

REGULAR MEETING

January 11, 2022

CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Oakfield Township Board of Trustees held January 11, 2022 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 December 14, 2021 offered by Rittersdorf second by Sowerby approved per a roll call vote 6-0.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Motion to approve Treasury Report for December 2021 offered by Sowerby 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 \$10,260.65 for firefighter wages and the remainder of new command vehicle purchase offered by Koett second by Sowerby approved per a roll call vote 6-0.

Motion to approve General Fund expenditures for the month of December 2021 in the amount of \$43,681.38 offered by Koett second by Riker approved per a roll call vote 6-0.

Motion to approve Scram Lake expenditures for the month of December 2021 in the amount of \$980.14 offered by Sowerby second by Rittersdorf approved per a roll call vote 6-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:**Fire Department:**

- Fire Chief on medical leave. Deputy Fire Chief attended. December had 42 calls-28 medical, 2 P.D. accident, 1 structural fire, 1 fire alarm, 9 wire call, 1 odor investigation. Busiest year ever, 430 calls for 2021.
- Monthly Training-Cleaned the fire station and small equipment maintenance. Plus delivered holiday baskets to our assisted care facilities.
- **From the Chief-**The new Command vehicle is ready and in use. It is cutting response time down by about half.

PCI Report: 5 building permits, 6 electrical, 15 mechanical. Total charges \$4,417.00, total due \$3,975.30, total evaluation of projects \$313,000.00.

Planning Commission:

- No meeting last month and no meeting next month.

Motion to approve cancelling next months meeting offered by Dean second by Sowerby approved per a voice vote 6-0.

Zoning Board of Appeals:

- Meeting on January 25, 2022 for Automation Ideas.

Zoning Administration:

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- Gal on Harvard went to court and the judge found in favor of the Township so she has until March 7th to clean up. If she doesn't clean up, we clean it up and add it to the tax roll. The judge gave the Township \$250.00 towards attorney fees which only covered about a quarter of our costs.
- The house on the corner of Heintzleman and M57 is on the docket to go to court.

CORRESPONDENCE Received:

- None

CORRESPONDENCE Sent:

- None

CITIZENS COMMENTS:

- None

OLD BUSINESS:

- Kent County Road Commission-We have 2 work orders for \$37,500/each One is for Wabasis north of the new pavement to Macclain and one is for Macclain to Wabasis to pave Macclain. These will start to survey plan process and culvert inspection. Whichever one we decide to do, it won't be until next Summer.

Motion to approve the 2 work orders offered by Dean second by Koett approved per a roll call vote 6-0.

Fire Auxiliary-Clerk stated that there was an issue with the President of the auxiliary and it was affecting the group. No one wants to participate on the auxiliary because of her

Motion to remove offered by Dean second by Rittersdorf approved per a roll call vote 6-0.

- Spencer Township-A letter was sent and the fire department has been responding to all their calls ever since then. The fire chief attending his fire fire chief meeting in years.
 - American Rescue Plan Fund-We received the word that we can use this for other items now. We are in need of a new rescue truck. We have spent a considerable amount of money recently trying to get the wiring on our current one fixed and they can't find the problem. Consequently, we got an estimate from Freightliner in Grand Rapids for a new vehicle. Dean is meeting with gentleman from Freightliner to discuss the quotes and he will update us on this issue at the next board meeting.
 - Grattan Township-We billed them for our attorney fees for Cowan Lake Sewer. They paid it so this is done.

NEW BUSINESS:

Revenue Sharing-Got a check for \$103,357.

- Board of Review Training-

Motion to approve training for the Board of Review offered by Koett second by Sowerby approved per a roll call vote 6-0.

- ZBA Appointment-Need to appoint an alternate. Al Koett agreed to do it.

Motion to approve Al Koett being an alternate of the ZBA offered by Dean second by Sowerby approved per a roll call vote 5-1, Koett abstained.

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- Fire Chief Medical Insurance-Need to renew the Fire Chief's insurance by February 1. Rate is going up by 14% for the current policy but due to his current medical condition we feel we need to leave him on this policy for the next year. To help the Township with some of this additional cost, the Fire Chief will cover half of the increase and the Township will cover the other half.

Motion to approve renewing Fire Chief's current medical insurance and cover half offered by Koett second by Sowerby approved per a roll call vote 6-0.

- Charter Township Resolution- We are a General Law Township. State now requires that if you don't want to be a Charter Township you have to state it in a resolution. Consequently we had Resolution #1-11-22 to oppose becoming a charter township drawn up.

Motion to approve Resolution #1-11-22 opposing incorporation as a Charter Township offered by Dean second by Riker approved per a roll call vote 6-0.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: None

BOARD COMMENTS:

- Riker asked about replacing Claire Bouck on the Historical Committee because he passed away. Dean will look into this.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm offered by Sowerby second by Riker approved per a voice vote 6-0.

Susan Trainer
Oakfield Township Clerk