

A regular board meeting was held at 7:00pm at Ronald Township Hall on April 17,2023

#### Call to Order

Supervisor Blood called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Board Members present: Supervisor Blood, Clerk Wilson, Treasurer Middleton, Trustee Wilson, Trustee Wells

#### Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

#### Introduction of guest (if any)

- Lori Kirkhoff from IM SAFE Child Advocacy Center talked about April being Child abuse awareness month, and what they do at IM SAFE Child Advocacy Center.
- Brenda Ruhlman spoke about what she would like to see in the minutes, ideas on how to spend ARPA funds, mentioned the Cow Pie classic will be coming to Ronald Township on June 10, 2023, and spoke about care and kindness to one another.

#### Public Comment

Christine Strickling mentioned that the website still says the township meetings are at 7:30pm, instead of 7:00pm. Clerk Wilson will contact Patrick to have him update the website.

Trustee Wells contacted the township attorney to pursue a lawsuit against a constituent.

#### Approval of Agenda

Supervisor Blood asked to move the following items.

- Approval of Investment Policy
- Approval of investment resolution
- Final request for changes to the Fire Barn and Town Hall Structure

From Treasures report to new business from the board.

No motion was made.

Trustee Wilson-yes Clerk Wilson-yes Supervisor Blood-Yes Treasure Middleton-Yes Trustee Wells-Yes

#### Approval of previous meeting minutes

Trustee Wells wanted to amend the meeting minutes to add that that there was an “extremely aggressive person that violated the personal rights of a board member, and they slandered them in attempt to defame.”

No motion was made.

Trustee Wilson-No Clerk Wilson-No Supervisor Blood-Yes Treasurer Middleton-No Trustee Wells-Yes

#### Approval of budget meeting minutes

No motion was made.

Trustee Wilson-Yes Clerk Wilson-Yes Supervisor Blood-yes Treasurer Middleton-yes Trustee Wells-Yes

#### Treasurer's report/presentation of bills

- Treasurer Middleton gave a treasurer's report and presented the bills.
- Treasurer Middleton submitted the ARPA reports.
- Treasurer Middleton will be closing out the CD and moving them to a better investment policy.

No Motion was made.

Trustee Wilson-yes Clerk Wilson-yes Supervisor Blood-yes Treasurer Middleton-yes Trustee Wells-yes

#### Old business

- Fire Station/Township complex  
Treasurer Middleton will reach out to builders and get a feasibility study on construction of a Townhall/fire station complex. Trustee Wells would like to have a community member join the "station committee" Volunteers are Matt and Tammy Edwards, Frank Sellick, Adam Carrizales, Christine Strickling

No Motion was made.

Trustee Wilson-yes Clerk Wilson-Yes, Supervisor Blood-Yes, Treasurer Middleton-Yes Trustee Wells-Yes

- ARPA money  
Treasurer Middleton marked our ARPA money as lost revenue, so we can roll it into our general fund.
- Ordinance discussion  
Supervisor Blood will combine the ordinance with changes that he and trustee Wilson came up with and blight ordinance and present it at the next meeting.

#### Supervisors report

- A discussion was had about getting new tables for the board meetings. The cost would be \$235/table. The board will use the current tables, and revisit if the current tables don't work.

#### Clerks report

- Audit  
The township received the hard copy of the audit back, with no discrepancies. Each board member received a copy. Clerk Wilson will check with the current auditor about the contract we currently have.
- Ionia county officers' association meeting update

Clerk Wilson and Trustee Wilson attended the Ionia County Officers Association meeting and gave an update.

- Workers' comp  
Clerk Wilson will get the application sent in and paid.
- Clerk Wilson sent in the Tax Allocation Board report.
- Clerk Wilson will send out the board packet the Friday before the Scheduled meeting, she asks that you review the board packet, and submit your changes or additions. If a board member has bills that need to be paid, please submit them by the Thursday before the meeting.
- Clerk Wilson will look into the retirement.

#### Fire Chief Report

- Chief walker gave a run report.
- The county has set aside monies for all fire department to upgrade to 800MH radios, cost for Ronald Township Fire department is around \$70,000, all of about \$3,000 is covered by the county.
- Chief Walker discussed the life expectancy of the 22-year-old fire truck is 25 years old.

#### New Business from the board

- Approval of Investment Policy  
Treasurer Middleton Would like to move our CDs to Michigan Class for better investing  
Trustee Wilson-Yes, Clerk Wilson-Yes Supervisor Blood-Yes, Treasurer Middleton-Yes  
Trustee Wells-Yes
- Approval of investment resolution  
Trustee Wilson-Yes, Clerk Wilson-Yes, Supervisor Blood-Yes, Treasurer Middleton-Yes,  
Trustee Wells-Yes
- Trustee Wilson talked about the benefit in attending the quarterly Ionia County Officers Association Meetings. Trustee Wilson will check with the association and see what the annule dues are.
- Clerk Wilson spoke about our current FOIA rates, and will contact other townships, and cities to see what they charge for FOIA requests.
- Supervisor Blood spoke about Jack Wirtz wanting a raise for snows cemetery. Currently makes \$66/mowing and \$8/hr for maintenance. A discussion was had about paying him \$66/mowing and \$10/hr for maintenance.  
No motion was made.  
Trustee Wilson-Yes, Clerk Wilson-Yes, Supervisor Blood-Yes, Treasurer Middleton-Yes  
Trustee Wells-Yes
- Supervisor Blood discussed a three-bid policy when using township monies, when possible.
- A discussion was had about paying the Palo cemetery and Woodard Lake associations, \$11,500.  
No motion was made.  
Trustee Wilson-Yes, Clerk Wilson-yes Supervisor blood-No, Treasurer Middleton -Yes  
Trustee Wells-No

New business from the floor (At this time we will recognize people that have asked in advanced to be put on the agenda first, then everyone else)

Brenda Ruhlman- Mentioned Care and kindness again.

Kathy- talked about the website, and the lack of information on it.

Clerk Wilson, and Treasure Middleton will meet with Patrick, about the website and the concerns we have.

Treasurer Middleton would like to create a Facebook page, and a discussion was had.

Gail Wing wanted to know if there was an update on the junk cars in Palo.

Clerk Wilson will try to find the existing blight letters and Supervisor Blood will get Clerk Wilson the addresses for blight letters to be sent out.

Adjourn Meeting

Motion made by Trustee Wells to adjourn, Supported by Treasurer Middleton. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm