

Escanaba Township meeting held, June 11, 2018, at the Township Hall.

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

Trustee Gareau moved to approve the Agenda as discussed, seconded by Treasurer Trombley-Robitaille. Motion carried.

Clerk Beauchamp presented the May 2018 minutes. Trustee Hughes moved to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Gareau. Motion carried.

Treasurer Trombley-Robitaille presented the Financial Report:

Mead Checking (19151)	3,631.34
Mead Savings (19151)	282,353.65
Mead Savings (12978)	930.96
Building Fund C/D	115,716.03
Water Fund C/D	42,646.11
Cemetery Fund	6,903.84
Cemetery C/D	10,824.32
Liquor Law Fund	6,944.13
Liquor Law C/D	16,388.02
State Bank Sp. Assmt.	335.51
Jaws Equipment Fund	31,841.11
FD Ladder Truck	153,453.07
T & A Fund	45.79
Summer Tax Checking	14.21
Summer Tax Saving	44.05
Winter Tax Checking	10.82
Winter Tax Saving	364.74

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

Communications: UP Summit in Harris Township for the MTA.

Public Comments: Bob Barron, Paul Swanson, Warren Bovin, Tom Pietch.

Unfinished Business: No second bid was put in for the pavilion doors so we will go on with the bid from Vern VanDrese. His cost for roll down wind protectors was \$10,173.40. Trustee Gareau moved to have VanDrese Construction order the doors and install them for \$10,173.40 at the pavilion, seconded by Treasurer Trombley-Robitaille. Motion carried.

The Board is looking into Stucco around the base of the Township Hall plus repairs to the ramp on the west side of the hall.

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A thirteen page letter came in from Erin Satchell for the 20 well contaminations in Escanaba Township. It did mention that VERSOGROW if not maintained does seep into the ditches, etc. but it didn't contaminate the wells. This fertilizer will not be put on any farm fields in Escanaba Township in the future. The odor is hard to describe but we will not smell it again. The people were asked to inquire about getting water from Gladstone to see the cost of this verses a new well. Pam Farrell and William Racine from the Paper Company were present in the audience to answer any questions the public had pertaining to this fertilizer. It was also mentioned to call Community Action to see if they can help them dig a well maybe they have grants for this. Gary Way mentioned that Pelican Water System have a system that can help as well just go on line and pull them up and read about it.

New Business: John Stapleton was present from DATA to discuss what is happening there and the millage renewal in August.

Jodi Norman from the Delta County Road Commission asked us to apply for a Safety Grant to be used by Barron's Farm field off County Road 420 for the ditch there. The ditch is very deep and unsafe so we have been asking for guard rails to be put up being there has been a few accidents on this road. The Township Board will be doing this in the near future being the deadline is August 1st.

Treasurer Trombley-Robitaille moved to sign a contract with Delta County Equalization Department to continue the .0841 operational mill. This contract has to be signed each year. Trustee Gareau seconded this motion. Motion carried.

The Township Board approved Barry King to head the Board of Appeals to replace Rene Lippens. Mr. Lippens is now in the Jacobette Center. Treasurer Trombley-Robitaille moved to make Barry King alison from the Planning Commission to the Board of Appeals. Seconded by Trustee Gareau. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Bob Barron, Tom Pietch, Warren Bovin, Dan Robitaille, Bob Barron.

Board Comments: The Treasurer would like the people to call the Health Department to see if they can get help with their wells.

Trustee Hughes mentioned that the Zoning Board would like the community to volunteer their time at a meeting to set up a committee to construct a walking and biking trails. The meeting is June 18th at Besse's Fire Hall.

Fire Chief Matt Rian gave his monthly report of: five call outs, the Cascade System was ordered and will be stored at Besse Hall for fresh air intake. The roster contains 28-30 people. Colin Barnhart is a new member. The new fire truck gave a hero ride to a young fellow from Escanaba Township who met the requirements to receive this ride.

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Delta County Commissioner David Rivard gave his monthly report:

The Administer gave his report on taxes. They are still looking for a replacement for the Prosecuting Attorney, The new holding area for the prisoners has the new electrical box, The Park in Cornell is looking good, A Utility easement for the power at Pioneer Trail Park was given, No Mileage for Pine Crest this year and they do need a lot of repairs there. Mr. Rivard mentioned not to vote for HB 5753. They are putting a solar Panel Farm in at the Airport.

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

Clerk Beauchamp moved to adjourn at 9:25 p.m., seconded by Trustee Gareau. Motion carried.

Patricia J. Beauchamp
Escanaba Township Clerk