**Inverness Township Board**

Regular Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 9, 2022

7:00 PM

**Opening of Meeting- Pledge of Allegiance**

**Board member roll call** – present: Laurie Merchant, Lisa Smith, Rodney LaHaie, Greg Elliott, Bernie Schramm.

**Approval of Agenda** – Motion by Elliott, supported by Schramm to approve agenda. Motion carried.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

June 20, 2022- Special Board Meeting Minutes (re-enactment to include Board member roll call: Rodney LaHaie, Laurie Merchant, Greg Elliott, and Bernie Schramm present) Motion by Merchant, supported by Elliott to approve. Motion carried.

July 5, 2022 Election Commission Meeting Minutes – Motion by Smith, supported by Merchant to approve. Motion carried.

July 5, 2022 – Regular Board Meeting Minutes – Motion by Elliott, supported by Smith to approve. Motion carried.

**Approval of Bills**

General Bills & Wages – Motion by Elliott, supported by Schramm to approve payment of bills and wages in the amount of $54,233.74. Roll call: Schramm- yes, Merchant- yes, Smith- yes, LaHaie- yes, Elliott- yes. Motion carried.

Sewer Bills – Motion by Elliott, supported by Smith to approve payment of sewer bills in the amount of $620.00. Roll call: Merchant- yes, Smith- yes, LaHaie-yes, Elliott- yes, Schramm- yes. Motion carried.

**Correspondence**

EGLE – Authorization notice – receive and file.

**Sewer Monthly Flow**

June 2022 – 1,159,100

July 2022 – 1,106,300

**Sewer** – Report by Elliott: received report from City awaiting call back to discuss further.

**New Business**

PIE&G Franchise – Metro Act Application – Summary provided in writing and verbally by Attorney Timothy MacArthur. Right of Way application for potential installation of fiberoptics. Motion by Schramm, supported by Elliott to approve signing of the resolution. Roll Call: LaHaie-yes, Elliott-yes, Schramm-yes, Merchant-yes, Smith-yes. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the bilateral permit by Elliott, supported by Merchant. Roll Call: Schramm-yes, Merchant-yes, Smith-yes, LaHaie-yes, Elliott- Yes. Motion carried.

Reserve 2 items to end of meeting.

**Blight ordinance complaints:** 091-012-200-003-00 VFW Rd & 091-011-300-002-00 on Riggsville Rd – Motion by Smith, supported by Merchant to forward to the Cheboygan County Sheriff Department these 2 blight complaints. Roll Call: Merchant-yes, Smith-yes, LaHaie-yes, Elliott-yes, Schramm-yes. Motion carried.

Land Division Requests with Assessors approval: Eric Buhr applicant

Carlson/Borowicz applicant (pd)

Leroy/Janet Ormsbee applicant (pd)

Motion by Elliott, supported by Schramm to approve the land divisions for Buhr, Carlson/Borowicz, and Ormsbee. Motion carried.

James Rader applicant (pending payment)

Motion by Merchant, supported by Smith to approve the Rader application upon receiving payment of the fee. Motion carried.

M Konicki – Discuss drainage & maintenance of Foote Road. – Michael Konicki requested review of the drainage and culvert size for Foote Road as it drains towards Mulllet Lake. Supervisor LaHaie’s prior contact with Shane Redmond, it was indicated that ditching would be done in this area in 2022. Supervisor LaHaie looking into this matter and will contact County Road Commission to review options and timelines.

Paul France – Air Bear – Requests that is REU’s be returned to prior to Tour Bus status. Air Bear no longer maintaining tour busses by their company, on their property. The City will be contacted to pursue this request further. Supervisor LaHaie will follow up on this request.

Mullett Lake Trail – presentation by David Munroe for the Top of Michigan Trails Council, requesting permission to install a sign along the North Central State Trail at the Inverness Township Mullett Lake Park (near Polish Line intersection)

Motion by Merchant, supported by Elliott to allow signage at this location. Motion carried.

**Old Business**

Office Door – New bids were reviewed. Motion by Smith, supported by Schramm to install the office door in the amount of $3495.00 per estimate of Straits Area Glass, and to accept the $2000.00 bid of Brown Builders to Open, Trim and install sidewalk to the opening. Roll Call: Smith-yes, LaHaie-yes, Elliott-yes, Schramm-yes, Merchant-yes. Motion carried.

Cemetery – Supervisor LaHaie to meet with Leo Chamberlain to review the Maple Grove Cemetery for potential tree work that needs to be done. This will be brought back to the Board at a later date.

**Road Update** – LaHaie: Mullet Lake Road improvements are near completion. Shoulder gravel has been used on Polish Line, Inverness Trail, Kate Hansen, Wing/Laparell. Wilkinson’s will be sending a bill for the 1000 tons of gravel used. We will be checking on purchase of additional gravel if a crusher will be in our area to save on costs of transport.

**Fireboard Report** -Elliott: Light switch fixed on truck. Fuel cost up, pumper truck will need replacing – they will need to look for grants or request funding in future.

**Treasurer Report –** Merchant:continuing to collect taxes. Last date without penalty is September 14.

**Citizens Comment** – Township can request to be on CCSD list to borrow speed tracking/sign notice flashing sign. Request made by citizen to have it placed on Indian Trail.

Property tax review for churches and barns being used as storage facilities for boats etc.

Additional discussion on Polish Line intersection sign where ice fishermen come off ice.

**Reserved items:**

Resignation of Clerk – Motion by Schramm, supported by Elliott to accept the resignation of Lisa Smith effective August 14, 2022 11:59 p.m. Roll Call: Merchant-yes, LaHaie-yes, Elliott-yes, Schramm- yes. Motion carried.

Appointment of New Clerk – Motion by Elliott to appoint Jennifer Beebe as the Clerk of Inverness Township effective, Monday- August 15, 2022, supported by Merchant. Roll call: Elliott-yes, Schramm-yes, Merchant-yes, LaHaie-yes. Motion Carried.

**Adjournment** – Motion by Elliott, supported by Schramm to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Motion carried.

Submitted by: Lisa Smith, Clerk

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Approved with Corrections 9/6/2022