

Inverness Township
Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
April 6, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm in person and via GoToMeeting/Conference call with 5 Board Members present; Supervisor Roger Gaynor Jr., Clerk Pam Knaffle, Treasurer Laurie Merchant, Trustee Greg Elliott and Trustee Rod LaHaie.

Open with the Pledge of Allegiance

Absent: N/A

Minutes: Move to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2021 regular meeting as presented by Elliott. Supported by Merchant Ayes 5 Nays 0. Motion carried.

General Bills: Elliott made a motion to approve the general bills and wages of \$13,119.52 for the month of March. Supported by Merchant. Roll call vote: Gaynor, yes; Elliott, yes; LaHaie, yes; Merchant, yes; Knaffle, yes. Motion carried.

Sewer Bills: LaHaie made a motion to approve the sewer bills of \$63.92 second by Merchant. Roll call vote: Merchant, yes; Elliott, yes; Knaffle, yes; Gaynor, yes; LaHaie, yes; Motion carried.

Correspondence:

Turnball Land Division

LaHaie made a motion to approve the Deb Turnball land division as presented. Elliott supported. All ayes. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Sewer update by Trustee Elliott. Sewer committee had a meeting and have a semi-draft of operations procedures and will try to have it completed for next month. Tim Purwin has sent a letter out regarding REUs. Tim Purwin reported that Mr. Pete Drobrowski at 1115 Moore Ave has hooked up to the sewer system. Elliott made a motion to add the 1115 Moore Ave property for 1 REU for their residence. LaHaie supported. Role call vote: Knaffle, yes; Merchant, yes; Gaynor, yes; Elliott, yes; LaHaie, yes. Motion carried. Trustee LaHaie asked to get a copy of the final sewer ordinance as he only has the revised draft copy. Knaffle will email to all board members and make copies to have at the hall.

Road update by Trustee LaHaie. LaHaie reported that the Laperell paving does not have a date yet. LaHaie reported that there is some grant money left in the amount of \$13,000 for the Polish Line Rd that was proposed at last meeting. It is estimated at \$118,000 to complete this section of Polish Line Rd. The deposit would be \$2,362.00 to the County Road Commission. LaHaie made a motion to put Polish Line for bid. Merchant supported. Role call vote: Elliott, yes;

LaHaie, yes; Gaynor, yes; Merchant, yes; Knaffle yes. 5 ayes. 0 naves. Motion carried. LaHaie reported that the brining process will begin sometime around the first of June. Gaynor reported that he has been asked to consider the end of Polish Line to S. Extension to Church Rd for road repairs as a potential soon.

Cemetery Pamphlet

Knaffle reported that she has attempted to reach out to Straits Printing, but they were on vacation and that there has not been any work on the pamphlets at this time.

Transfer Station Proofs

Merchant reported that they have decided not to go with the credit card size and to keep the same size and look. She ordered them on Monday, April 5.

Straits Area Federal Credit Union Account

Treasurer, Merchant reported that she has not been added to the Straits Area Federal Credit Union Account yet because it has to be in the minutes to add her. Merchant also stated she would like to have clerk, Knaffle on it as well. Knaffle made a motion to add Merchant and Knaffle to be on the Straits Area Federal Credit Union Account. LaHaie supported. Role call vote: LaHaie, yes; Gaynor, yes; Merchant, yes; Elliot, yes; Knaffle, yes. All ayes. Motion carried.

New Business:

Assessing Records Proposal

Knaffle presented the proposal to an online assessing program that Clayton McGovern has proposed.

Approval of Election Workers and Election Update

Knaffle reported having sent out 268 absentee ballots and receiving 80 back. Knaffle made a motion to approve Diane Mushlock, Cheyl Heiny, Elaine McIntosh and Mary Jo Meyers as election workers for the May 4, 2021 election. LaHaie supported. Motion carries. Tim MacArthur reported that the policy and procedures for elections as presented is good and should be adopted unless the board has concerns with it. Elliott made a motion to adopt the elections policies and procedures as presented. LaHaie supported. Role call vote: Knaffle, yes; Merchant, yes; Gaynor, yes; Elliott, yes; LaHaie, yes. 5 ayes, 0 naves. Motion carried. Knaffle will post on bulletin board and make copies to have on hand.

Spring Cleanup

LaHaie discussed May 15 or May 22 as the dates for spring clean up but hasn't been able to get the quotes together from the waste companies. LaHaie made a motion for May 15, 2021 as spring cleanup for 2021. Merchant supported. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of Supervisor's Resignation

Gaynor reported that he has put his resignation in due to being more available to his family. Gaynor reported that his last date is April 16, 2021. LaHaie made a motion to approve

Supervisor Gaynor's resignation as of April 16, 2021. Elliott supported. All ayes. Motion carried.

Policies and Procedures

Gaynor reported that he has developed rough drafts of policies and procedures. Tim MacArthur reported that he has looked at them and will put some changes to them and send back to Gaynor to fix prior to his last day. LaHaie reported that he has spoken to Kling's and will pick up cars and trucks from households that are junk. LaHaie reported as long as a clear title is available, they will haul the vehicle and once weighed will cut a check to the owner.

Auditing Procedures for Granting or Removal of Real Property Exemptions

Knaffle presented the procedure as presented by Clayton McGovern. Knaffle reported that he had just emailed it earlier in the day but needed it to be approved. Discussion occurred regarding the auditing procedures. Tim MacArthur reviewed the document and discussed the reason behind the procedure is due to the state auditor expectations. LaHaie made a motion to adopt the Auditing Procedures for Granting or Removal of Real Property Exemptions as presented. Knaffle supported. Role call vote: Gaynor, yes; Merchant, yes; Elliott, yes; LaHaie, yes; Knaffle, yes. 5 ayes. 0 nays. Motion carried.

Fire Board Report: Elliott reported meeting Thursday, March 11, 2021. They reported having new radios that have gone live. They are still working on new firetrucks. Elliott reported that they are looking at \$450,000 for the new pumper truck.

Treasurer Report: Merchant reported that she collected \$141,610 in revenues for the month of March and the IMA is \$1.2 million. Merchant reported 4 CDs come due in 2021. Merchant reported that she is working on personal property tax with residents that have not paid in years.

Citizen Comments: Mr. Chris Hudak discussed his frustrations with road conditions and brining. Mr. Hudak also discussed in great length his frustration of ORVs, dirt bikes, and side by sides on Indian Trail Road and Birchwood and is requesting that Inverness Township put speed signs and stop signs up. Mr. Hudak expressed that he has spoken to Cheboygan County Road Commission, Cheboygan County Sherriff's Department and Cheboygan County DNR and has not gotten any assistance. After much discussion and the board allowing Mr. Hudak to express his frustrations, Trustee LaHaie reported that he will speak to the Cheboygan County Sherriff to see if a car can go out to these roads a little more regular.

Mr. Tim MacArthur reported that MDHHS has lifted the 25 limit maximum on social meetings. Mr. MacArthur reported that he is attending a virtual MTA legal seminar on Friday, April 16, 2021 and will report back.

A question regarding the blight ordinance policy was asked but was told that there has been no headway due to the expense and enforcement of it.

Leo Forster requested to get copies of the procedures and policies discussed earlier once they are finalized. They will be available at the hall and on the website when they are finalized. He questioned about the COVID money to counties that he has been hearing on the news. County

Commissioner Ron Williams reported that he has heard that Cheboygan County potentially will get around \$4.4 million and that it is supposed to trickle down to the townships, but they have not received it yet.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 pm, motion made by LaHaie, second by Merchant. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Pam Knaffle, Inverness Township Clerk