

Inverness Township
Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
February 2, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm 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 January 5, 2021 regular meeting with the correction of CD from M Bank to IMA by Knaffle, second by Elliott. Ayes 5 Nays 0. Motion carried.

General Bills: Elliott discussed that there was a bill for \$218.99 for a penalty from 4th quarter 2018 federal withholding that Elliott was going to try to get abated. Move to approve the general bills and wages of \$16,901.91 for the month of January by Merchant, second by LaHaie. Roll call vote: Merchant, yes; Elliott, yes; LaHaie, yes; Gaynor, yes; Knaffle, yes. Motion carried.

Sewer Bills: Elliott made a motion to approve the sewer bills of \$2,014.45. second by Merchant. Roll call vote: Gaynor, yes; Knaffle, yes; Merchant, yes; Elliott, yes; LaHaie, yes; Motion carried.

Correspondence:

PIE&G Broadband Ordinance

Trustee Elliott spoke on the broadband ordinance presented by PIE&G and Tim MacArthur reviewed it. Elliott made a motion to approve the Presque Isle Electric and Gas Co-op franchise agreement. Knaffle supported. Roll call: LaHaie, yes; Elliott, yes; Merchant, yes; Gaynor, yes; Knaffle, yes. Motion carried.

Kalkaska County Pandemic Resolution:

Trustee LaHaie reported that we can do one of three things, 1) file it as received, 2) approve this resolution incorporating Inverness Township or 3) can provide a resolution we draft on our own. LaHaie made a motion to file the Kalkaska County Resolution as received. All Ayes. Motion carries.

Sewer Monthly Flow

Elliott spoke that the flow was a little high on the average and on January 16, 2021 it was very high.

Old Business:

Sewer update by Trustee Elliott and Tim Purwin. Mr. Purwin reported a new REU list from the city and being close to what it was last time. Tim reported that 314.75 REUs being billed and he has documented what our income is quarterly. Tim stated that the township should be receiving \$27,700 for debt service and \$4,600 for RRI from the city quarterly. Tim mentioned that there are some properties that should be on the REU list and the list is being worked on and in progress. There was a sewer meeting on January 30 and the discussion included building policy statement and the ordinance. Elliott reported that a letter has been drafted for the residents and local businesses for review regarding REU.

Ordinance Update: Elliott went over changes of the ordinance since last month. There was more definition with Mr. Tim MacArthur help. Elliott reported that the document is completed and needs to be approved. Elliott made motion to adopt the Sanitary Sewer Ordinance as drafted on January 22, 2021. Merchant supported. Roll call: Knaffle, yes; Merchant, yes; Elliott, yes; LaHaie, yes; Gaynor, yes. All Ayes, No Nays. Motion carried.

Road update by Trustee LaHaie. LaHaie reported that he has an update from Cheboygan County Rd Commission on the Silver Beach Rd upgrade which would include excavation, culverts, drainage, and paving. Estimate came in at \$155,700. This project will need to be done with special assessment per property owners and LaHaie's contact is aware. Hill Road upgrade from Knaffle Rd 2900 feet to the south. Estimate came in at \$227,300. Property owners will be contacted.

New Business:

Townline Road Study from VFW Road to Stempky Street

Trustee Elliott reported that the developers of the new subdivision and Kim Pappas from the Brook are asking for a speed study for this part of the road. LaHaie reported that he spoke with Brent Shank from the County Road Commission. Road studies are done by the Michigan State Police free of charge but cannot be done until spring.

Annual Resolution For Poverty Exemption

Trustee Elliott made motion to leave Annual Poverty Exemption Resolution the same as last years Poverty Exemption Resolution. LaHaie supported. Role call vote: Gaynor, yes; Merchant, yes; LaHaie, yes; Elliott, yes; Knaffle, yes. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Transfer station tickets

Merchant stated that she has about 300 left and goes through about 1,000-1,200 per year. Discussed monthly operating costs of the transfer station. Currently it operates at a significant deficit per month. Merchant made a motion to raise the price of a card from \$15.00 to \$20.00. LaHaie supported. Role call: Elliott, yes; LaHaie, yes; Gaynor, yes; Merchant, yes; Knaffle, yes. All ayes. Motion carried.

Board of Review Meeting Dates

Merchant made a motion to approve the Board of Review dates as presented. LaHaie supported. All ayes. Motion carried. Gaynor stated that Heather Lake is interested in joining the Board of Review position that is open. LaHaie questioned about training and Gaynor stated that Clayton McGovern will do the training. Elliott made a motion to accept Heather Lake to Board of Review. Merchant supported. All ayes. Motion carried.

Fire Board Report: Elliott reported that the fire chief reported 81 calls total in 2020 slightly higher than in 2019. Elliott reported that transfer station #1 fixed thermostat. Fire Department are all getting vaccinated. Munro Township has extinguishers that need to be fixed to the cost of \$35,000 to \$40,000.

Treasurer Report: Merchant reported that in January tax income came in at \$356,828.38. Buffy Weldon from the county reported we had money in the sewer account and Merchant received a check for \$5,376.17 that went back into the Township's sewer account. Online banking is coming along but the pandemic is slowing progress.

Citizen Comments: Mr. Rintamki questioned about 2020 city check for October to December and Merchant confirmed receipt.

Amy Purwin questioned supervisor of policy and procedure manual and supervisor reported that he has not started it but will.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:48 pm, motion made by Elliott, second by Merchant. 5 Ayes. 0 Nays.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Pam Knaffle, Inverness Township Clerk