

MARKEY TOWNSHIP BOARD
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 8, 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, Treasurer Engle and Trustee Donaldson. Fifteen people in the audience and seven people were on Zoom.

Motion by Pray, seconded by Donaldson to approve the consent agenda to include minutes of the regular meeting of October 11, 2021 and the Treasurer's report and bills to include Denton Township, \$354 and Houghton Lake Building Agency, \$1,247.33. All in favor. MC.

Public Comments: were heard.

Correspondence: Email from Mia Thompson regarding Alzheimer Support

Reports:

Ordinance Administrator: 8 Permits issued and \$410 collected for October 2021

Planning Commission: Met on November 4th. Report was read by Chairman, Ron Duquette.

Fire Department: No report.

Assessing Dept.: No report.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board: Working on the 5 year plan, addition to the dog park is done, the work on the berm at the new parking lot will continue in the spring.

Business Items:

Fire Department: The search for a new Fire Chief is ongoing. Resumes due by November 18 at 4:00pm.

A Resolution to adopt Ordinance No. 56, Consumers Energy Company Electric Franchise Ordinance was offered by Tussey, seconded by Donaldson.

Roll call vote: Ayes – Trustee Bell, Treasurer Engle, Supervisor Pray, Trustee Donaldson, and Clerk Tussey. No nays. Ordinance adopted unanimously and effective thirty days after publication. See attached.

Motion by Tussey, seconded by Donaldson to hire Republic Services of Pinconning for Trash Collection and Every Other Week recycling through December 31, 2026. All in favor. MC. Trash pickup will be on Mondays, starting December 6, 2021. Each house will get a 95 gallon recycle cart in December. Contract to be signed and filed as soon as possible.

Short-term Rental action at the State Level:

On October 27, The Michigan House passed House Bill 4722 that states short-term rentals would not be considered a commercial use of property and would be a permitted use in all residential zones. **This bill now heads to the Senate for a vote.** We are waiting for their decision before going any further.

Resolution No. 5-2021 to adopt the Annual Exemption option as set forth in 2011 Public Act 152, The Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act passed with Supervisor Pray, Clerk Tussey, Trustee Bell, Trustee Donaldson and Treasurer Engle voting aye. See attached Resolution.

Motion by Donaldson, seconded by Bell to adopt the Holiday Schedule for 2022 as presented with Trustee Bell checking with the County to see if they are observing Juneteenth. If they are, we will also. All in favor. MC.

Resolution No. 4-2021 to adopt the Cash-in-lieu of Benefits for the year December 1, 2021 through November 30, 2022 passed with Clerk Tussey, Trustee Donaldson, Supervisor Pray, Treasurer Engle and Trustee Bell voting aye. See attached Resolution.

Motion by Donaldson, seconded by Pray that we pay the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals members two meeting pays for a full day of training. All in favor. MC.

Announcements: The office is closed Thursday, November 11th in Observance of Veteran's Day. We're still accepting bottle/can donations. Next Regular Meeting is December 13, 2021 at 7:00pm.

Motion by Donaldson, seconded by Bell to adjourn at 8:10pm. All in favor. MC.

Minutes taken by:
Sheryl Tussey, Clerk
Approved by Board