

Inverness Township
Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
August 11, 2020

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm via GoToMeeting/Conference Call

Open with the Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Roger Gaynor Jr., Amy Purwin, Johanna Pluszczynski, Greg Elliott, Rod LaHaie

Absent: None

Minutes: Move to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2020 regular meeting by Purwin, second by Elliott. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

General Bills: Move to approve the general bills of \$54,255.17 by Pluszczynski, second by LaHaie. Roll call vote: Gaynor, yes; Purwin, yes; Pluszczynski, yes; Elliott, yes; LaHaie, yes. Motion carried.

Sewer Bills: Move to approve the sewer bill of \$970.28 by Elliott, second by Purwin. Roll call vote: LaHaie, yes; Elliott, yes; Pluszczynski, yes; Purwin, yes; Gaynor, yes. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Sewer update by Sewer Administrator Tim Purwin. There was a meeting with Tim MacArthur regarding the sewer ordinance. Comparing the proposed general ordinance with the current general ordinance and with the City of Cheboygan ordinance was discussed at the meeting. Based on the cost per REU and the 2019 sewer flow it was calculated that the cost for sewer service in the Inverness Township Sewer District is 2 cents per gallon

Resident Todd Budgenske requested relief from the quantity of REU's he is paying for. His property is homesteaded and he feels this should lead to a reduction in REU's for 16 residential and 1 commercial property he owns. The Board will look into this and get back to Mr. Budgenske.

Road update by Trustee LaHaie. He thanks the residents of Inverness Township for renewing the millage for the Fire Department and the roads. Road repairs have been completed for this year. Inverness Trail and Richardson roads are being brined again.

New Business:

Election update by Clerk Purwin. There is a grant that will cover 50% of the cost of an additional tabulator to count AV (mail-in) ballots. With the increased number of people voting through the mail we anticipate being able to utilize a 2nd tabulator. We hope to

keep the lines down for in-person voting by being able to tabulate AV ballots separately. Move to approve to increase the capital outlay of the election fund budget to \$6,000 to purchase a new tabulator for the elections by Purwin, second by LaHaie. The grant will reimburse the Township close to \$2,600. Roll call vote: Gaynor, yes; Purwin, yes; Pluszczynski, yes; Elliott, yes; LaHaie, yes. Motion carried.

Fireworks and Blight were topics of discussion. County Sheriff Dale Clairmont has been working with Townships of Cheboygan County to come up with a Blight Ordinance. He has distributed a boilerplate ordinance for townships to review. Township Attorney MacArthur commented on the details of enforcing blight issues. Discussion of blight and adopting an ordinance will be continued.

Cemetery Benches were discussed as a resident expressed plans to install an unapproved bench in the Maple Grove Cemetery. The ordinance states that only granite or marble benches are permitted. The Sexton is concerned with the benches being placed in the burial sites in addition to a headstone and impeding with maintenance.

The Township Hall rentals were discussed. Safety of the community and the liability of the Township in mind. Move to approve to suspend the rental of the Township hall indefinitely until it is safe to do so by Purwin, second by Pluszczynski. Ayes 5. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Issues with trespassing and property damage have caused residents Daniel Stacks and Joseph Pawlowski to request approval of the Township to abandon the seasonal road which runs directly north off Church Road between neighboring properties on E. Dotski Road. Move to approve to allow the abandonment of the road as long as it does not adversely affect adjacent property owners by LaHaie, second by Purwin. Roll call vote: LaHaie, yes; Elliott, ; Pluszczynski, yes; Purwin, yes; Gaynor, yes. Motion carried.

Discussion of the transfer station closing due to illness on August 8. Move to approve to hire and train alternates to be able to work the transfer station for back-up or to work into the schedule by LaHaie, second by Purwin. Roll call vote: Gaynor, yes; Purwin, yes; Pluszczynski, yes; Elliott, ; LaHaie, yes. Motion carried.

The Fall Clean-up will be scheduled for October 3, 2020

Fire Board Report: No Report
Treasurer Report: Given
Citizen Comments: None Given

Meeting Adjourned at 8:11 pm