

Campbell Township

Minutes of Regular Meeting

September 14, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Dennis Pepper.

Present: Dennis Pepper, Dan Jackson, Adam McArthur, Linda Willison, Marshann Ludema. Absent: none  
9 visitors attended.

Pledge was given. Agenda was approved (Jackson, McArthur). Minutes of August meeting were approved (Jackson, Willison).

Public Comment –

Kathy Sheldon with Walker, Fluke, and Sheldon presented audit report for township. Township is in a healthy condition. A follow-up letter from State of Michigan may be received and if so, she will help with any response needed. She will submit F-65 report to the state. Motion made by Jackson, supported by McArthur to approve the audit as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report -There are a couple line items that are over budget at the current time due to unexpected increase in costs. These will be considered in the next budget. Motion by Jackson, supported by Pepper to approve as presented. Motion carried.

Bills totaling \$21,915.47 were approved for payment (McArthur, Jackson).

Fire Department-

- Pancake Breakfast was well attended. Donations of approximately \$10,000 were brought in; after expenses, profit will be around \$7,000.
- New Fire truck went back into HME for a few minor fixes.
- Paperwork for DNR Grant for turnout gear has been submitted.
- Michigan Fire Equipment Grant has been approved up to \$20,000 for the fire department.
- Hastings Road was in bad shape (mud) when fire department was called there for a car fire. Ionia County Road Department will be contacted.
- Halloween Party at the fire station is being planned again for this year. Insurance is in place for that event.
- Paul submitted bills for certain expenses to Kent County for Emergency Management during the power outage and storms this past month.

Park/ Cemetery

- October 6 will be last league event at the park.
- Easternmost driveway at the cemetery will need to be moved to the east 2-3 feet to allow for graves in that section.
- Trees and shrubs need trimming.
- Park – handicap parking spaces work is planned for October.

- . Park restrooms are closed during power outages to prevent maintenance costs and sanitary issues.
- Suggestions from Joe Fahrni for next year: install commercial grade paper towel holders and soap dispensers.

Clarksville Morrison Lake Sewer received a good rating after audit.

#### Old Business –

- Parking lot update. Dennis received 3 bids for re-working of township hall/firebarn parking lot. Discussed use of ARPA funds which will cover a portion of the project. ARPA funds must be committed to a specific project by mid-2024 and used within 2 years after that. Dennis will look into what must be done to get use of ARPA funds rolling. Will discuss further at next meeting.
- Local Banking Options. Linda reported on rates with several area financial institutions. Emergency Services Sweep Account will be closed out and \$130,000 will be deposited in a Lake Michigan Credit Union CD for 3 months at 5% with any remainder going into Reserve funds. General Fund Sweep Account will be closed out and \$75,000 will be deposited in a Lake Michigan Credit Union CD for 3 months at 5% with any remainder going into Reserve Funds. Board approved having Linda work with Lake Michigan Credit Union on changing these funds.
- Cemetery Plots- maintenance is needed. Look at Boston Township ordinance for guidelines and how to address non-compliance from plot owners by next meeting. Plan to include a written notice/newsletter in the tax bills so owners know what is expected. Cemetery Rules need to be updated and perhaps posted in more locations.
- Rehmann computer, cloud and security services yearly agreement has increased. Motion to accept new agreement for 2024 by McArthur, supported by Jackson. Motion passed.

#### New Business –

- Brownfield Properties letter – A Brownfield can be any blighted, abandoned, or underutilized property. Campbell Township is part of the Ionia County Brownfield Development Authority and is able to take advantage of grants offered to clean up brownfield sites within Ionia County. Suggested that we put something on website concerning this advantage so that people know they can contact the Brownfield Development Authority if they have sites for clean-up.
- Dan asked about purchasing a cover for the township hall east end air conditioner to protect from salt spray during the winter.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:13 pm. (Pepper, Jackson)

Marshann Ludema, Clerk