

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

Clerk Patricia Beauchamp called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance and a short prayer. Deputy Supervisor Thomas Rymkos was handed over Chairperson position for the meeting. Other Board members present: Trustee Alfred Gareau, Trustee Raymond Hughes. Supervisor Ken Brunette and Treasurer Linda Trombley-Robitaille were absent and went to the annual MTA Conference in Lansing.

Trustee Hughes moved to approve the Agenda as presented, seconded by Trustee Gareau. Motion carried.

Trustee Gareau moved to accept the regular March 2017 minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Hughes. Motion carried.

The Financial Report was presented:

Mead Checking (19151)	11,606.41
Mead Saving (19151)	270,638.48
Mead Savings (12978)	922.71
Building Fund C/D	114,852.21
Water Fund C/D	42,047.57
Cemetery Fund	7,061.80
Cemetery C/D	10,824.32
Liquor Fund	5,343.41
Liquor Law C/D	16,324.77
State Bank Special Assessment	534.20
Jaws Equipment Fund	11,748.05
Fire Department Ladder Truck	157,091.68
T & A Fund	229.62
Summer Tax Checking	4.36
Summer Tax Saving	33.15
Winter Tax Checking	2,300.97
Winter Tax Saving	28.97

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

Communications: Rural Transportation Program, CUPPAD, Charter

Public Comments: Dan Robitaille

Old Business: The Street Lights at Lake Bluff will be looked into for May 8th meeting.

The Fire call for the North Woods Baptist church has not been received. Deputy Supervisor mentioned we should get the lawyers opinion on this.

The new FOIA representative will be Carol King who is also the Planning Commission Secretary.

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Can Bender who is interested in selling lots for the Townships property off 0.8 Road. He wants the Township to build the roads, and put in electricity. A road is at the entrance of this property and the electricity is right at the end of the road coming in. Trustee Gareau will give Mr. Bender all the plans from day one so he can review this project.

New Business: Deputy Rymkos wanted to know if anyone has heard from the Road Commission and what is to be completed on our roads for this summer. He will be going to the Road Commission meeting on April 20th.

Trustee Hughes mentioned that Bob Barron's request for a zoning change for the garage by the school/church was denied by the Planning Commission. Bob wanted the zoning to be C-3 but it will stay at R-3. The Planning Commission secretary will write a letter to Mr. Barron stating why this piece of property zoning was denied.

There will be a meeting, April 19th, at Bessie Fire Hall with CUPPAD to work on a Master Plan.

Dan Robitaille would like to know when new windows will be put in the township hall basement: We will look into a new contractor.

Public Comments: None

Fire Chief Matt Rian gave his fire Department report. They had seven call outs last month and three were mutual aid. The City of Escanaba asked him if the ladder truck could be brought to the Delta Plaza for a Family Fun Day. Nahma Township also asked them to bring the truck to their doings at Nahma on Sunday. Six Fire Fighters attended the pipe line training that was given for free. Josh Godfrey will be taking over Pete DeMays spot in the fire Department. Tomorrow there will be training with the City of Gladstone and they are hoping that Brampton, Ensign, and Cornell will also attend. It will be at Bessie Fire Hall at 7 p.m.

Fire Chief Rian gave the nominations for the Fire Department Board:

Fire Chief:	Matt Rian
Assistant Fire Chief:	Brad Barron
Training:	Josh Godfrey
Assistant Training:	Russ Casey
Treasurer:	Ray Hughes
Secretary:	Brian Hughes
Trustee:	Mike LA Fleur

Trustee Gareau moved to approve the Nominations for the Fire Department as presented, seconded by Trustee Hughes. Motion carried.

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

Trustee Hughes moved to adjourn at 8:32 p.m., seconded by Trustee Gareau. Motion carried.

Patricia J. Beauchamp
Escanaba Township Clerk