

Lilley Township Board Minutes November 11, 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 Gerald Anderson,

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: NCSD Deputy was in attendance for the meeting Supervisor Bouwens asked if he would like to speak, He was just an attendee.

Taxpayer Bruce Dandeneau reported the 3 street lights south of Bitely on Bingham were not working, Supervisor Bouwens stated that he would need the pole numbers and he would contact GLE.

Taxpayer asked about the new computers would they be housed in the Township office? Treasurer Way said they will be housed in her home where she conducts her business, she commented on the difficulty of getting ahold of Treasurer, Way stated that she just had a new phone system installed in her home so getting ahold of her should be easier.

Cindy Israels thanked all Veterans for our freedom.

Motion by Anderson second by Hoving to approve October 14, 2024 Minutes

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 \$773,247.50

Treasurer stated she approved the Newsletter for the new tax season, taxpayers should receive by Dec. 01, 2024

Motion: to pay bills listed by Anderson **second** by Hoving.

Treasurer Way asked about check for Newaygo County, Clerk said that was for reimbursement for Election expenses for the County handling our early voting period.

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

Motion Carried:

Clerk's Items Resolution 2024-10 for amending the 2023/2024 budget.

Motion: by Hoving Second by Way to adopt Resolution 2024-10

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

Motion Carried

Clerk Nelson Thanked our Election Inspectors for a job well done, also stated we had 455 voters from our 809 registered voters come out and vote on the General Election.

Clerk Nelson also stated that she has purchased 3 new boxes for mail, they will be for Zoning, Planning Commission and Fire Department.

Clerk thanked voters for their support in the November Election.

Trustees items: Trustee Anderson thanked those who voted for him, and stated it is his pleasure saying the Invocation each month..

Trustee Hoving Thanked those voting for her and the Election Inspectors for a job well done,.Clerk Nelson also stated that per MTA she can work elections if needed and be paid, if she is not on the ballot.

Trustee Hoving also asked about Pettibone Park, how is title search coming and have we been presented with a contract for the turnover of the park to the Township from the County. We have not seen a contract yet but will have a title search done before any paperwork is signed, Supervisor also stated there are a lot of things to be done by the County before the contract is signed. Trustee Hoving also commented that she had attended the Veterans Ceremony at the Veterans Corner and thanked the Bitely Boys for doing this.

Supervisor Items:

Supervisor asked how things were coming on the new computer quotes for Clerk and Treasurer, Treasurer Way said she will get specs from BS&A and start getting quotes.

Supervisor Bouwens also told the Board that the storage building that he got approval for last meeting that the size is not large enough he has decided that we will need a larger unit. He will get prices and bring up at the next meeting.

Thanked the NCRC for a job well done on Cleveland and 13 mile.

Supervisor Bouwens asked to put Christopher R. Koch on the Board of Review as an alternate.

Motion: by Anderson second by Way to approve Christopher R. Koch for BOR alternate

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

Motion carried:

Fire Department:

Chief DeBruyne stated that the Fire Department is planning to have a Christmas Light Parade this year it will be December 07, 2024 will come from the West through town to the community building, line up will start at 5p.m and parade will start at 5:30 p.m., with a Christmas Tree lighting at the end of the night, He encourages everyone to get involved and attend. They will be having another meeting in regards to the parade on November 25, 6 p.m at the Multi-Purpose Building.

The Fire Department had a HUGE turnout for the Haunted Firebarn, Thanked all those who participated ,supported and donated to the event.

The frame is broken on the Green Suburban and needs to go to the scrap yard, until then it will be used for training.

Treasurer way commented there will be the Dog Clinic at the fire barn January 18, 2025 a from 1p.m to 3 p.m

Hose and Ladder testing has been done and everything passed with the exception of 1 piece of hose.

26 total calls for the Month 14 medical and 12 Fire

16 Lilley, 2 Merrill ,3 Beaver ,3 Troy ,2 assist.

Planning Commission:

Chairperson Israels stated The Planning Commission has put together the final language for the Chicken Ordinance, and are working on the policing of said ordinance. She has been looking at rental agreements for the Community Building, The Community Building remodel has been put on hold for the time being.

Zoning

Permits Issued:

4 Zoning

5 Electrical

5 mechanical

1 complaints

1 violations

15 office visits, 28 calls received, 30 calls made, 4 mailings .

2 pending compliance, 8 Emails,

Jeff and Madalyn have sold Bitely Grocery it will now be called the Bitely Market, they will continue to allow the Township charge accounts.

Treasurer Way questioned the high Attorney fees, Bulk of Attorney fees are attributed to new Planning Commission Ordinances.

Kathy Thanked voters for their support in the last election.

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