

# Clarendon Township Board Meeting

Monday, October 09, 2023  
Regular Meeting Minutes

- I. **Opening:** Present were Steve Schrock, Ericka Tryon, Tim Anderson, Rose Mary Berry, and James Russell. Also present were 9 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. Motion Carried
- III. **Public Voice:**
  - A. **Jamie and Cara Mestdagh** – Concerns regarding Solar Farms. Discussed Private Solar Options
  - B. **County Prosecutor (Mr. Gilbert)** – Came to Regular Meeting Minutes for Public Transparency
  - C. **County Election Clerk (Jill Stout)** – Came to discuss Early Voting Q&A's
- IV. **Minutes:** Motion to approve by Tim Anderson; second by Rose Mary Berry. Motion Carried
- V. **Correspondence:**
  - A. **Decker Insurance** – Reached out to set up meeting to discuss coverage
- VI. **Treasurer's Report:** Motion to approve report by Ericka Tryon; Second by Tim Anderson. Motion Carried.
- VII. **Elections:**
  - A. **Clarendon Township will not have a November Election**
  - B. **Election Inspector Survey:** Available on Township Webpage and is posted on the Townhall Message Board
    - Letter of Availability sent to previous election inspectors
  - C. **Early Voting Options** (Ericka Tryon): In November 2022 Proposal 22-2 was approved by Michigan Voters. This means we will be offering 9 days of Early Voting for State and Federal Elections. Calhoun County has offered to provide a central location for those interested in voting early. By joining the County costs would be shared and election inspectors will be shared from all the Townships working with the County. These 9 days will include 2 weekends and the 5- week days before the election. The Early Voting Center (E.V.C.) will be opened for eight hours each day.
    - **Estimated Cost to Township if we Do Not partner w.County = \$53,404**
    - **Estimated Cost to Township if we Do partner w. County = \$10,668.79 (Clarendon Partnering w.County)**
- VIII. **Accounts Payable:** \$24,063.82. Motion to approve by Rose Mary Berry; second by Tim Anderson; motion carried.
- IX. **Committee Reports:**
  - A. **Ambulance Report** (Steve Schrock): Still concerns with electrical bill. Roads conditions causing excessive wear and tear on emergency vehicles. Ambulance Chassy is being remounted. 1<sup>st</sup> Responder classes completed.
  - B. **Homer Lake Board** (Tim Anderson): Some money left over in budget. Addressing holding pond concerns and brush trimming.
  - C. **Homer Fire Board** (Tim Anderson): Homer Village found 3<sup>rd</sup> board member. 63K CD's up for renewal. Paid for repairs on Fire Truck. Fire Chief Swope tracking on 20K State Grant for 1<sup>st</sup> Responders. EPI Pen training completed for 1<sup>st</sup> Responders. 39 runs last month. 257 for the year.
  - D. **Tekonsha Fire Board** (Richard Maples or Steve Schrock): No Meeting
  - E. **Zoning Administrator Report** (Randy Shank): Zoning Enforcer, Von Reed, to address properties in a failure to comply status
  - F. **Sexton** (Tyler Butters): Sexton to followed up with Jerry Davis on WC concerns. Plan is to address the concerns by trimming bushes surrounding grave stones. 1<sup>st</sup> Full burial at St Josephs in many years.
  - G. **Planning Commission Report** (Richard Maples): No Meeting

H. **County Road Department Report** (Steve Schrock): Gravel added to Roads. Steve to submit projects for next year. Pending Bill.

X. **Old Business:**

- A. **Dump Day:** Tabled to Spring.
- B. **Porta Johns/Wheelies:** Tabled to Spring. Will remove products end of month
- C. **Flag Pole:** Installed. Thank you, Tim Anderson, for your support in this project!
- D. **Parks Millage (Trees for Don):** Additional option for New Flag proposed
- E. **Powder Post Bettles:** Steve applied coat of pesticides. Seems to be working. Will continue monitoring. Have enough product for another application if needed.
- F. **Ballot Drop Box Video Surveillance:** James Hyde provided \$500.00 quote.
- G. **P-Drive Update:** Steve discussed with Road Dept. Clarendon Township is open to creative options. County to review.
- H. **Q-Drive Concern:** Additional Tickets issued. Pending Bill for dumpsters. Steve to follow up
- I. **Cuff Alt Dwelling:** Steve Discussed that the owners will need to make a decision EOY
- J. **Transmission Line:** Open House this month
- K. **SLFRF Funds: Reporting Completed for 2023.** Annual Reporting in Progress. Total Funding = \$ 107,895.40
  - Tekonsha Fire Department requested 7,000 for new equipment. Motion to approve by Rose Mary Berry and seconded by Ericka Tryon. Motion carried. – **Dispersed Feb 2023.**
  - Homer Fire Department for new equipment. Motion to approve by Rose Mary Berry and seconded by Ericka Tryon. Motion carried – **Dispersed July 2023.**
  - 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. – **Dispersed Feb 2023.**
  - Roads – **Dispersed \$17,692.50 July 2023**

XI. **New Business:**

- A. **Audit Deficiency - Corrective Action Plan (CAP):** Actual expenditures exceeded the amounts authorized in the budget. Please describe actions being taken to prevent budget variances.
  - **Resolution 2-2023** – Roll Call Vote 5 ayes. Motion Carried

XII. **Land Use Permits:** No Land Use Permits

XIII. **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

**Respectfully submitted,**  
Ericka Tryon, Clerk

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Steve Schrock, Supervisor

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