

OAKFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
November 9, 2021

2021-14

CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Oakfield Township Board of Trustees held November 9, 2021 at 7:00p.m. with all board members present in Oakfield Township.

Present were: Greg Dean, Chad Sowerby, Betsy Koett, Ken Rittersdorf, Pamela Riker & Sue Trainer

Absent: Bryan Porter

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve regular meeting minutes for October 12, 2021 offered by Sowerby second by Rittersdorf approved per a roll call vote 6-0,

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Motion to approve Treasury Report for October 2021 offered by Rittersdorf second by Riker approved per a roll call vote 6-0.

Motion to approve transfer of funds from Fire Millage to General Fund in the amount of \$40,279.00 for new command vehicle and \$13.00 for license plate offered by Sowerby second by Koett approved per a roll call vote 6-0.

Motion to amend the budget for Deputy Supervisor Expense in the amount of \$1,585.14 for offered by Koett second by Sowerby approved per a roll call vote 6-0.

Motion to approve General Fund expenditures for the month of October 2021 in the amount of \$116,340.86 plus \$1,250.00 out of Woodbeck SAD for PLM offered by Sowerby second by Koett approved per a roll call vote 6-0.

Motion to approve Scram Lake expenditures for the month of October 2021 in the amount of \$1,523.53 offered by Sowerby second by Rittersdorf approved per a roll call vote 6-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire Department:

- October had 38 calls-25 medical, 3 P.I. accident, 5 P.D. accident, 1 C.O. alarm, 1 wire call & 3 assist Spencer. Busiest year ever.
- Held the Annual Firefighter Appreciation Night, put on by the Fire Auxiliary on Thursday, October 21, 2021.
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Monthly Training –Forcible entry.

- **From the Chief-**The new Command vehicle is in, we are now working on getting it outfitted. Getting wrap on it next by 180 Design in Carson City. Then goes to get all the emergency lighting put on at Mark's Body Shop in Grand Rapids.
- Our Annual Trick or Treat event was our largest ever. Many of our citizens made their way through and enjoyed touring the station.
- Dean had a conversation with the Supervisor of Spencer Township regarding their disregard for responding to calls and Mutual Aid which our firefighters then had to respond to.

PCI Report: 9 building permits, 21 electrical, 10 mechanical & 5 plumbing. Total charges \$8,749.00, total due \$7,874.10, total evaluation of projects \$658,750.00.

Received the bill for the 17 tickets that PCI wrote and it was \$2,300.00 which is very low compared to when the Township was handling it.

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Planning Commission:

- No meeting last month and no meeting next month.

Zoning Board of Appeals:

- Meeting cancelled due to Dean having COVID. Meeting will be held in January.

Zoning Administration:

\$2,300 for the 17 tickets that they wrote versus \$2,300 that the Township had previously spent to take just 1 resident to court.

CORRESPONDENCE Sent:

- Paul Sietsema-Bill sent to him to refund \$1,176.00 for fees to develop private road on Angel Lake.
- Northwest Capitol- sent them a bill for \$1,158.75 to refund the money for his storage building development.

CORRESPONDENCE Received:

- Point Broadband-Use to be Casair. Letting us know that they are in business and they are going to start doing work within the Township.

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

- Sam Peterson-Asked if the county was still going to put up emergency by-pass signs on 13 Mile. Dean is going to get with the County to remind them. The last couple of accidents people didn't know where to go.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Scram Lake Sewer system-Infrastructure Alternatives-Withdrew for making a bid due to limited manpower.
- Scram Lake Sewer system-New contract maintenance with F & V Operations-Dean recommended that the Board approve a contract with them from Dec.1, 2021-Dec. 1, 2022. Also received a letter from Al Evinck of MainTech cancelling his contract with the Township.

Motion to approve F & V Operations contract offered by Dean second by Riker approved per a roll call vote 6-0.

- Roads future paving projects-Traffic count report was looked over. The highest traffic count was on Macclain from Wabasis to Heintzelman and second highest was Wabasis from 15 Mile to Macclain.

Motion to approve explore having the County pave Macclain from Wabasis to Heintelman first but if it can't be paved right away due to the cross-tile in the road then request that Wabasis from 15 Mile to Macclain be done first offered by Sowerby second by Rittersdorf approved per a roll call vote 6-0.

- Woodbeck SAD Expenses-Supervisor will get with Treasurer and create a bill for the expenses for the Woodbeck Chian of Lakes SAD and a check will be cut to the Township from the Woodbeck SAD account. The amount to be billed right now is \$2,830.57 but need to double check with attorneys to make sure there aren't any additional fees from them.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Clerk out of the office Dec. 2, 2021 & the week of Jan 31-Feb 3, 2022.

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- American Rescue Plan Funds were received in October in the amount of \$334,887.00-getting a bid for air filtration system for the hall. There is a bill being pushed though that would allow smaller communities additional ways to spend these funds.
- Consent to vacate a portion of Satterlee Lane-portion of road was never developed. Some local neighbors petitioned to have road abandoned. The Township agreed to do this.
- New home & new road on 10 Mile & Cowan Lake-roads is in and they are building their house.
- Election report-Special General Election held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021. A couple of citizens attended the accuracy testing. Small in-person turnout-5.4 %. Large amount of absentee ballots returned-84.69%. Mark Huizenga won the 28th District senate seat. Cedar Springs Public School Millage proposal didn't pass.
- Tax Bills go to the printer-Treasurer still waiting to hear from Grattan Township because they have a special assessment for sewers that may affect a couple of our residents before bills can be sent to printer
- Revenue sharing for the last 2 month period \$105, 911.00.
- Holiday Hours for 2022 & Township Meetings for 2022-Same as last year except that the Tuesday Board meeting on November 8, 2022 will be moved to Thursday, November 10, 2022 due to an election.

Motion to approve the 2022 holiday hours & meeting dates offered by Sowerby second by Rittersdorf approved per a voice vote 6-0.

- Consumers Power-sent an email that there will be a scheduled power shutdown from Lincoln Lake Road and 11 Mile down by Tek-n-ek Lake for November 20, 2021 from 11:00p.m.-7:30 a.m. and if those dates don't workout it will be December 4, 2021-December 5, 2021. Supervisor called them to complain about the overnight outage because people will be without heat. Consumer's didn't care.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: None

BOARD COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm offered by Sowerby second by Riker approved per a voice vote 6-0.

Susan Trainer
Oakfield Township Clerk