

Lilley Township Board Minutes

October 14, 2024

APPROVED

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 Gerald Anderson, Trustee Anderson spoke about prayers asked our taxpayers to pray for our Community, Township Board and our Country, recited words to a song that is in his heart...Amen

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

Motion by Anderson seconded by Hoving to approve the Agenda .

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

Motion carried.

Public Comments: Resident James Hoving spoke about blocked trails in our National Forest and the rules regarding such, He is advocating to re-open the gravel pit road that has been blocked by the Forestry, he states that it is not a Forestry road and would like to find out if it has been properly vacated. He also commented on the ORV disability rules and regulations per DNR, he has more information if you are interested. His concerns regarding the closed roads are Fire and Rescue response, would they be able to get to the emergency?? Trustee Hoving asked Fire Chief DeBruyne to possibly check out the area that they are concerned with and check on the availability of reaching someone hurt or a forest fire, DeBruyne stated that he would check it out, and also assured us that with the equipment that the Fire Department has they are capable of reaching most spots easily. Trustee Anderson asked if the DNR has been contacted as to why the roads have been blocked. Supervisor Bouwens thanked Mr. Hoving for coming and educating us on these issues and asked him to possibly report back with any findings. Much discussion followed regarding the closed trails.

Motion by Hoving second by Anderson to approve September 09, 2024 Minutes with no changes, stating that his name was left off the roll call and he was in attendance.

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

Motion Carried:

Treasurer's Report & Items: Balance in checkbook as of September 30,2024 \$794,165.76

Treasurer stated the summer tax collection is almost over. Treasurer Way also stated that she was going to do a study on charge cards VS. check for people paying their taxes, she stated there is a rise in the credit card usage.

Motion: to pay bills listed by Anderson **second** by Hoving with the addition of two checks:
Bitely Grocery \$229.46

And Newaygo County Treasurer \$238.21

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

Motion Carried:

Clerk's Items: Clerk Nelson stated she would like to give Kathy Boomgaard a \$50.00 bonus as she washed all the windows in the Multi-Purpose building, and stated she does a great job cleaning for the Township

Motion: by Anderson Second by Bouwens to give Kathy Boomgaard a \$50.00 bonus on next check.

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

Motion Carried

Clerk Nelson also stated the the Township has their 2 year Audit on Dec. 10, 2024.

Clerk Nelson also reminded everyone that the Election is November 05, 2024 and encourages everyone to get out and vote.

Treasurer Way suggested getting a fireproof safe for the Ckerks Office, Nelson will check in to it per Trustee Anderson, Tabled until next meeting.

Trustees items: Trustee Anderson stated his comments were made during the invocation.

Trustee Hoving stated that she has a map showing roads when the 14 mile bridge was closed, she is not sure if the map is correct, were roads properly vacated , that are on the map and some now closed, Supervisor Bouwens will check this out.

Supervisor Items:

President of the Walkup Lake Association Cheri Antazok, brought over a check for \$250.00 for Fire Department and \$250.00 for Medical First Responders, she also donated a stair stepper and a white board for the Township, Supervisor Bouwens Thank the Association and Mrs. Antazok for their donation.

New sign has been ordered for the transfer station.

Supervisor Bouwens would like the thank Karen Fore for ordering new swings for the park.

Supervisor Bouwens stated that the Clerk and Treasurer need updated computers, as their current ones are in need of updating, the Treasurer also needs a new printer, He would like a motion to purchase new computers for Clerk and Treasurer and printer for Treasurer not to exceed \$10,000.00

Motion: by Anderson second by Bouwens to purchase (2) new computers and a printer , price not to exceed \$10,000.00

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

Motion carried:

Supervisor Bouwens brought to the Boards attention that our fire exit via the furnace room is in need of removing things stored in the room, he would like to purchase a 10 x 12 shed to be placed on the west end of the Multi-purpose Building for storage, therefore clearing the room in case of an emergency.

Motion: by Anderson second by Way to purchase a 10 x 12 storage shed not to exceed \$2000.00.

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

Motion Carried:

Supervisor Bouwens also encourages everyone to get out and vote on November 05, 2024.

Fire Department:

Chief DeBruyne stated that the Fire Department would like to have a Christmas Light Parade this year, they will be having a meeting to discuss this October 28, 2024 6p.m. to discuss details and encourages people to attend, it will be at the Multi-Purpose Building.

3 total calls for the month all of those in Lilley Township.

The Fire Department will be hosting a Haunted Fire Barn again this year November 02, 2024 from 5p.m. to 8 p.m., Bring the kiddos out for a frightfully fun time!!

Planning Commission:

Chairperson Israels stated there will be a Planning Commission Meeting Thursday October 17, 2024 7 p.m. at the Multi-Purpose Building, they will be discussing the Chicken Ordinance, She also stated that there is a Housing Shortage throughout the State of Michigan due to STR, our Township is not the only one concerned or acting on the STR situation it is a Statewide problem for many.

There was much discussion on the Community Building... Contract ,Rates, Deposits and cleaning. Planning Commission will work with Diane Fulton to address a New Contract for when the New Building is ready for rental, as currently there are no contracts and have not been for years, but with the new building a contract and rules are in order.

Zoning

Permits Issued:

3 Zoning

4 Electrical

2 mechanical

1 plumbing

2 complaints


2 violations

9 office visits, 20 calls received, 24 calls made, 3 mailings .

STR update: 2 applicants on Pettibone Lake have applied for permits to date.

Adjournment: **Motion** by Nelson, **second** by Way to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Diane Fulton Lilley Township Deputy Clerk