

Inverness Township  
Minutes of Regular Board Meeting  
May 11, 2021

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm via GoToMeeting/Conference call and in person with 3 Board Members present; Supervisor Rod LaHaie, Clerk Pam Knaffle and Trustee Greg Elliott

Open with the Pledge of Allegiance

Absent: Treasurer Laurie Merchant

Minutes: Move to approve the minutes of the April 6, 14, and 29, 2021 by Trustee Elliott. Supported by Knaffle. Ayes 3 Nays 0. Motion carried.

General Bills: Move to approve the general bills and wages of April in the amount of \$129,736.70 by Knaffle, second by Elliott. Roll call vote: LaHaie, yes; Elliott, yes; Knaffle, yes; Motion carried.

Sewer Bills: None at this time

Correspondence:

Trustee Elliott moved to receive and file the correspondence from the Department of Treasury General Property Tax Act 2012, Cheboygan County Road Commission Act 51 Year Ended 2020 Financial Report, Cheboygan County Millage Reduction Fraction Computation and the 2021 Personal Property Value Change by Municipality in Cheboygan County. Knaffle supported. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Sewer Monthly Flow

LaHaie mentioned that there were a few days that were high but that is when there were heavy rain days.

Old Business:

Sewer update by Trustee Elliott. Trustee Elliott reported that he has spoken with one of the property owners that there is an issue with their grinder and they are working on trying to find a remedy. Supervisor LaHaie reported that he has been looking into another residence with a grinder issue as well and will report back at a later time when the issue has been resolved or further action needs to occur. Discussion of residents questioning why they are being charged for REUs and Trustee Elliott reported that he has spoken to one party and the other party he has to get back too with more information. These issues will be followed up in a sewer meeting

Road update by Supervisor LaHaie. LaHaie discussed the Laperell Road still does not have a timeframe when that will begin and we still do not have a bid back on the Polish Line Road project. LaHaie discussed the possibility of the township stockpiling 23A gravel for the roads at Wilkinson pit for \$8.50 per ton. Elliott made a motion to purchase and stockpile 1000 tons of

gravel. Knaffle supported. Role call vote: Elliott, yes; LaHaie, yes; Knaffle, yes. 3 ayes, 0 naves. Motion carried.

Cemetery Pamphlet  
No news at this time.

Unconditional Release and Hold Harmless Agreement  
Elliott mentioned he had talked to the Thornton Property Owners regarding their grinder pit and are working on a solution.

New Business:

July 3<sup>rd</sup> Fireworks Proposal

Knaffle made a motion to approve the July 3, 2021 fireworks proposal. Elliott supported. All ayes. Motion carried.

Leo Chamberlain proposal for winter pots, wreaths and flowers to landfill  
Knaffle read an email from Leo Chamberlain, sexton, asking for permission to use the landfill for \$35.00 for winter pots, wreaths, and flowers from the past 2 years. He reported that he has been doing it for the past 12 years. Elliott made a motion to approve Leo Chamberlain to use the landfill as he has been using it for the past 12 years with winter pots, flowers and wreaths. Knaffle supported. All ayes. Motion carried.

Election update by Knaffle. Knaffle reported that 244 absentee ballots were returned, and 60 voters showed up on the day of the election.

Fire Board Report: LaHaie and Elliott attended the meeting but nothing big to report.

Treasurer Report N/A

Citizen Comments:

Mr. Robert Andrews reported that there is a vacancy on the DDA and they are actively seeking to fill that position.

Mr. Gerald Rintamaki questioned if there is a township fireworks policy due to currently there is no limits on when fireworks can be shot off. Mr. Rintamaki reported that the State's policy cannot be enforced and wondered if the township could make a policy and reenforce it.

Mr. Leo Forster questioned if there is a compilation of rules and ordinances from previous years.

Mr. Forster also questioned about the supervisor and trustee position. The board answered his questions.

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm, motion made by Knaffle, second by Elliott. 3 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Pam Knaffle, Inverness Township Clerk