

Lee Township Board of Trustee's
Regular Meeting
February 14, 2022 @ 7:00 pm
1485 W. Olson Rd.
Midland, MI 48640
(Approved)

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Gustafson. Pledge was said, then roll call was taken. Supervisor Gustafson, Treasurer Stewart, Trustee Rippee, and Clerk Dawson were in attendance. Trustee Henry was absent. There were numerous residents in attendance.

- **Approval of Agenda:** Treasurer Stewart made a motion to approve the agenda, Supervisor Gustafson 2nd said motion. Roll call: Clerk Dawson: yes, Supervisor Gustafson: yes, Treasurer Stewart: yes, Trustee Rippee: yes. A yes motion carried.
- **Guests: County Drain Commissioner,** Joe Sova, along with an attorney working with the county on updating or redistricting of Prairie Creek Cutoff Drain explained the procedure. After many questions were answered, Treasurer Stewart read the RESOLUTION FOR PETITION FOR CONSOLIDATION OF DRAINS PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 19 OF THE MICHIGAN DRAIN CODE. PUBLIC ACT 40 OF 1956, AS AMENDED. Treasurer Stewart made a motion to approve the resolution (R-02-14-2022-01). Supervisor Gustafson 2nd said motion. Roll call: Supervisor Gustafson: yes, Treasurer Stewart: yes, Trustee Rippee: yes, Clerk Dawson: yes. A yes motion carried. **Country Commissioner,** Steve Glasser, gave a brief report. Joseph Moore, **a township resident,** gave a report indicating that the clerk isn't doing her job. Clerk Dawson stated that he needed to come and talk to her instead of pointing out her faults. She would love to have him come sit down with her. Joe Moore didn't finish his written statement or request his statement to be attached, it was requested by Supervisor Gustafson in an email as he gave her his statement as he left the floor. I have attached it at the end of the minutes as requested by Supervisor Gustafson's email.
- **Minutes: (1.)** January 17, 2022. Treasurer Stewart made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Clerk Dawson 2nd motion. Roll call: Trustee Rippee: no, Treasurer Stewart: yes, Supervisor Gustafson: no, Clerk Dawson: yes. Motion failed. **(2.)** Discussion on minutes took place again. Trustee Rippee then made a motion to remove Rosemary Pieprzyk's statement (page 5) and the statement on Page 3, as she stated it wasn't a true statement. Treasurer Stewart 2nd said motion. Clerk Dawson: no, Supervisor Gustafson: no, Treasurer Stewart, yes, Trustee Rippee: yes, Motion failed.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Stewart presented his report. Supervisor Gustafson made a motion to approve said report. Treasurer Stewart 2nd said motion. Roll call Supervisor Gustafson: no, Treasurer Stewart: yes, Trustee Rippee: yes, Clerk Dawson: yes. A yes motion carried.
- **Approval of Bills: (1.) Fire:** \$10,823.45, Clerk's addition of \$40.88 and Ach of \$117.50. Clerk Dawson made a motion to approve the amounts to be paid. Treasurer Stewart 2nd said motion. Roll call: Treasurer Stewart: yes, Trustee Rippee: yes, Clerk Dawson: yes, Supervisor Gustafson: no. A yes motion carried. **(2.) Payroll:** \$ Total of \$16,338.54 including taxes, general and fire. Treasurer Stewart 2nd motion. Roll call: Trustee Rippee: yes, Clerk Dawson: yes, Supervisor Gustafson: no, Treasurer Stewart: yes. A yes motion carried. **(3.) Solid Waste: (a.)** Supervisor Gustafson made a motion to pay the Republic statement when it

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comes in, so we are behind on paying them. Treasurer Stewart 2nd motion. Roll call: Clerk Dawson: yes, Supervisor Gustafson: yes, Treasurer Stewart: yes, Trustee Rippee: yes. A yes motion carried. **(b.)** Clerk Dawson made a motion to pay solid waste in the amount of \$21,986.53 2nd by Treasurer Stewart. Roll call: Supervisor Gustafson: no, Treasurer Stewart: yes, Trustee Rippee: yes, Clerk Dawson: yes. A yes motion carried. **(4.) General:** Clerk Dawson made a motion to approve the payment of \$20,281.41, \$750.00 in Clerk's Additions and Ach's of \$1031.68. Treasurer Stewart 2nd said motion. Roll call: Treasurer Stewart: yes, Trustee Rippee: yes, Clerk Dawson: yes, Supervisor Gustafson: no. A yes motion carried. **(5.) Water:** None

