

MARKEY TOWNSHIP BOARD
Regular Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2021

Regular meeting of the Markey Township Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present: Supervisor Pray, Trustee Bell, Clerk Tussey, and Treasurer Engle. Absent: Trustee Donaldson. Twenty four people in the audience to include Nick Sergeant, Fire Chief and Eric Hamp from the Houghton Lake Resorter. Fifteen people were on Zoom.

Motion by Pray, seconded by Engle to approve the consent agenda to include minutes of the regular meeting of September 13, 2021 and special meeting, September 21st and the Treasurer's report and bills. All in favor. MC.

Public Comments: A resident complained about the gypsy moths being a big problem this year. Three short term rental owners spoke in favor of them and gave reasons why they should be allowed. One person who was against short term rentals said that they needed to be controlled. And another resident is against them in residential areas. One resident mentioned that a house on Burlington is a dangerous building and has been for years.

Correspondence: Letter from Florence Allen, email from Roscommon County Planning Commission, email from James & Nancy Thornley

Reports:

Ordinance Administrator: 11 Permits issued and \$220 collected for September 2021

Planning Commission: They met on October 7th. Report was read and filed.

Fire Department: 7 Fire calls, 28 EMS calls for September 2021.

Assessing Dept.: Report was read and filed.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board: Report was read and filed.

Business Items:

Fire Department: Chief, Nick Sergeant informed the board that he is retiring as Chief effective 12/31/21 but plans to stay on the department.

An Ad will be placed in the Houghton Lake Resorter.

Open Garbage bids:

Gary Hicks from Republic Services (Republic) and Rick Fancon from GFL were present. Jill Reynolds from Waste Management (WM) was there via Zoom.

Bids were opened from all three companies and discussed. Republic and WM would service the township on Mondays and GFL would split the pickup days, one section would be done on

Monday and the rest would be on Tuesday. All three would issue 95 gallon carts for bi-weekly recycle. WM included weekly yard waste.

Republic would start at \$12.73/per month/per unit, 3% increase every year, Year 5 pricing \$14.33

WM would start at 12.90/per month/per unit, 5% increase every year, Year 5 pricing \$15.68

GFL would start at 16.90/per month/per unit, 3% increase every year, Year 5 pricing \$19.02

All three are proposing a five year agreement.

We decided to wait until we had a full Board before we voted on which company to go with.

The Board discussed the response from our Attorney regarding short term rentals. Our Attorney gave us five options to choose from and the Board is going to take some time to look over each of the options before making any further decisions.

Motion by Tussey, seconded by Pray to approve the Blue Cross Blue Shield renewal package to include the township paying the \$2000 deductible for the employees in an HSA. All in favor. MC.

Motion by Tussey, seconded by Bell to authorize Markey Township Clerk to submit the following described property for review as a possible violation pursuant to the Markey Township Dangerous Building Ordinance #50, parcel number 008-025-013-0100, commonly known as 1329 N. Roscommon Rd., Roscommon, MI. All in favor. MC.

Motion by Tussey, seconded by Pray to authorize Markey Township Clerk to submit the following described property for review as a possible violation pursuant to the Markey Township Dangerous Building Ordinance #50, parcel number 008-805-001-0000, commonly known as 4759 E Houghton Lake Dr., Houghton Lake, MI. All in favor. MC.

Motion by Tussey, seconded by Pray to authorize Markey Township Clerk to submit the following described property for review as a possible violation pursuant to the Markey Township Dangerous Building Ordinance #50, parcel number 008-520-010-0000, commonly known as 1944 Markey Rd, Houghton Lake, MI. All in favor. MC.

Motion by Tussey, seconded by Bell to authorize Markey Township Clerk to submit the following described property for review as a possible violation pursuant to the Markey Township Dangerous Building Ordinance #50, parcel number 008-430-508-0000, commonly known as 113 Burlington, Roscommon, MI. All in favor. MC.

Motion by Tussey, seconded by Engle to authorize Markey Township Clerk to submit the following described property for review as a possible violation pursuant to the Markey

Township Dangerous Building Ordinance #50, parcel number 008-385-077-0000, commonly known as 221 Maplewood, Roscommon, MI. All in favor. MC.

Motion by Pray, seconded by Tussey to purchase a second phone for the Land Use office from Telephone Support Systems at a cost of \$267. All in favor. MC.

We will look into the cost of a new computer for the Supervisor and possibly put the Supervisor's computer in the Land Use office.

Motion by Pray, seconded by Tussey to add \$1000 each to the Zoning – Education and the Planning Commission – Education line items and take the \$2000 from Contingency. All in favor. MC.

We received \$121,311.00 from the American Rescue Plan Grant.

Announcements: This weekend, October 16, 2021 is the last Up North Vintage Market at the old township hall from 9-4 this year. Next Regular Meeting is November 8, 2021 at 7pm. Still accepting bottle/can donations.

Motion by Pray, seconded by Bell to adjourn at 8:50pm. All in favor. MC.

Minutes taken by:
Sheryl Tussey, Clerk
Approved by Board