

OAKFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 13, 2022

2022-17

CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Oakfield Township Board of Trustees held December 13, 2022 at 7:00p.m. with all board members present in Oakfield Township.

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

Absent: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve regular meeting minutes with one correction for November 10, 2022 offered by Rittersdorf second by Sowerby approved per a voice vote 6-1, Porter abstained.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Treasurer informed the Board that the Township received the check for unclaimed funds from the State of Michigan on the 7nd of November in the amount of \$640.43.

Motion to approve Treasury Report for November 2022 offered by Porter second by Sowerby approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

Motion to amend budget Cemetery Improvements (101-567-802.000) in the amount of \$4,000.00 for tree removal offered by Koett second by Riker approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

Motion to amend Cemetery Fund budget (101-000-699.209) in the amount of \$4,000.00 offered by Sowerby second by Rittersdorf approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

Motion to amend Dues & Memberships budget (101-101-958.000) in the amount of \$222.52 offered by Koett second by Porter approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

Motion to amend Election New Equipment budget (101-262-977.000) in the amount of \$674.95 offered by Porter second by Sowerby approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

Motion to approve the transfer of funds Capital Fund to General Fund-Roads- in the amount of \$2,605.40 offered by Sowerby second by Rittersdorf approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

Motion to approve the transfer of funds Cemetery to General Fund in the amount of \$4,000.00 offered by Sowerby second by Riker approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

Motion to approve General Fund Expenditures for the month of November 2022 in the amount of \$41,389.29 offered by Porter second by Riker approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

Motion to approve Scram Lake expenditures for the month of November 2022 in the amount of \$7,337.07 offered by Koett second by Riker approved per a roll call vote 7-0. Supervisor shared that about \$5,000.00 of this was for excavating for a new system that was installed which is too high. Looking into a new excavating company for future use.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire Department:

- November calls.29 calls-18 medical, 2 P.I. Accidents, 2 P.D. Accidents, 2 Structure Fires, 1 Fire Alarm, 1 Grass Fire, 1 odor investigation, 1 Assist Spencer & 1 Assist Grattan.
- Monthly Training-Driver's Training and Annual Firefighter Appreciation night.

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From the Chief:

- A new second head unit was installed in our Rescue Truck, giving us radio access while in the back of the truck..

PCI Report: 3 building permits, 10 electrical, 14 mechanical & 5 plumbing. Total charges \$4,381.00, total due \$3,942.90, total evaluation of projects \$126,600.00.

Planning Commission:

- Special Use was approved for a Welding Shop on Old 14 Mile Rd at the November meeting
- No December meeting.

Zoning Board of Appeals:

- No meeting

Zoning Administration:

- Clean up on MacClain-Pole building fire the owner has been in court. He still hasn't cleaned up so Township was given a court order to clean it up. We have \$5,915.75 of owner's insurance money to use for this. Will give the leftover back to him.
- Wrote a couple more tickets and people seem to be cooperating.

CORRESPONDENCE Received:

- Courtland Township-They are updating their Master Plan. We are going to have to do this next year for insurance purposes.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

- Patti Turnbull was in attendance but didn't speak at this point.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Public Hearing at the Road Commission, January 10, 2023 for paving-MacClain & Wabasis.
- Podunk Dam project is done
- Horseshoe Lake Dam Project-still working on it. It should be done in next couple of days.
- Building at Scram Lake Drain Field-No room for a building so we are going to give them some space in the Fire Department pole building.
- Board Meeting times-changing time.

Motion to approve changing the Board Meeting only time to 6:30pm offered by Riker second by Koett approved per a roll call vote 6-1.

- Election Report-Clerk presented voter number for the November 8, 2022 election. Supervisor asked Clerk who won the Governor position in our area and Clerk didn't know.
- Prein & Newhof Agreement signed.
- Child Care Amendment Public Notice was done
- Revenue Sharing-\$122,087.00 for last month.

NEW BUSINESS:

- December Board of Review meeting-December 13, 2022
- Board of Review Appointments- State of Michigan is requiring that as of January 1, 2023 all members must be reappointed.

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Motion to reappoint Susan Dewitt, Dannie Marko & James Tilton for a 2 year term commencing January 1, 2023 offered by Dean second by Sowerby approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

- Fire Auxiliary-the members aren't bonded and aren't Township employees so they shouldn't be handling money.

Motion to approve disbanding the Fire Auxiliary offered by Dean second by Rittersdorf approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

- Fire Chief's Insurance-Clerk presented the different policy alternatives for renewing his policy. None of the other policies presented a cost savings worth changing what he currently has. Supervisor suggested staying with current policy and the Township absorbing the additional cost in lieu of a raise in the Fire Chief's salary next year.

Motion to approve renewing the Fire Chief's current insurance policy with no additional cost to him in lieu of his getting a raise next year offered by Dean second by Rittersdorf approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

- Natural Gas service at the Township Hall- Supervisor changed the gas supplier back to DTE.
- Ordinance Code Amendment-Flood Plain Management required by the Federal Government.

Motion to Ordinance #2022-1213 the Flood Plain Management ordinance offered by Porter second by Sowerby approved per a voice vote 7-0.

- Planning Commission appointment. Anthony Marko's term expired in October. Supervisor recommended that we not reappoint him because his wife is also on the Planning Commission. Instead we bring in someone new. He recommended Sharon Bouck.

Motion to appoint Sharon Bouck to the Planning Commission offered by Sowerby second by Dean approved per a voice vote 7-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

- Patti Turnbull was present and wanted to discuss a farmer neighbor that was spreading raw sewage on his field on 11 Mile Road and Beardslee. It smells really bad. Supervisor informed her that we don't have any control over it, the DNR took it away from us. City of Wyoming are the people supplying it. Have to contact EGLE with their concern.
- Deputy Treasurer added that everyone should check out the Township website. She and the Deputy Clerk have been working on changing it.

BOARD COMMENTS:

- Treasurer told the Board that there is a blood drive coming up on December 28, 2022.
- Supervisor thanked the Deputy Clerk and Deputy Treasure for their hard work cleaning up the vault for the past year.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm offered by Sowerby second by Riker approved per a voice vote 7-0.

Susan Trainer
Oakfield Township Clerk