

MARKEY TOWNSHIP BOARD
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 13, 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. Thirty four people in the audience to include Nick Sergeant, Fire Chief, Bob Rickard, Land Use Administrator and Eric Hamp from the Houghton Lake Resorter.

Open Public Hearing to set millages and special assessments at 7:02pm. No comments.
Closed Public Hearing at 7:03pm.

Motion by Pray, seconded by Donaldson to approve the consent agenda to include minutes of the regular meeting of August 9, 2021 and special meetings, August 12, 26, and 31st and the Treasurer's report and bills to include Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes for \$45. All in favor. MC.

Public Comments: Several people spoke who were against allowing Short Term Rentals (STR) in the township. One realtor spoke in favor of STR and one owner was in favor of STR also.

Correspondence: Habitat for Humanity, Letter from Linda Maue, email from Eileen Flandorfer, Letter from Michelle Johnson at Our Lady of the Lake Regional Catholic School and an email from Gary Kopinski

Reports:

Ordinance Administrator: 32 Permits issued and \$1,340 collected for June, July & August 2021

Planning Commission: They met on September 9th. Report was read and filed.

Fire Department: 11 Fire calls, 26 EMS calls for August 2021.

Assessing Dept.: No Report

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

Business Items:

Motion by Pray, seconded by Donaldson to hire William Lezotte to the Fire Department as a firefighter contingent on a background check and passing a physical exam. All in favor. MC.

Motion by Pray, seconded by Bell to hire Jarri Suvada to the Fire Department as a firefighter contingent on a background check and passing a physical exam. All in favor. MC.

Motion by Pray, seconded by Tussey to hire Eric Tola to the Fire Department as a firefighter contingent on a background check and passing a physical exam. All in favor. MC.

The Fire Department is in need of EMT's.

Motion by Pray, seconded by Donaldson to hire Dematio Seal Coating to seal coat the Fire Hall parking lot at a cost of \$976. All in favor. MC.

Rich Castle from Consumers Energy spoke regarding the Franchise Renewal. He explained it and answered any questions the board had.

Motion by Tussey, seconded by Engle that we table the Consumers Energy Franchise Renewal until October or November. All in favor. MC.

Resolution made by Tussey, seconded by Donaldson to set the General Millage rate at 1.0508 for one year.

Roll call vote: Ayes – Donaldson, Tussey, Pray, Engle, Bell

Nays: None

Resolution made by Pray, seconded by Tussey to set the Road Millage rate at .4380 for one year.

Roll call vote: Ayes – Bell, Engle, Pray, Tussey, Donaldson

Nays: None

Resolution made by Pray, seconded by Donaldson to set the Fire & Ambulance Millage rate at 3.000 for one year.

Roll call vote: Ayes – Engle, Bell, Pray, Tussey, Donaldson

Nays: None

Resolution made by Pray, seconded by Tussey to set the Garbage Assessment at \$140 per unit for one year.

Roll call vote: Ayes – Tussey, Donaldson, Pray, Engle, Bell

Nays: None

Adam Grech from Green Empire spoke on behalf of Neville Nofar regarding amending Ordinance #55 to include language allowing for exterior cultivation of marijuana that does not restrict approved growers to cultivate within a structure.

Motion by Pray, (no one seconded the motion) to amend Section 6, #12 of Ordinance #55 to read as Indoor/Outdoor Operation. Motion failed due to lack of support.

Discussion on short term rentals.

Motion by Engle, seconded by Donaldson to enforce our current zoning ordinance to not allow Short Term Rentals in our township and to have our attorney look at it and tighten up our ordinance. All in favor. MC.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA): The current award amount for Markey Township is \$242,622. The first payment equal to 50% of the total award amount, will be distributed within the next month. The second payment will be distributed approximately 12 months after the first payment. The township is still looking into what this money can be used for.

Motion by Pray, seconded by Donaldson to appoint Ron Duquette, Norm Fullmer and Joe Devins to the Planning Commission for three years with an expiration date of 03/2024. This is a correction to a previous appointment that was for two years. All in favor. MC.

Announcements: This weekend, September 18, 2021 is the next Up North Vintage Market at the old township hall from 9-4. Next Regular Meeting is October 11, 2021 at 7pm. Still accepting bottle/can donations.

Motion by Tussey, seconded by Bell to adjourn at 9:15pm. All in favor. MC.

Minutes taken by:

Sheryl Tussey, Clerk

Approved by Board