

Clarendon Township Board Meeting

Monday, January 9, 2023
Regular Meeting Minutes

- I. **Opening:** Present were Steve Schrock, Ericka Tryon, Rose Mary Berry, Tim Anderson and James Russell. Also present were 3 members of the public.
 - A. Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM by Supervisor Schrock followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
- II. **Additions to and Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve by Tim Anderson; second by Rose Mary Berry.
- III. **Public Voice:**
 - A. Diane Thompson – Spoke to the road initiatives
 - B. **Vaughn Reed from Safebuilt** - Provided an update of legislative processes. Once Litigation has concluded, the township can hire a third party to clean up blighted property. Owner will have cost of clean-up added to property taxes.
- IV. **Minutes:** Motion to approve by Tim Anderson; second by Rose Mary Berry.
- V. **Correspondence:**
 - A. **Audit Proposal by Plant & Watkins:** Not to exceed \$6,600.00. A 10% increase from 2020. Motion to Approve by Rose Mary Berry; second by Tim Anderson. Motion Carried.
- VI. **Treasurer's Report:** Clarendon Township has not paid Tekonsha Township Library and Homer Public Library their share of Tax Money for winter taxes since 2014. Clerk to send checks to pay these debts. Motion to approve by Tim Anderson; second by Ericka Tryon. T = \$6,188.71 ; H = \$24,754.70
- VII. **Elections:** May Elections a Possibility. More to Come
- VIII. **Accounts Payable:** Total Bills: \$ 16,771.75. Motion to approve by Rose Mary Berry; second by Tim Anderson; carried.
- IX. **Committee Reports:**
 - A. **Ambulance Report** (Steve Schrock): Meeting Next Week
 - B. **Homer Lake Board** (Tim Anderson): No Meeting
 - C. **Homer Fire Board** (Rose Mary Berry or Tim Anderson): Kurt discussed budget amendment. Paid double for insurance. 290 year to date. No new information on C.D.
 - D. **Tekonsha Fire Board** (Richard Maples or Steve Schrock): Meeting End of Month
 - E. **Zoning Administrator Report** (Randy Shank): Steve and Randy traversed the township to review properties that might need to be served notices. Randy to issue citations and permits.
 - F. **Sexton** (Tyler Butters): No Funerals
 - G. **Planning Commission Report** (Richard Maples): No Meeting
 - H. **County Road Department Report** (Steve Schrock): proposed changes to policy 509. 509 will some townships and hurt others. Most of the counties resources go to pay back debt.
- X. **Old Business:**
 - A. **Dump Day:** Tabled until Spring 2023.
 - B. **Porta Johns/Wheelies:** Tabled till Spring 2023
 - C. **Parks Millage:** Clerk to provide a copy of 2022 receipts and expenditures for Parks and Rec to Supervisor. Next year township to update flag pole, add rocks, continue porta johns and wheelies. Motion set forward by Ericka Tryon; seconded by Tim Anderson. Motion Carried.

- D. **P-Drive Update:** Pursuing Alternative Options. May be resolved with proposal 509.
- E. **Q-Drive Concern:** Abatement to have trailers removed in process.
- F. **SLFRF Funds:** Additional Funding Check Received. Total Funding = \$ 121,871.17.
- Tekonsha Fire Department requested 7,000 for new equipment. Motion to approve by Rose Mary Berry and seconded by Ericka Tryon. Motion carried.
 - Homer Fire Department for new equipment. Motion to approve by Rose Mary Berry and seconded by Ericka Tryon. Motion carried
 - Board approved \$7,000 for Quoted equipment. Motion to approve by Rose Mary Berry and seconded by Tim Anderson. Motion carried. Clerk to file Quote.

XI. **New Business:**

- A. **High voltage transmission line:** From Mid-Michigan to Indiana state line. There appear to be no pros for having the transmission line going through Clarendon Township. Steve to respond to correspondence.
- B. **Cell tower in our Township:** 2454 Burtch Rd Owner – Karl and Judy Honnick. Township currently has no ordinances regarding this topic. Randy to bring to Planning Commission Meeting.
- C. **Discuss when building permits are needed:** We need to come up with a policy to forward to Safebuilt. Randy to bring to Planning Commission Meeting.

XII. Land Use Permits: No Land Use Permits.

XIII. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ericka Tryon, Clerk

Steve Schrock, Supervisor

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