

Lilley Township Board Minutes

May 13, 2024

UNAPPROVED

The **Regular Meeting of the Lilley Township Board** was called to order by Supervisor Bouwens at 7:00 PM in the Multi-Purpose building.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited; invocation by Anderson,

Roll was called Board Members present: Anderson, Bouwens, Hoving, Nelson and Way.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Hoving to approve the Agenda. All in Favor, **Motion carried.**

Public Comments: Resident commented on road on Cleveland, corner is bad, Supervisor Bouwens will check with road commission.

Resident had a question on the STR documents from April, Clerk will check and get back with her.

Resident Thanked Jeff Ford for opening up the second gate at the Transfer station.

Motion by Hoving second by Anderson to approve April 08, 2024 Minutes

Roll call: Anderson yes, Hoving yes, Bouwens yes, Nelson yes, Way yes.

Motion Carried:

Treasurer's Report & Items: Balance in checkbook as of April 30, 2024 \$831,373.34. Fremont Foundation endowment fund balance as of 12/31/23, \$ 44,309.11, Treasurer commented on what a good job they do taking care of the figures.

Treasurer Way thanked the Fire Department for the new flags, purchased and paid for by the Fire members.

Treasurer Way presented the Board with Proposals from LOSB and Axes & Irons Co. regarding purchase of new Quick Attack Truck for the purchase price of 315,500.00, LOSB will hold the loan with 5.75% interest for 10 years, Financing \$215,500.00 Township will be putting down \$100,000.00 .

Motion to purchase Quick Attack fire truck from Axes and Irons Co. With Township putting down \$100,000.00 and balance will be payments To LOSB for approx. 2365.53 per month for 10 years by Nelson second by Hoving..

Roll call: Anderson yes, Hoving Yes, Bouwens yes, Nelson yes, Way yes

Motion Carried:

Resolution 2024-6

To approve loan from LOSB for 215,500.00 at 5.75% interest for 10 years

Motion to approve Resolution 2024-6 loan from LOSB, by Way second by Nelson

Roll call: Anderson yes, Hoving yes, Bouwens yes, Nelson yes, Way yes,

Motion carried:

Motion: to appoint Supervisor Robert Bouwens to execute all loan documents pertaining to Quick Attack Truck purchase from Axes and Irons Co. and LOSB by Way second by Nelson.

Roll call: Anderson yes, Hoving yes, Bouwens yes, Nelson yes, Way yes.

Motion carried:

Anderson had questions on a check for Workmans Comp, explained break down for each account (Fire, Cemetary, Board ETC...)

Motion: to pay bills listed by Anderson second by Hoving

Roll call : Anderson yes, Hoving yes, Nelson yes, Way yes, Bouwens yes. All in Favor.

Motion carried:

Clerk's Items: Resolution 2024-5

Resolution for Board of Review, Guidelines for poverty exemptions

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-5 by Way Second by Hoving

Roll Call: Anderson yes, Hoving Yes, Way yes, Nelson yes, Bouwens yes.

Motion carried:

Motion: to Adopt policy, Process for granting/denying property tax exemptions, by Anderson second by Hoving Roll call Anderson yes, Hoving Yes, Bouwens yes, Nelson yes, Way yes.

Motion Carried: Paperwork will be available to view on the Township Website. Also available at the Clerks office.

Motion: To adopt Policy for which Assessors office is Accessible to Taxpayers by Hoving second by Way

Roll call: Anderson yes, Hoving yes, Bouwens yes, Nelson yes, Way yes.

Motion carried: Paperwork will be available to view on the Township website and in the Clerks office.

Trustee Items:

Trustee Anderson spoke about some of his thoughts and their importance to us all. Anderson also wanted to remind everyone that the next Township Board meeting will be on the First Monday June 03, 2024, not the second Monday.

Trustee Hoving commented on the Hazardous waste collection at the NCRC (Newaygo County Road Commission) on May 18th and also the tire collection at the NCRC June 15th.

Hoving also commented on the MTA (Michigan Township Association) and their efforts to ensure Revenue Sharing to all entities , asking concerned citizens to contact your local State Rep or Senator. (Our Township currently receives Revenue Sharing, some do not).

