

OAKFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 10, 2023

2023-1

CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Oakfield Township Board of Trustees held January 10, 2023 at 6:29p.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 for December 13, 2022 offered by Rittersdorf second by Riker approved per a voice vote 7-0.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

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

Motion to approve the transfer of funds Capital to General Fund-Roads- in the amount of \$6,159.35 offered by Riker second by Sowerby approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

Motion to approve the transfer of funds Fire Millage to General Fund-Wages- in the amount of \$6,069.00 offered by Koett second by Riker approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

Motion to amend budget Sexton Fees (101-567-827.000) in the amount of (+) \$55.00 offered by Sowerby second by Rittersdorf approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

Motion to amend Elections New Equipment (101-262-977.000) in the amount of (+) \$2,355.00 offered by Koett second by Sowerby approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

Motion to approve General Fund Expenditures for the month of December 2022 in the amount of \$50,519.82 offered by Porter second by Riker approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

Motion to approve Scram Lake expenditures for the month of December 2022 in the amount of \$1,524.18 offered by Sowerby second by Rittersdorf approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fire Department:

- November calls. 50 calls-28 medical, 4 P.I. Accidents, 7 P.D. Accidents, 1 Structure Fires, 1 Fire Alarm, 1 C.O. Alarm, 1 Grass Fire 2 Wire Calls, 4 Assist Spencer & 1 Assist Courtland.
- Monthly Training-Community Service, Visited Overlook Adult Foster Care Home. Distributed presents and visited with the veterans.

From the Chief:

- The year ended with 366 calls for service, which is a decrease of 14.88% over 2021 (largest COVID year) and an increase of 11.55% over 2020. The latter being more in line with typical increases.

PCI Report: 3 building permits, 6 electrical, 12 mechanical & 3 plumbing. Total charges \$3,688.00, total due \$3,319.20, total evaluation of projects \$152,712.00.

Planning Commission:

- No December meeting.

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- Special Use Hearing for lake lot garage across the street will be discussed at the January 17, 2023 meeting.

Zoning Board of Appeals:

- No meeting

Zoning Administration:

- Cleaning up remaining tickets. Waiting for a court date.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

- None

OLD BUSINESS:

- Notice of adoption for Flood Plain Ordinance amendment was published.
- Flood Plain Ordinance amendment was sent to EGLE & was accepted.
- Podunk Dam project is done
- Horseshoe Lake Dam project is done
- F&V Operations rate hike. Hourly rates Senior Manager- \$78.00-\$82.00, Project Manager- \$78.00-\$82.00, Senior Operations Specialist-\$78.00-\$82.00 & Operations Specialist-\$64.00-\$68.00.
- F&V directed to get bids for new excavator service. Previous service seemed really expensive.
- Public Hearing for the paving project is tonight Jan. 10, 2023 at the Road Commission downtown Grand Rapids.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Township Insurance Renewal-Yearly premium increased from \$8,471.00 to \$9,658.00.

Motion to approve insurance renewal offered by Dean second by Sowerby approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

- New server and computer upgrades-total price \$24,563.90.

Motion to approve the purchase of the new server and computer upgrades offered by Koett second by Sowerby approved per a roll call vote 7-0.

- Election cost for future elections will increase for next year's budget due to the passing of Proposal 2 back in November.
- Traffic on M-57. Following the accident on Friday, December 28, 2022 which had 2 fatalities, Plus 4 additional truck accidents in recent months. Dean called the State Police, M-Dot , Kent County Sheriff Department and Lansing to get a greater presence of State Police to patrol the road and write tickets to see if we can cut back on some of these accidents. Dean has also sent a FOIA requesting ticket records for last year. We have noticed an increase in State Police presence in the past couple of days. Will keep working on this issue in the future. Porter asked about placing emergency routing signs on local roads for future incidents. This is being looked into by the supervisor and fire chief.
- Last Revenue Sharing Check was \$115,510.

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- Trees in Oakfield Cemetery – looking into if they are Hemlock trees because there is an invasive species affecting this type of tree. If they are we need to have a tree service come out and spray the trees.
- Planning Commission appointments- Dannie Marko & David Puszczak.

Motion to appoint Dannie Marko & David Puszczak to the Planning Commission offered by Porter second by Sowerby approved per a voice vote 7-0.

- Wage Resolutions for next budget year for a wage increase has to be submitted for February's Board meeting.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

None

BOARD COMMENTS:

- Our Deputy Assessor has found a new job and will be leaving this week.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:09 pm offered by Sowerby second by Riker approved per a voice vote 7-0.

Susan Trainer
Oakfield Township Clerk