

Escanaba Township meeting held, June 12, 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: Clerk Patricia Beauchamp, Treasurer Linda Trombley-Robitaille, Trustee Alfred Gareau, Trustee Raymond Hughes, and our Attorney Terry Burkhart.

Treasurer Trombley-Robitaille moved to accept the Agenda as presented, seconded by Trustee Hughes. Motion carried.

Trustee Gareau moved to accept the regular May 8, 2017 Board minutes, seconded by Treasurer Trombley-Robitaille. Motion carried.

Trustee Hughes moved to accept the Public Hearing minutes on May 8, 2017, seconded by Treasurer Trombley-Robitaille. Motion carried.

Trustee Hughes moved to accept the Financial Report as printed:

Mead Checking (19151)	55.88
Mead Savings (19151)	274,386.46
Mead Savings (12978)	930.51
Building Fund C/D	114,852.21
Water Fund C/D	42,162.26
Cemetery Fund	8,271.71
Cemetery C/D	10,824.32
Liquor Fund	5,346.92
Liquor C/D	16,344.85
State Bank Sp. Asset.	534.50
T & A Fund	250.59
FD Ladder Truck	157,142.47
Summer Tax Checking	4.78
Summer Tax Saving	38.59
Winter Tax Checking	2,301.06
Winter Tax Saving	84.28

Trustee Gareau seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Communications: None

Public Comments: None.

Unfinished Business: Attorney Burkhart worked with Trustee Hughes on correcting some of the issues and corrections that needed to be attended to from the Public Hearing on Barron's Ice Race Track. Attorney Burkhart read the full DECISION ON APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS ORDINANCE LICENSE.

Attorney Burkhart mentioned that this is a sensitive issue with all of the draft decisions.

On January 9, 2017, Barron's requested an Ice Track Racing permit. This was published January 9, January 12, January 13, and January 20th in the Daily Press, the Action News and out in the area of the Township.

Exhibit 5 was brought to our attention stating it was not on the website. They were looking for the Boards findings.

- 1) This will have a negative impact. Treasurer Trombley-Robitaille moved to accept the Boards decision to accept as printed, to approve the draft discussion and reject the license application. Roll call vote to reject the license application for the Ice Race Track: Treasurer-Yes, Trustee Hughes-yes, Trustee Gareau-yes, Clerk-Yes and Supervisor-Yes. This motion is seconded by Trustee Gareau. Motion carried.
- 2) Resolution 2017-6-12 was adopted at this meeting.

On December 15, 2016 there was a fire call at the school/church on Co 416 20th Road. The call was for brush and debris. The Fire Department was paged out and the cost for them to go to this fire was \$500. The owners do not want to pay this and said it was a lot of money for the little time they were there. Foam was used for this fire at \$75 a pail. This will be looked into to put it on their winter taxes.

Trustee Gareau moved to get AstroUp to fix our windows at the township hall. It will cost \$2,923.35. for six windows for the basement, this is seconded by Trustee Hughes. Motion carried.

Township Emergency signs were discussed. They will be two sided and reflected on both sides. We have approximately 16-1700 homes so it would cost \$51,000. Installed. There is an \$8,000. grant we can apply for and the County will loan some money for this as well as Hannahville will give 2% toward this for the county. Trustee Gareau moved to go forward with these signs which will be on the same side of the house so there will be no confusion. This is seconded by Treasurer Trombley-Robitaille. Motion carried.

A sign will be put up at the Cemetery stating when the flowers and stone ornaments must be taken off the gravesites for winter preparation.

The recreation area renters are taking their campers and cars across the sidewalks which they shouldn't do so the cement does not crack with the heavy weight. Trustee Hughes moved to have signs put up to inform the people what they can't do and should stay on the gravel with the vehicles. This motion is seconded by Trustee Gareau. Motion carried.

Flags can be purchased for \$80 as a memorial for their loved ones that passed or retired from the fire department. Bessie Hall has one for Don Theoret, Joe Gareau, and Randy Trombley. These are purchased by their spouses or children.

Clerk will call Hannula Agency for specifics on their Accidental death and Fire Chief Policy. Trustee Hughes also mentioned we should raise the policy for our Brush Truck to \$60,000., Grass truck to \$60,000., Tanker Truck to \$150,000., and bumping the blanket up by \$330.00. This is seconded by Trustee Gareau. Motion carried.

New Business: Trustee Gareau will get a price to our next meeting in July for a pump for the cemetery so we can get water there again.

A Blight Complaint was signed against Mr. Samson by his neighbors.

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The Clerk mentioned she will not be at our July meeting due to a medical appointment in Mayo. Treasurer Trombley-Robitaille will take the minutes for her.

Public Comments: Barbara Barron.

Board comments: Trustee Hughes mentioned that the bills for the fire department are sent to the property owner by address. The Clerk gets the billing from the fire chief and she sends out the bill as stated. Treasurer mentioned that the bill for the school/church is six months old.

Planning Commission report: Trustee Hughes said the zoning Board denied the zoning change (R-1 to C-3) for Bob Barron and the bus garage.

Fire Chief Matt Rian said they had two fire calls. He mentioned two of our fire fighters saved a life at Rapid River after the Parade. They brought the fellow back, he had heart surgery and is now doing well today. Thank you fire men.

Delta County Commissioner Dave Rivard gave his monthly report of the Counties business. Solar panels for the airport can be purchased by residents of Delta County, Court House is in need of roof work, and MI Works is on one side of the building where the jail will be. Chief Deputy Clerk received a raise for all the additional work that is given to them.

A motion was made by Treasurer Trombley-Robitaille to close this meeting at 9:33 p.m. and go to into a closed meeting to discuss a purchase agreement on the 0.8 Lane property. This motion is seconded by Trustee Hughes. Motion carried.

Treasurer Trombley-Robitaille resumed the regular meeting at 9:48 p.m., seconded by Trustee Hughes. Motion carried.

Trustee Hughes made a motion to retain 66 feet of the easement for the right away into the Township property off 0.8 Lane. This will be 2.5 acres and it will be 707 feet deep and it will angled. The top point will be determined when he puts the point at 718 feet. The agreed amount will be countered to \$4,000., seconded by Trustee Gareau. Motion carried.

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

Supervisor Brunette moved to adjourn at 10:12 p.m., seconded by Trustee Gareau. Motion carried.

Patricia J. Beauchamp
Escanaba Township Clerk