

MARKEY TOWNSHIP BOARD
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 11, 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 Donaldson, Trustee Bell, Treasurer Engle, and Clerk Tussey. Eleven people in attendance.

Motion by Tussey, seconded by Bendily to approve the consent agenda to include minutes of the regular meeting of November 13, 2023 with a correction to the Resolution (add No.7-2023), special meeting of December 4, 2023 and bills. All in favor. MC.

Public Comments: Bruce Balcom spoke about Jack Bergman's editorial in the Resorter.

Correspondence: None.

Reports:

Ordinance Administrator: November report was read by Kirstie Russo. Filed.

Planning Commission: Met December 7th. Report read and filed.

Fire Department: 18 EMS runs, 19 Fire runs for the month of November 2023.

Assessing Dept.: No report for November.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board: Ralph Kitchen gave report. Met November 28th.

Business Items:

Motion by Donaldson, seconded by Bendily to amend the Fire Department Social Media Policy as presented. All in favor. MC.

Motion by Donaldson, seconded by Bendily that the full time EMT will be paid salary from 8am-4pm Monday thru Friday and will get run pay outside of these hours. On a holiday the full time EMT will not work a normal shift but will get paid for the holiday. If the full time EMT goes on a run on a holiday then she will get run pay. Effective December 1, 2023. All in favor. MC.

Motion by Tussey, seconded by Donaldson to table the Housing Study Resolution until January 8, 2024 meeting. All in favor. MC.

Motion by Donaldson, seconded by Bendily to re-appoint Sherrie Ciaramitaro to the Planning Commission until December of 2026. Three ayes, two nays. MC.

Motion by Donaldson, seconded by Tussey that we approve the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks renewal for the clerk at \$75. All in favor. MC.

We need to set a policy for Short Term Rental's (STR) for when we reach our maximum allowed in the township, possibly a first come, first serve basis. Donaldson, Bell and Kirstie Russo to come up with a policy.

Motion by Donaldson, seconded by Tussey that we table the STR policy (re: maximum allowed in the township) until January 2024. All in favor. MC.

Resolution to set the holiday schedule for 2024-2025 offered by Bendily and supported by Bell. All in favor. Resolution approved.

Motion by Tussey, seconded by Donaldson that we approve the \$.50 increase per household to the Crawford Roscommon Conservation District for the household hazardous waste collection. All in favor. MC.

Resolution No. 8-2023 was offered by Clerk Tussey, supported by Supervisor Donaldson to adopt the annual exemption option as set forth in 2011 Public Act 152, the Publicly funded Health Insurance Contribution Act. Roll call vote: Ayes – Bendily, Donaldson, Engle, Bell and Tussey. Nays – none. Absent – none. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Special meeting will be December 21, 2023 at 4:00pm to work on the 2024-2025 Budget.

Cogitate is increasing their fees from \$175/month to \$225/month starting January 1, 2024. This is the first increase since October 2018.

Announcements: We are still accepting bottle/can donations. Next regular meeting is January 8, 2024 at 7:00pm.

Motion by Donaldson, seconded by Bell to adjourn at 8:24pm. All in favor. MC.

Minutes taken by:
Sheryl Tussey, Clerk
Approved by Board