Supervisor Items:

Gate at the Transfer station is broken and needs to be replaced, Clerk will be filing a claim with Insurance Company for potential reimbursement, it will cost \$2784.69 to replace it,

Motion to replace gate for no more than \$2800.00 and file claim with Insurance Company by Way second by Hoving

Roll call: Anderson yes, Hoving Yes, Bouwens yes, Nelson yes, Way yes

Motion carried:

Supervisor got permit for new drain field at the Multi-Purpose Building and a bid from H & H to install new drain field for \$5760.00

Motion: to approve \$5760.00 for H & H to install new drain field at the Multi-purpose building by Anderson second by Hoving.

Roll call: Way yes, Anderson yes, Hoving yes, Bouwens yes, Nelson yes. All in Favor.

Motion carried:

Stanley steamer will be coming to clean the carpets in the multipurpose building and the Clerks office cost will be \$345.00

Road brining started today as residents wanted it done before Memorial day. Please remind people to be courteous of our gravel roads, tearing them up will inhibit the brine working.

Just an FYI for the Board, Supervisor has contacted R. Fulton to place a bid on putting a pavilion roof over the cement on the East side of the Playground, for the Adults that are watching their children at the playground as there is no shade currently around the playground. Price to do this is \$9685.00. Just something for the board to think about.

Bids are in for the Community Building Re-model.....

Rockford Construction-----\$634,546.00

Brooks Builders-----\$364,205.00

Currently we have only budgeted 234,000.00, Supervisor will meet with Brooks and see where and if we can trim down the price to possibly get started yet this year, so that project is currently on hold for now.

2024-2025 Budget Report is ready for the Boards Review, Clerk passed out copies to each Board Member and asked them to review it and contact her or Supervisor Bouwens with any questions. The budget meeting will be on June 03, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at the Multipurpose building, Prior to the Board Meeting June 03, 04.

Supervisor Bouwens commented that the Assessor Mark Barnett had asked for a 10% pay increase on his salary, Bouwens commented that he does a good job for our Township and that he included a 7% raise in the new budget and considers that fair.

Motion : to approve a 7% increase in assessor Barnett salary starting in July 2024 by Hoving second by Anderson.

Roll Call: Anderon yes, Hoving yes, Bouwens yes, Nelson yes, Way yes.

Motion Carried:

Supervisor Bouwens wanted to comment on the Quick response of our Fire Department to a grass fire, He was in town when the tones went off and waited just to see how long it took for our departments response, they were there in 5 Minutes. **GREAT JOB GUYS AND GALS.**

Fire Department and MFR: 12 calls

Fire- 2- Lilley, 1 Merrill, 2 Monroe, 1 home, 1 Troy ,1 assist

MFR 2 Lilley, 1 Merrill assist , 1 assist

Chief reported that they had 25 people attend the STOP THE BLEED class, and potentially picked up 2 recruits.

Command trailer is down getting the electrical done, will then be getting the detail work done should be back around June 1st .

Chief would also like to remind everyone that this weekend is Blessing of the Bikes Weekend , please be aware , there will be many many bikes on the roads.

Chief Debruyne also Thanked the Board for the New Quick Attack Truck.

Planning Commission:

Chairperson Israels presented the Board with a Preliminary Fee proposal for the STR. This is something that the Board will look over and offer any suggestions on the proposed fee schedule, this is still in the working phase.

Much discussion followed

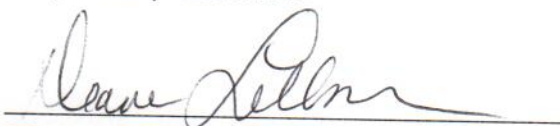
Zoning: 5 electrical ,2 mechanical, 4-zoning.1- plumbing Permits

20 office visits, 30 calls made and 35 calls received and 5 mailings

Much discussion followed Regarding looking at wages for zoning with all the new responsibility with the STR registry, will monitor and discuss at a later time.

Adjournment: Motion by Way, seconded by Nelson to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:20

Respectfully submitted:



Diane Fulton Lilley Township Deputy Clerk