

Inverness Township  
Minutes of Special Board Meeting  
December 21, 2020  
6:00 pm

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm through virtual go to meeting.

Open with the Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Roger Gaynor Jr., Pam Knaffle, Laurie Merchant, Greg Elliott, Rod LaHaie

Discussion about adoption of Designated Assessor for Cheboygan County. Mr. MacArthur reported that it is a required statute of the State of Michigan and the township must adopt an alternative assessor if the township assessor is unavailable to perform his/her duties. Elliot made a motion to adopt the resolution of the county to appoint their own assessor. Knaffle supported. Roll call vote: Gaynor, yes; Knaffle, yes; Merchant, yes; Elliott, yes; LaHaie, yes. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Trustee Elliott discussed potential Veterans Affairs center being built in Cheboygan or surrounding areas. Trustee Elliott presented the board with a sample letter of support to send from the township in support of a VA center in Cheboygan. The sample letter was with a specific organization, but Trustee Elliott stated that there are other organizations that build VA centers as well and that the letter should be in support of the VA center not of the organization. Trustee Elliott made a motion to draft a letter of support with a slight change on township letterhead for the idea of a VA center to come to Cheboygan but not to list a specific organization as the contractor. All ayes. Motion carried. Trustee Elliott will forward the letter to clerk Knaffle to put on letterhead and send to appropriate person.

Clerk Knaffle requested that Deputy Clerk, Amy Purwin get paid for her time that she has been assisting with clerk and treasurer position while clerk and treasurer get acclimated to their positions. Discussion was had regarding what has already been taught and what is left to be taught. Discussion was had regarding the 12 hours that has already been used and how many still needed. Trustee LaHaie made a motion to allocate up to 40 hours of work at a rate of \$15.00 per hour and that 12 hours have already been earned for the Deputy Clerk for purposes of training for the Regular Clerk. Merchant supported. Roll call vote: LaHaie, yes; Elliott, yes; Merchant, yes; Gaynor, yes; Knaffle, yes. 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Trustee Elliott made a motion to adjourn at 6:19pm. Knaffle supported. All ayes. Motion carried. Adjournment 6:19 pm.