

Inverness Township
Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
June 1, 2021

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm in person with 4 Board Members present; Supervisor, Rod LaHaie, Clerk, Pam Knaffle, Treasurer, Laurie Merchant, and Trustee, Greg Elliott.

Open with the Pledge of Allegiance

Absent: N/A

Minutes: Elliott made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2021 regular meeting. Supported by Knaffle. Ayes 4 Nays 0. Motion carried.

General Bills: Elliott made a motion to approve the general bills and wages of \$17,757.20 for the month of May. Supported by Merchant. Roll call vote: Merchant, yes; LaHaie, yes; Elliott, yes; Knaffle, yes. Motion carried.

Sewer Bills: Knaffle made a motion to approve the sewer bills of \$2,238.98 for the month of May 2021. Second by Merchant. Roll call vote: LaHaie, yes; Elliott, yes; Merchant, yes; Knaffle, yes. All ayes. Motion carried.

Correspondence: N/A

Sewer Monthly Flow

Elliott reported that there were 3 very high days in the month of May and the average monthly flow was 44,422.58.

Old Business:

Sewer Update

Supervisor LaHaie presented Tim Purwin's Sewer Administrator's report. Tim reported that he has been in discussion regarding the business property change in footprint and REUs structure with Fernelius Ford and Toyota Chrysler. The Fernelius Toyota Chrysler building was up to code except for the restaurant portion of the building. Much discussion of the report. Elliott made a motion based on the calculation to increase the Fernelius Toyota Chrysler dealership from 9.5 to 11.5 which is an increase of 2 REUs. Merchant supported. All ayes. Motion carried. Elliott made a motion based on the square footage of the Fernelius Ford dealership to decrease the REUs from 6.8 to 6 which is a decrease of .8 REUs. Knaffle supported. All ayes. Motion carried. The board decided to table the portion of the detail shop of the Fernelius Ford building until the sewer meeting.

Spring Cleanup:

LaHaie reported that spring cleanup went well on May 15, 2021. LaHaie reported that about 46 vehicles attended for the cleanup end not the people who went through the compactor station.

Road update by Trustee LaHaie. LaHaie reported that the Laperell paving tentative date is mid-July. LaHaie reported that the Polish Line Rd bid was 13% higher than the County Road estimate. The awarded bid from the County Road Commission if we choose to accept it was from Elmer's Crane & Dozer out of Petoskey for the amount of \$133,416.90. Discussion regarding proceeding with Polish Line Rd. Elliott made a motion to approve the bid from Elmer's Crane and Dozer in the amount of \$133,416.90 for the Polish Line Rd upgrade. Merchant supported. Roll call vote: Knaffle, yes; LaHaie, yes; Elliott, yes; Merchant, yes. All ayes. Motion carried. LaHaie reported that for dust control, the companies can not get help and there are some holdups. LaHaie reported that the last he spoke with the road foreman grading the roads happening now and tentatively be done this Thursday and a brining truck will be here Thursday or Friday.

2021 MTA Sample Township Board Resolution to Adopt Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Test

Mr. Tim McArthur reported that he needs to look further into the asset test numbers from previous years and will contact Clayton McGovern to get those numbers. Once he has the correct information, he will draft the resolution for the board to review and adopt at the July board meeting prior to the July Board of Review meeting.

New Business:

Appointment of new trustee

Elliott and Knaffle reported that there were 2 letters of interest presented for the trustee position, one from Chris Hudak and one from Bernie Schramm. Much discussion of both candidates' qualifications. Knaffle made a motion to appoint Bernie Schramm the new trustee with a term expiring in 2022. Merchant supported. Roll call vote. Merchant, yes; Elliott, yes; LaHaie, yes; Knaffle, yes. All ayes. Motion carried.

Fire Board Report: Elliott reported meeting Thursday, May 13, 2021. They reported having 3 new firefighters certified and are back to being full. They are still discussing on switching lights in the fire hall to LED lights.

Treasurer Report: Merchant reported that she received a check from the city for the first quarter sewer in the amount of \$32,027.87.

Citizen Comments: Mr. Chris Hudak, Mr. Ray Lofgren, Ms. Beth Bridgman and Ms. Missy France presented issues and concerns related to road brining, sewer contracts between city and Inverness Township and election tabulator concerns.

Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 8:04 pm, motion made by Merchant, second by Knaffle. 4 Ayes. 0 Nays.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Pam Knaffle, Inverness Township Clerk