

Escanaba Township meeting held, July 10, 2017, at the township hall.

Supervisor Ken Brunette called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance and a short prayer. Other Board members present: Treasurer Linda Trombley-Robitaille, Trustee Alfred Gareau, and Trustee Raymond Hughes. Absent: Clerk Patricia Beauchamp had an appointment in Mayo.

Trustee Hughes approved the agenda with the additions of adding Kim Ingram, and purchasing an air compressor for the pavilion. This motion is seconded by Trustee Gareau. Motion carried.

Trustee Gareau moved to accept the June minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Hughes. Motion carried.

Treasurer Trombley-Robitaille presented the Financial Report:

Mead Checking (19151)	6,944.00
Mead Savings (19151)	231,848.96
Mead Savings (12978)	930.51
Building Fund C/D	115,062.25
Water Fund C/D	42,195.65
Cemetery Fund	8,271.91
Cemetery C/D	10,824.32
Liquor law Fund	5,360.67
Liquor Law C/D	16,334.85
Special Assessment Lk Bluff	535.03
Jaws Equipment Fund	10,452.43
FD Ladder Truck	157,166.58
T & A Fund	271.62
Summer Tax Checking	4.78
Summer Tax Saving	38.59
Winter Tax Checking	2,300.23
Winter Tax Saving	84.28

Trustee Gareau moved to accept the Financial Report as presented, seconded by Trustee Hughes. Motion carried.

Communications: Charter/Spectrum wants a contact person for the Fire Department.

Public Comments: Bob Barron and Plamena King

Unfinished Business: The windows for the hall basement will be installed in September.

The fire bill for the school/church has not been paid. Trustee Gareau moved to put it to Small Claims which the owner will have to pay the court cost if the Township wins. This is seconded by Trustee Hughes. Motion carried.

The Cemetery water issue will be looked into and Frank Nelson will be called.

The FOIA requested by Bob Barron is tabled.

The FOIA from Florida is tabled.

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Resolution 2017-6-12 was presented. Trustee Hughes moved to adopt Resolution 2017-6-12, seconded by Trustee Gareau. Roll Call vote: Treasurer-Yes, Trustee Gareau-Yes, and Trustee Hughes-Yes and Supervisor Brunette-Yes. Motion carried.

Trustee Hughes moved to stay with Fire Chiefs Association, seconded by Trustee Gareau. Motion carried.

Supervisor Brunette said we have to appoint someone to take care of all FOIA. We will study the procedure and have the Board decide what will be charged for the information requested.

Wayne Samson has a Blight issue that his neighbors signed a complaint on. Mr. Samson did agree the neighbors did have something to complain about with this issue. Mr. Samson has 30 days to clean this up and if not in 30 days he will go to court.

Dan Marenger the Groundskeeper is requesting an air compressor for the pavilion to use there. Trustee Hughes made a motion to purchase a compressor for \$250, seconded by Treasurer Trombley-Robitaille. Motion carried.

Kim Ingram discussed the noise from Bichler's Gravel Pit. Bichlers are blasting rock. Tom Bryak says his company required standards and doesn't see any issues. The standards were set in 1940-1950's. Mr. Bryak hires his blasters. Trustee Gareau suggests that the company that does the blasting come to a Planning Commission meeting. He will discuss this with Mr. Bryak. Supervisor Brunette will find out who does the noise study. He will also ask Mr. Bryak how they can scale down noise and vibrations during crushing and screening.

Public Comments: Bob Barron, Mr. Ingram, and Christine Ingram.

Board Comments: Trustee Hughes mentioned the Road Commission are widening roads for walking and bike right away. He mentioned that CUPPAD is willing to help write grants for this.

Fire Chief Report: Fire Chief Matt Rian was absent so Trustee Hughes reported for him. The fire department had two fires, one was a tree on the electrical line, and a transformer. The ISO has new regulations on the fire gear which will cost \$2,000.00 per set of turn out gear. The Fire Department needs to raise funds for this equipment. On September 10<sup>th</sup> from 12-5 p.m. there will be an open house at Besse Fire Hall.

Delta County Commissioner Dave Rivard was present to discuss the counties cost for the past month and what will be completed before next month. The county signed a contract with Miron Construction for the jail at the cost of \$17.9 million dollars. A letter will be sent to USDA to apply for a loan at low interest for construction. They are adopting a wage scale. The DNR will help the County get 1400 acres in Cornell Township. The County approved to charge \$1,500 instead of \$500 for the Assessment roll.

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Trustee Hughes made a motion at 8:37 p.m., to close the regular meeting and go into a Closed Meeting for purchase agreements on the township property off 0.8 Lane. This is seconded by Trustee Gareau. Motion carried.

Trustee Hughes moved to return to the Regular meeting at 8:47 p.m., seconded by Trustee Gareau. Motion carried.

Joy McKnight signed a purchase agreement on a piece of property on 0.8 Lane (2.5 acres) for \$3,250.00. Trustee Hughes moved to counter offer for \$3,800. This motion is seconded by Trustee Gareau. Motion carried.

Jordan McKnight signed a purchase agreement for 7.5 acres for \$9,000. Trustee Gareau moved to counter offer \$22,000. And the township pays for the survey. This motion is seconded by Trustee Hughes. Motion carried.

Ford River Land Company signed a purchase agreement for NW 40 Acres asking for a three way split and to maintain a 66" right of way. Trustee Hughes moved to accept the offer of \$35,000 with no easement request, three splits, and 66' right away for \$35,000 and they did not ask for a survey. This motion is seconded by Trustee Gareau. Motion carried.

Trustee Gareau moved to pay bills, seconded by Trustee Hughes. Motion carried.

Trustee Gareau moved to adjourn at 9:14 p.m., seconded by Trustee Hughes. Motion carried.

Treasurer Linda Trombley-Robitaille  
Acting Secretary