

Escanaba Township meeting held, August 13, 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, Trustee Alfred Gareau, and Trustee Ray Hughes. Absent: Treasurer Linda Trombley-Robitaille.

Trustee Hughes moved to accept the Agenda with the additions, seconded by Trustee Gareau. Motion carried.

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

The Financial Report was presented:

Mead Checking (19151)	4,271.21
Mead Saving (19151)	232,041.64
Mead Saving (12978)	931.32
Building Fund C/D	115,927.65
Water Fund C/D	8,729.90
Cemetery Fund	10,824.24
Liquor Law Fund	6,930.46
Liquor Law C/D	16,388.02
State Bank Sp. Assmt.	335.77
Jaws Equipment Fund	28,742.28
FD Ladder	46,025.05
T & A Fund	87.82

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

Public Comments: Paul Swanson

Communications: Webinar September 6 from 10-11 a.m.

Unfinished Business: No FOIA will be discussed this month.

Trustee Hughes moved to accept the bid of \$15,165.90 from Vern VanDrese for the pavilion doors. This is seconded by Trustee Gareau. Motion carried.

A purchase agreement was presented from Brian Bender for the township property off 0.8 Lane. The bid was for 55 acres for \$57,000. Trustee Gareau moved to have a closed session to discuss this proposal. This is seconded by Trustee Hughes. To go into closed session at 7:45 p.m., motion was approved. Regular meeting resumed at 8 p.m.

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Trustee Hughes moved to counter offer this property at \$90,000, plus 500 feet for the power line and hook at Tomac's pole. This was seconded this by Trustee Hughes. Motion carried.

Rick Labumbard blight permit was discussed. Trustee Gareau has made calls to Lansing and Lansing to him. EPA said don't move anything until they get a place to dispose of it. Also letters were sent pertaining to eleven wells in the area. If any questions call Trustee Gareau and Trustee Hughes.

New Business: Supervisor Brunette went to see Cooper Office Supplies to discuss our billing for three cartridges for the copier machine that was not repairable. The Clerk mentioned that she didn't think that the machine had any space for the supplies that they want us to pay for they could not find them in the office. The Supervisor said we would pay the \$300 plus but will not do business with them in the future.

When it rains the hall basement gets surface water on the cement floors. This will be looked into for sealing it close to the pavement and building.

The washing and painting at the fire department building next to the township hall will be tabled until our September meeting.

Supervisor Brunette will talk to Jodi at the Delta County Road Commission to see the cost of removing the cattails from N.3 Lane to the river.

Judy Carlson is still looking for the street light to be fixed by her property off 19.4 Road in Lake Bluff.

Public Comments: None

Board members comments: Trustee Hughes mentioned the Planning Commission is requesting a resident to tear down his house on Blacksmith Lane because of a dangerous building. There will be a solar farm meeting in September.

Clerk Beauchamp requested that Rene Lippens be removed from the Planning Commission and Board of Appeal being he is in Marquette at the Jacobetti Veterans Home. This motion is seconded by Trustee Al. Motion carried.

MTA District meeting had a lot of subjects in a short period of time.

Clerk Beauchamp was surprised at the house to be torn down on Blacksmith Road and Trustee Gareau mentioned he would get in touch with the resident to discuss it.

Clerk Beauchamp discussed the Election and one machine eating up the ballots and close to running out of ballots.

The meeting for the Solar Panels will be September 6, at the township hall at 7:30 p.m.

Fire Chief Matt Rian gave his monthly fire report.

Delta County Commissioner Dave Rivard gave his monthly report.

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

Trustee Hughes moved to adjourn at 9:20 p.m., seconded by Trustee Gareau. Motion carried.

Patricia J. Beauchamp

Escanaba Township Clerk