

A regular Ronald Township board meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. on June 19, 2023 at Ronald township hall.

Supervisor Blood called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Supervisor Blood, Clerk Wilson, Trustee Wilson, Trustee Wells

Members Absent: Treasurer Middleton

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Introduction of guest (if any)

No guests were present.

Public Comment

Time was given for public comment.

Approval of Agenda

Clerk Wilson added Elections to the Clerk report. Trustee Wells made a motion to accept the agenda, supported by Trustee Wilson. Roll Call: Trustee Wilson-yes Clerk Wilson-yes Supervisor Blood-yes Trustee Wells -yes. Motion carried.

Approval of previous meeting minutes

A discussion was had about the purchase of cemetery flags for the veterans' graves in palo cemetery. Trustee Wilson made a motion to accept the meeting minutes as written, supported by Trustee Wells. Roll Call: Trustee Wilson-yes, Clerk Wilson-yes, Supervisor Blood-yes, Trustee Wells-yes Motion Carried

Treasurers report/presentation of bills

Clerk Wilson presented the treasurers report, in Treasurer Middleton's absence. Trustee Wells is requesting that Treasurer Middleton presents the treasurers report the same way each month. Trustee Wells is requesting that she presents the report the same way the previous treasurer has in the past, Trustee Wells will give a sample of that report to Clerk Wilson to email Treasurer Middleton for reference.

Trustee Wilson had a question about a Varnum Bill, wanting to know the outcome of the call. Trustee Wells wanted it stated in the minutes that he didn't call the township attorney to sue a constituent, he called about the open meeting act, and the conversation led to meetings getting out of hand, and the lawyer saying they were suable offences.

Trustee Wells wanted to know what the transfers on 5.15.23 and 6.7.23 were for.

Supervisor Blood spoke about the MI Class resolution, and items need to be fixed. Clerk Wilson will need to look into this.

Trustee Wells brought it to Clerk Wilson's attention that Trustee Wilson, Clerk Wilson, and Treasurer Middleton were paid for a year of retirement but weren't employed with the township for a full year. Clerk Wilson will look into this.

A motion was made by Supervisor Blood to accept the treasurer's report as presented, supported by Trustee Wilson. Roll Call: Trustee Wilson- yes, Clerk Wilson- yes, Supervisor Blood-yes, Trustee Wells-yes. Motion carried.

Old business

Fire Station/Township complex: Treasurer Middleton sent an estimate from Rick Voss for the Fire station and townhall complex, the committee is waiting for more estimates, and will meet again when they have those estimates. Trustee Wilson mentioned Kenny Sherwood may be interested in giving us a quote.

Ordinance discussion: Supervisor Blood presented the revised ordinance, and blight ordinance that him and Trustee Wilson came up with. Clerk Wilson will put it together.

Supervisors report

Supervisor Blood presented a resolution for the sale of spirits and mixed spirit drinks, in addition to beer and wine shall be permitted for consumption on the premises within the township of Ronald. Roll call: Trustee Wilson-yes, Clerk Wilson-yes, Supervisor Blood-yes, Trustee Wells-yes. Motion Carried.

Supervisor Blood spoke about an email from Chris at BHS, insurance company regarding the use of the fire trucks. A discussion was had.

Supervisor Blood spoke about the township needing to agree on what holidays we recognize. Trustee Wilson will make a list of holidays and present them at next meeting.

Clerks report

Point Broadband event: No real update, Point Broadband will update when they can narrow down the service area.

FOIA Forms: Clerk Wilson presented the MTA FOIA form and made a motion to use the FOIA form from MTA moving forward. Supported by Trustee Wilson. Roll call: Trustee Wilson-yes, Clerk Wilson-yes, Supervisor Blood-yes, Trustee Wells-yes. Motion Carried.

Audit: A discussion was had about whether or not we were under contract with Campbell auditing.

Elections: We have an election in August. The public accuracy test will be at the Township Hall on June 26, at Noon. Ballots will be going out on June 29th. Weekend hours will be at the clerks house on August 6th from 10-6.

Fire Chief Report

Call to Date = 73

Structure Fires = 10

Medical First Response = 49

Personal Injury Accidents (Vehicle) = 3

Vehicle Fires = 2

Wildland Fires / Lines-Trees Down / All Other = 9

Mutual Aid Received = 3

Mutual Aid Provided = 8

A discussion was had about billing insurance for structure fires. Clerk Wilson will reach out to the area fire departments to see how they handle that.

New Business from the board

Supervisor Blood got an estimate for gravel for the hole in the parking lot. He will bring two more estimates at the next meeting.

Trustee Wells brought it to the board's attention that Clerk Wilson, Treasurer Middleton, and Trustee Wilson were overpaid with their retirement. Clerk Wilson will look into this.

New business from the floor

Brenda Ruhlman asked how mutual aid with the fire department were handled, and if monies were exchanged with departments.

Kathy Ainsworth asked if our fireman get paid for trainings. A discussion was had, and clerk Wilson will connect with other fire departments and ask what they do.

Trustee Wells asked about looking into a feasibility study for the Townhall complex.

Trustee Wilson made a motion to adjourn, supported by Trustee Wells. Roll call: Trustee Wilson-yes, Clerk Wilson-yes, Supervisor Blood-yes, Trustee Wells-yes. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.