

A Regular Ronald Township Board meeting was held on
July 17,2023 a 7:00pm, at Ronald Township Hall

Call to Order

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

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)

- Kathy Ainsworth- Kathy spoke about the website, and issues she sees with it. She asked the board to review the contract. Kathy asked each board member on their attendance at the board meetings since last July. Kathy spoke about the treasurer's report, and how she would like more transparency.
- Joe Mast- Version is putting a tower in, Joe is looking for the boards support in writing a letter to support putting in another driveway. Supervisor Blood will write the letter of support on behalf of the board.

Public Comment on agenda items

- Time for public comment was given.

Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Supervisor Blood to approve the agenda as written, supported by Trustee Wells. Motion carried.

Approval of previous meeting minutes

Motion made by Clerk Wilson to approve the previous meeting minutes, supported by Trustee Wilson. Roll Call: Trustee Wilson-yes, Clerk Wilson-Yes, Supervisor Blood-yes, Treasure Middleton-abstained because of being absent from the previous meeting, Trustee Wells-yes. Motion Carried

Treasures report/presentation of bills

Treasure Middleton Presented the treasure report, and bills to be paid. Clerk Wilson made a motion to approve the treasure report as presented, seconded by Trustee Wilson. Motion Carried.

Old business

- Fire Station/Township complex
Trustee Wells suggested a feasibility study. Trustee Wilson would like to know a cost.

- Ordinance discussion
Clerk Wilson will contact the Attorney, to see if they have a digital copy of the ordinance, and if not will send the sections of the ordinance that the township would like to use. Supervisor Blood will get the updated blight ordinance to Clerk Wilson to upload it to the website. A member of the audience asked if there would be a public hearing on the ordinance before the board votes on it.
- Holidays recognized by the township.
Trustee Wilson Presented the Holidays that could affect the Township Board meeting dates. Trustee Wilson made a motion to recognize Martin Luther King Day, Presidents Day, and Juneteenth as holidays, supported by Clerk Wilson. Roll Call: Trustee Wilson-yes, Clerk Wilson-yes, Supervisor Blood-yes, Treasure Middleton-yes, Trustee Wells-yes If The Ronald Township Board meeting lands on a holiday, the Board Meeting will be the next business day.
- Audit
Clerk Wilson will start to contact audit companies and gather information for future audits.

Supervisors report

Supervisor Blood is waiting for one more company to give a quote for gravel for the driveway. Supervisor Blood suggests work on sidewalk and a cement slab to make sure we are ADA compliant.

Clerks report

- Elections
 - Workers
Clerk Wilson made a motion for Betsy Vooheirs to chair the elections, and Debbie and Don Amos to work the election, supported by Supervisor Blood. All in Favor-5 opposed-0 Motion carried.

Clerk Wilson sent resolution 23-2 to the Township lawyer, who will send it to the liquor control, to finalize the sale of spirits.

Clerk Wilson gave an update on social security. The township does not have a 218 agreement. Clerk Wilson will check into opting out of social security if you are of age to take social security.

Fire Chief Report

86 Calls to date
10 Fire
59MFR
4PI
2 vehicle fires
11 Brush/powerlines/all others
Mutual aid

Provided 8

Received 3

Chief Walker and Supervisor Blood filed for a \$10,000 grant. Chief Walker should hear back in August if they received it.

The Fire department has received the 800 pagers, the Fire Department is trained on the pagers, and they are in service. Truck radios could be a while before they are installed. Chief Walker spoke about needing a new AED, as theirs is non-reparable. Chief Walker will purchase a new one for \$2,918.75 coming from the Fire department budget. The board agreed to set \$3,000 per year to service the 800 radios, from the fire department's budget, and any remainder amount will be set aside in a separate account for future purchases.

New Business from the board

- Tax allocation
There will be a tax allocation meeting Monday July 24th at 7:00pm
- Policy and Procedures
Clerk Wilson suggested that the board put together a policy and procedures manual. Clerk Wilson asked the board members to bring their ideas to the next board meeting.
- Trustee Wilson Spoke about the Ionia County Township quarterly officers meeting.

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)

Christine Strickling spoke about communication amongst the board, and new board members' training.

Chief Walker requested that any Fire Department questions be directed to either him or Assistant Fire Chief Edwards.

Adjourn Meeting

Trustee Wells made a motion to adjourn, supported by Trustee Wilson.
Meeting adjourned at 8:42pm