

MARKEY TOWNSHIP BOARD
Regular Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2023

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. Six people in attendance.

Motion by Bell, seconded by Tussey to approve the consent agenda to include minutes of the regular meeting of June 12, 2023 and the Treasurer's report and bills to include Fahey, Schultz, Burzych, Rhodes, PLC - \$67.50. All in favor. MC.

Public Comments: None.

Correspondence: Baird, Cotter, & Bishop, P.C., Consumers Energy, DNR – State forest planning

Reports:

Ordinance Administrator: June report was read and filed.

Planning Commission: Meeting is July 13, 2023.

Fire Department: 27 EMS runs, 15 Fire runs for the month of June 2023.

Assessing Dept.: Report was read and filed.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board: Ralph Kitchen gave report. Report filed.

Business Items:

August 12th is the Chicken Dinner – 11am until sold out. \$15 for half a chicken, corn on the cob, baked potato, a roll, and a cookie.

Fire Department 50th Anniversary will be Sunday, August 20th, 2023, 1-4pm.

Motion by Tussey, seconded by Donaldson to hire Norma's Pest Control to spray the Fire Department for spiders at a cost of \$200. All in favor. MC.

Presentation by Shannon Romero from Hi-TECH (an IT company).

Motion by Donaldson, seconded by Engle to approve the ZBA Guide and Bylaws as presented. All in favor. MC.

A special meeting will be scheduled to go over the Short Term Rental items we have questions on.

Update on appraisal of old township hall: The DNR responded to our request for Release of the reverter clause. Based on the appraisal, a value for the Release has been set at \$63,000. We do not need to buy the property from the DNR or do anything at this time. We need to send a

response to the DNR letting them know what our intentions are. We do not plan to sign the Release.

Motion by Tussey, seconded by Donaldson to solicit bids to tear down the old township hall (a.k.a. 4794 E Houghton Lake Dr.). All in favor. MC.

Motion by Donaldson, seconded by Pray to get the Land Use Administrator a cell phone and service thru Spectrum. Three ayes, two nays. MC.

Motion by Pray, seconded by Donaldson to appoint Lori Darga to the Planning Commission effective immediately and the term will expire March 2024. All in favor. MC.

Motion by Pray, seconded by Donaldson to hire Chris Ecklesdafer for temporary maintenance help at \$12/hour working up to 10 hours/week as needed. All in favor. MC.

We received two bids for the MMP parking lot project. Need to get more information.

Motion by Donaldson, seconded by Pray to table the parking lot bids until we get more information. All in favor. MC. We will have a special meeting once we have what we need.

Motion by Tussey, seconded by Pray to purchase a printer for the Clerk's office at a cost not to exceed \$425. All in favor. MC.

Announcements: Next regular meeting is August 14, 2023 at 7:00pm. We are having a Township Open House on August 24, 2023 from 5-8pm. Join us for food, fellowship and fun. We're still accepting bottle/can donations.

Motion by Pray, seconded by Bell to adjourn at 9:10pm. All in favor. MC.

Minutes taken by:
Sheryl Tussey, Clerk
Approved by Board