- **Fire Report:** Supervisor gave a brief report in lieu of Chief Amrozowicz absence.
- **Planning Commission Report:** Chair Grice gave a report. **(1.)** Chair Grice asked for permission to attend MTA classes. Clerk Dawson made a motion to approve any Planning Commission as well as any Board member to attend MTA's annual conference online. Treasurer Stewart 2nd said motion. Roll call: Trustee Rippee: yes, Clerk Dawson: yes, Supervisor Gustafson: no, Treasurer Stewart: yes. A yes motion carried. **(2.)** Chair Grice ask for planning commission member to attend Planning Retreat. Treasurer Stewart made a motion to have any board or committee member who wishes to attend their given retreat approved. Supervisor Gustafson 2nd said motion. Roll call: Clerk Dawson: yes, Supervisor Gustafson: no, Treasurer Stewart: yes, Trustee Rippee: yes. A yes motion carried.
- **Code Authority Report:** Trustee Rippee gave her report.
- **Code Enforcement Report:** Supervisor Gustafson gave her report.
- **Park Update:** Nothing at this time.
- **Hall Update:** Nothing at this time.
- **Correspondence:** Clerk Dawson gave Treasurer Stewart a statement from the Bank on a returned check. Richard Payne had also given a letter to the Clerk in reference to the pay scale of the Board of Review. He requested it to be read during the correspondence.
Available upon request.
- **Unfinished business:** Nothing other than Supervisor requesting the lawn care be posted on the website.
- **New Business: (1.)** Greendale Fire Contract: Supervisor Gustafson made a motion to approve the 21-22 contract. Treasurer Stewart 2nd said motion. Roll call: Supervisor Gustafson: yes, Treasurer Stewart: yes, Trustee Rippee: yes, Clerk Dawson: yes. A yes motion carried. **(2.)** Board of Review pay scale. After much discussion Supervisor Gustafson made a motion to approve the amounts of \$35.00 pr hour for the six-hour days per member and \$ 80.00 per diem per member for the meeting days for March of 2022. Roll call: Treasurer Stewart: yes, Trustee Rippee: yes, Clerk Dawson: yes, Supervisor Gustafson: no. A yes motion carried. **(3.)** Budget meeting set for February 17, 2022, at 6:00 pm. **(4.)** State Treasury Follow-Up. Clerk Dawson is working on their request.

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- **Public Comment: 9:15 – 9:29 pm:** A resident inquired about a Home Occupation Permit. They have one but are moving. She was directed to Planning Commission. Ron Piland had requested the drain in front of his home to be cleaned out. There was some confusion. Supervisor Gustafson will need to contact the Road Commission to request a correction. Another resident questioned the County Drain Commission project of the Prairie Creek was being pushed through and why they didn't get a copy of the requested project. A few residents are requesting the meetings be available for elders and homebound people to be able to view the meetings during the meeting. Internet was a topic of discussion.

Minutes: Clerk Dawson reminded Supervisor Gustafson the minutes hadn't been finished.

- **Treasurer Stewart made a motion to strike page 3 statement. Supervisor Gustafson 2nd said motion. Roll call: Clerk Dawson: no, Supervisor Gustafson: yes, Treasurer Stewart: yes, Trustee Rippee: no. Motion failed.**
- **Minutes: Trustee Rippee made a motion to strike page 5 as well as the statement on page 3. Treasurer Stewart 2nd said motion. Roll call: Supervisor Gustafson: yes, Treasurer Stewart: yes, Trustee Rippee: yes. Clerk Dawson: no. A yes motion carried.**
- **Adjourn:** Supervisor Gustafson made a motion to adjourn at 9:40 pm Treasurer Stewart 2nd said motion. All in favor.

Your Public Servant,

Laura Dawson **Clerk Dawson**

Lee Township Clerk