

MARKEY TOWNSHIP BOARD
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2024

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, Trustee Bendily and Clerk Tussey. Fourteen people in attendance. Two on zoom.

Motion by Donaldson, seconded by Bendily to approve the consent agenda to include minutes of the regular meeting of January 8, 2024, special meeting of January 30, 2024 and the Treasurer's report and bills to include Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes \$540 and to add four items to the agenda (garbage refund, lawn mowing for ~~blight~~ **tall grass violations**, reopening the dog park and Fire Dept. 2024-2025 budget discussion). All in favor. MC.

Public Comments: Pam asked that we give reasonable increases in salaries to the Fire Department personnel. Ursula & Dave asked questions regarding the Special Assessment District being created for the Houghton Lake Dam. They were referred to the County who is handling that.

Correspondence: None.

Reports:

Ordinance Administrator: January report was read and filed.

Planning Commission: Met February 7th with the Attorneys on Zoom. Phil gave an oral report.

Fire Department: 10 EMS runs, 10 Fire runs for the month of January 2024.

Assessing Dept.: Report was read and filed.

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board: Ralph Kitchen gave report. Met on January 23, 2024. Working on 5 year Rec plan and recommendations for the new budget.

Business Items:

Motion by Tussey, seconded by Donaldson that we put an ad in the paper for ~~blight mowing bids~~ **letter of interests for mowing grass for the tall grass violations this year**. All in favor. MC.

Motion by Bendily, seconded by Tussey to accept the resignation of Chris Ecklesdafer from the Fire Department as of January 10, 2024. All in favor. MC.

Motion by Donaldson, seconded by Bendily to hire Jami Talbot to the Fire Department contingent on her passing a physical, drug test and background check. All in favor. MC.

Motion by Donaldson, seconded by Bendily to accept the resignation of Howard Hatherly as the alternate to the Houghton Lake Improvement Board effective immediately. All in favor. MC.

The court ordered fees for June Wilson in the amount of \$28,557.00 were incorrectly assessed to parcel 008-020-004-0020 in the tax year 2022. This parcel only has a shed not the house. This fee should have been assessed to parcel 008-020-004-0040 for tax year 2022.

Motion by Bell, seconded by Tussey to remove the Court Ordered Fees from parcel #008-020-004-0020 and apply the Court Ordered fees to parcel #008-020-004-0040 in the amount of \$28,557.00 for tax year 2022.

Motion by Bendily, seconded by Engle that we approve removing the garbage assessment from parcel# 008-035-006-0040, the property that has the shed on it. A restrictive covenant will be required for parcel's 008-035-006-0082 and 008-035-006-0040. All in favor. MC.

Motion by Bendily, seconded by Tussey that we refund the garbage fees for parcel #008-380-026-0000 that has been vacant since 2017 due to demolition. All in favor. MC.

Duquette was not reappointed to the Planning Commission. He will serve until a replacement is found.

Motion by Donaldson, seconded by Bendily to approve the mileage rate of .67 to match the Federal Mileage rate retroactive to January 1, 2024. All in favor. MC.

Motion by Donaldson, seconded by Bendily that we reopen the dog park and parking lot until the weather gets bad again. All in favor. MC.

Recess at 8:02pm for 10 minutes.

Resume at 8:12pm.

Discussed the Fire Department budget for 2024-2025.

Special Meeting will be February 15, 2024 at 4:00pm to work on the 2024-2025 Budget.

Announcements: We are still accepting bottle/can donations. Next regular meeting is March 11, 2024 at 7:00pm.

Motion by Donaldson, seconded by Bell to adjourn at 9:02pm. All in favor. MC.

Minutes taken by:
Sheryl Tussey, Clerk
Approved by Board