurer Stewart 2nd said motion. Voice vote of yes carried. Supervisor Gustafson made motion to approve the General meeting minutes of (3) October 5, 2021. 2nd by Treasurer Stewart. A voice vote of yes carried.
- **Guests:** Commissioner Glasser gave a brief report.
- **Treasurers Report:** Treasurer Stewart gave his report. Trustee Rippee made a motion to approve said report. 2nd by Treasurer Stewart. Roll call: Trustee Rippee: yes, Supervisor Gustafson: yes, Clerk Dawson: yes, Treasurer Stewart: yes. Motion carried.
- **Approval of Bills:**
 1. **Fire:** Clerk Dawson made a motion to approve fire in the amount of \$6,376.62. Treasurer Stewart 2nd motion. Roll call: Clerk Dawson: yes, Supervisor Gustafson: yes, Trustee Rippee: yes, Treasurer Stewart: yes. Motion carried.
 2. **Payroll:** Clerk Dawson made a motion to approve the payroll in the amount of Gross: \$13,750.32 and Net of \$11,009.03. Treasurer Stewart 2nd said motion. Roll call: Trustee Rippee: yes, Treasurer Stewart: yes, Supervisor Gustafson: yes, Clerk Dawson: yes. Motion carried.
 3. **Solid Waste:** Clerk Dawson made a motion to approve payment of \$15,774.19. Supervisor Gustafson 2nd said motion. Roll call: Supervisor Gustafson: yes, Clerk Dawson: yes, Treasurer Stewart: yes, Trustee Rippee: yes. Motion carried.

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4. **General:** Clerk Dawson made a motion to approve payment of \$17,813.72. Treasurer Stewart 2nd said motion. Roll call: Supervisor Gustafson: yes, Clerk Dawson: yes, Treasurer Stewart: yes, Trustee Rippee: yes. Motion carried.
 5. **Water:** none
- **Fire Report:** Chief Amrozowicz gave his report. He introduced (1) Jeremy Wagner as a potential new volunteer Fire Fighter. After a brief interview by the Board, Supervisor Gustafson made a motion to appoint Jeremy contingent on his background check and ETC reading test. 2nd by Treasurer Stewart. Roll call was taken. Trustee Rippee: yes, Treasurer Stewart: yes, Supervisor Gustafson: yes, Clerk Dawson: yes. Motion carried. Chief then introduced (2) Jennifer Mast as another potential volunteer Fire Fighter. After her brief interview Supervisor Gustafson made a motion to appoint Jennifer effective as of today. 2nd by Treasurer Stewart. Roll call: Treasurer Stewart: yes, Trustee Rippee: yes, Supervisor Gustafson: yes, Clerk Dawson: yes. Motion carried.
- **Planning Commission:** Mari Spraul gave her report. (1) **Sign Ordinance:** The update of our sign ordinance was requested by a Midland County Judge in lieu of a Court Case. Planning Commission worked with Attorney Dangl to create an updated "Sign Ordinance". It was recommended by the Planning Commission and presented to the Board for a vote. After much discussion Supervisor Gustafson made a motion to approve the draft that was presented. Treasurer Stewart 2nd said motion. Roll call: Clerk Dawson: yes, Treasurer Stewart: no, Supervisor Gustafson: yes, Trustee Rippee: no. Motion failed. Clerk Dawson asked the two Board members that voted no to give their reasons as to why they voted no. Trustee Rippee gave her reasons, which the Supervisor and Clerk answered her questions. Then Clerk Dawson asked Treasurer Stewart his reasons for a no vote. He said the plaintiff shouldn't have been paid \$10,000. Clerk Dawson stated no one got a substantial amount of money and the costs of the said court case was covered by the Insurance Company, not the Township. After discussion, Supervisor Gustafson made a motion to Re-consider the sign ordinance 2nd by Clerk Dawson. Roll call: Clerk Dawson: yes, Trustee Rippee: no, Supervisor Gustafson: yes, Treasurer Stewart: yes, against my better judgement. Motion carried. (2) **Dollar General:** They requested the Board to consider a Re-Zoning from Residential/AG to Commercial District 2.92 acres of the parent parcel #100-011-400-152-00, which is at the corner of 7 Mile and M-20 on the North side of M-20. After discussion Supervisor Gustafson made a motion to approve the Re-zoning of 2.92 acres from parent parcel #100-011-400-152-00 to Commercial District from Residential/Ag. Treasurer Stewart 2nd said motion. Roll call: Trustee Rippee: yes, Treasurer Stewart: yes, Supervisor Gustafson: yes, Clerk Dawson: yes. Motion carried.
- **Code Authority Report** Trustee Rippee gave a brief report.
- **Code Enforcement:** Supervisor Gustafson gave a report on: (1) 21-00 (2) 21-02 is completed to this date.

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- **Park Update:** The Park is closing October 31, 2021. Supervisor Gustafson asked Board members to stop by the park to view the trees for their opinion on what trees need trimmed/ or removed. She also stated the park restroom building needs some serious repairs. Deputy Supervisor Lamee is checking into said repairs to receive quotes.

- **Correspondence:** (1) Jessica Barber gave a letter to Clerk Dawson, asking her to read it during correspondence. Jessica is still receiving checks from Water District I, nine months after her resignation. Jessica is requesting the correction of the mailing address. (2) Clerk Dawson received an inquiry from Greendale Township Clerk, Ruth Knapp. Apparently, the Water District I along with the past Supervisor Whittington and Treasurer Stewart started the process to provide City Water to Castor Rd. on the West side, which is Greendale Township. Clerk Knapp stated she would send a copy of their resolution #2019-1112, which was signed by Greendale Township Board on November 12, 2019.

- **Unfinished Business:** (1) Again, Supervisor Gustafson asked the Board to look at the trees at the park as well as the cemetery for trimming/removal. Mr. Wentworth gave an update on the Columbarium and the landscaping around the area. Delivery should take place anytime on said Columbarium. (2) Planning Ordinances (Medical Marijuana) was tabled until the next meeting.

- **New Business: Windstream/PaeTec:** (1) We are still waiting on a final bill. Clerk Dawson will send Supervisor Gustafson the last correspondence she sent Windstream/PaeTec. (2) Clerk Dawson will publish in MDN that the Township is requesting Snow Removal Bids. (3) Tabled setting a Special Meeting for 5- year plan- Committee Appointments- Budget -Policy and Ordinance Review.

- **Public Comment:** Was open from 9:27 pm – 9:42 pm

- **Any other Business:** none.

- **Adjournment:** Supervisor Gustafson made a motion to adjourn. Treasurer Stewart 2nd said motion. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 9:42 pm.

Submitted by your Public Servant

Laura Dawson

Lee Township Clerk