

Inverness Township
Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
August 3, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm in person with 5 Board Members present: Supervisor, Rod LaHaie, Clerk, Pam Knaffle, Treasurer, Laurie Merchant, Trustee, Greg Elliott and Trustee, Bernie Schramm.

Open with the Pledge of Allegiance

Absent: N/A

Minutes: Schramm made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 6,2021 regular meeting. Supported by Merchant. Ayes 5 Nays 0. Motion carried.

General Bills: Merchant made a motion to approve the July 2021 general bills and wages of \$14,455.66. Supported by Schramm. Roll call vote: Knaffle, yes; Merchant, yes; Schramm, yes; Elliott, yes; LaHaie, yes. Motion carried.

Sewer Bills: Knaffle made a motion to approve the sewer bills of \$450.00 for the month of July 2021. Second by Elliott. Roll call vote: Schramm, yes; Elliott, yes; LaHaie, yes; Knaffle, yes; Merchant, yes. All ayes. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

Cheboygan Economic Development Corporation Broadband

LaHaie discussed the proposal as presented.

PIE&G Broadband

LaHaie discussed proposal as presented.

Sewer Monthly Flow

Provided by LaHaie who reported that the average in July were 50,428 gallons per day with a high day at 83,500 gallons. LaHaie reported that there were 7 days above the 50,000 gallon range.

Old Business:

Sewer Update

Elliott reported that he spoke with Jason Karmol and is waiting on answers to some questions that they were discussing.

Road update by Trustee LaHaie. LaHaie reported that the Laperell paving was supposed to be in July but because the contractor doing it is also doing US 23 that maybe why they are late. LaHaie reported that the Polish Line Rd slated for August 9, 2021 and believes that will still be occurring as planned.

Blight Ordinance

LaHaie reported that he attended the MTA meeting on Thursday, July 29, 2021 and as an MTA group adopted an ordinance with some language changes that will take place. It will then be sent to the county civil council. Then once back from the county civil council, the townships will debate it. The sheriff department and prosecutors are on board with it. LaHaie explained the process that is being presented to the county civil council of getting a blight infraction started.

New Business:

Fireworks Application Samberg Residence

An application for fireworks display on August 6, 2021 at 7248 Mullett Lake Road was presented with the appropriate liability insurance. Merchant made a motion as long as all permits are granted to approve the fireworks application as presented. Elliott supported. All ayes. Motion carried.

Cemetery Refund for Jeffrey Burhman

Pam reported that Lisa Smith has been going through the cemetery files and found that at a board meeting on 9-6-2011 Jeffrey Burhman was approved to be repaid \$600.00 for the repurchase of Block 3 Lot 5 and 5 ½ 4 plots. She verified through records 2010, 2011, 2012 that he was not paid. He was paid for GL Buhrman Block 3 Lot 6 for \$150.00. Leo Chamberlain verified that the township does own the Block 3 Lot 5 and 5 ½ 4 plots. Elliott made a motion to reimburse Jeffrey Buhrman an additional \$600.00 for the other 4 lots. Schramm supported. Roll call vote. Knaffle, yes; LaHaie, yes; Elliott, yes; Merchant, yes; Schramm, yes. All ayes. Motion carried. LaHaie reported that Lisa Smith has been doing a great job getting the records in order.

Transfer Station Property Proposal

LaHaie reported that Mr. Fred Wilkinson is requesting an easement of our southern most portion of the township landfill to come out of his pits onto the landfill property to a road he is going to build which would allow his trucks to get to US 27. LaHaie explained that Mr. Wilkinson has had a survey done and it shows that a portion of his recently purchased property from Inverness Township School includes part of the township landfill. Much discussion occurred regarding next steps to move forward with the possible easement with no cost to the township. Mr. Tim MacArthur expressed investigating the grant papers from the DNR to make sure that there is no violation of the grant covenants of years ago when the money was given to acquire the landfill property.

Liquor Control Commission

LaHaie reported that he spoke with the same person at the Liquor Control Commission that Leo Forster spoke with regarding the frequency of inspections. She reported that it up to the township so LaHaie has been checking with other townships to see their frequency.

Speed Study

LaHaie reported that the speed study on Townline Road is still in process. LaHaie reported that a flashing sign's cost would be incurred by someone other than the county. The last time one was bought it was around \$2,500.00.

Grant Application for COVID Related Money

Merchant explained that she wrote for a grant for COVID monies and there is a possibility of getting \$300,000.00 for the township to use related to COVID concerns.

Fire Board Report

Schramm reported that the fire chief had to get a new cell phone with a better camera to take pictures of fires. They had a good turn out for the golf outing.

Treasurer Report

Merchant reported that we received a check from the city for their portion of the sewer in the amount of \$44,800.00 for the quarter. Merchant reported that for the month of July \$730,000.00 has been collected in taxes.

Citizen Comments:

Ms. Linda Konicki discussed her concern about her absentee ballot for the November 2020 election along with other election concerns.

Ms. Arin Ostroske spoke on behalf of her brother-in-law who recently purchased a portion of a land division by Debra Turnbull and was asking if it could be reassessed as homestead instead of non-homestead. Mr. Tim MacArthur reported that Mr. McGovern should be contacted to discuss further and if the statutes allow for a township to make a decision on a special reassessment.

Mr. Dudley Jordan spoke on behalf of residents that live on Donald Court. He expressed their appreciation for the quick answers of their questions related to their road concerns from last month's meeting.

Mr. Chris Hudak discussed frustrations with Indian Trail and Richardson roads related to asphalt resurfacing company that was doing work on those roads. He also questioned some bills that were paid in the month of July.

Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 pm, motion made by Elliott, second by Schramm. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Pam Knaffle, Inverness Township Clerk