

Campbell Township

Minutes of Regular Meeting

February 10, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Brian Thompson.

Present: Brian Thompson, Linda Willison, Marshann Ludema, Dan Jackson, Denny Pepper. Absent: none
Four visitors attended.

Pledge to the flag was given.

Minutes of January meeting were read and approved with addition of "Morrison Lake Area" to Metro App line.

Deputy Rick Straubel introduced himself as Ionia County Sheriff's Department officer who is policing the Campbell Township area. Deputy Straubel provided the board with a quarterly report of incident calls in the township.

Fire Department –

- Fire chief Paul Immoos reported that the Ionia County Commissioners will be helping with the purchase of new radios and tower upgrades for entities within Ionia County.
- Unused fire department tools are being sold.
- The Lucas automatic CPR machine will be purchased at a cost of approximately \$16,000, which fire department will cover through their fundraising budget. They petitioned the board for financial assistance with the purchase. Motion by Dennis, support by Dan to pay half of the cost, with funds to be taken out of the fire department Reserve Funds. Approved. Township will write check for \$8,000 to Stryker for the purchase. Annual maintenance on the machine will be \$300-\$1200 per year.
- Fire Truck Purchase – Paul said that costs for a pumper truck continue to rise and requested that township board approve the purchase of an HME (Grand Rapids company) mass produced truck with \$10,000 down payment. The Silver Fox model standard 28'6" truck is a 1000-1500 gallon capacity with pumper. After discussion, Paul agreed to provide the board with comparisons of trucks and costs from area fire departments who have recently purchased new equipment. Total current cost of truck/pumper is \$480,000.

OLD BUSINESS –

Point Broadband Right of Way – township attorney is waiting for unilateral agreement before signing.

NEW BUSINESS –

Blight items – nothing yet

Fire Equipment Consultant. After discussion no decisions were made.

Township financial planning/wages – Comparison with other townships of similar size showed that yearly wages paid for elected officials are in the \$17,500 – 30,000 range. The following motions were made for 2022-2023 fiscal year:

- Raise Treasurer wages to \$22,000/year. Motion by Brian, supported by Dan. Roll Call vote – Thompson, yes, Pepper-yes, Jackson-yes, Ludema-yes. Willison-abstained. Motion passed.
- Raise Clerk wages to \$22,000. Motion by Brian, supported by Dan. Roll call vote – Thompson-yes, Pepper-yes, Jackson-yes, Willison-yes, Ludema-abstained. Motion passed.
- Raise Trustee wages to \$145 per meeting. Motion by Marshann, supported by Linda. Roll Call vote – Thompson-yes, Pepper-yes, Jackson-yes, Ludema-yes, Willison-yes. Motion carried.
- Raise Supervisor wages to \$15,000. Motion by Denny, supported by Linda. Roll call vote – Thompson- abstained, Pepper- yes, Jackson,-yes, Ludema,-yes, Willison,-yes. Motion passed.
- Wages for other township employees will be discussed at a future meeting.

Bank Accounts – Treasurer reported that township funds in United bank are nearing limit for FDIC insured level. Sweep Accounts are often used to deposit excess funds. More information is needed from Larry Tiejema, township auditor. Linda will also ask United Bank representative to attend next meeting.

A new Library Board Trustee is needed for the Saranac/Clarksville District Library for a 4-year term beginning September 4. Township will post the position on our website.

Settlement Day for township fiscal year end was set for Thursday, March 24 at 1:00 pm.

February bills totaling \$10,437.97 were approved for payment. (Dan/Denny)

Financial Report was approved as presented. (Brian/Dan)

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Marshann Ludema, Clerk