

**Inverness Township Board**  
Regular Meeting Agenda  
Tuesday September 7, 2021, 7:00pm

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

**OPENING OF MEETING-PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

LaHaie reported that there was one correction under the general bills and it should read \$14,450.66 instead of \$14,455.66. Elliott made a motion to approve the minutes of August 3, 2021 with the correction from \$14, 455.66 in general bills to \$14,450.66. Schramm supported. All ayes. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

- General Bills & Wages

Elliott made a motion to approve the general bills and wages of \$21,820.17 for the month of August 2021. Schramm second. Roll call vote: Elliott, yes; Schramm, yes; Merchant, yes; LaHaie, yes. Motion carried.

- Sewer Bills

Elliott made a motion to approve the sewer bills for August 2021 in the amount of \$757.50. Merchant supported. Roll call vote: LaHaie, yes; Merchant, yes; Schramm, yes; Elliott, yes. Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- 2021 Tax Rate Request

LaHaie reported that Supervisor LaHaie and Clerk Knaffle have to sign the 2021 Tax Rate Request and return.

- Local Road Rating Report

LaHaie discussed the Cheboygan County Road Commission rating report of paved roads and grated roads that was received. This is one way Inverness Township Board decides on roads to work on for the next budget year.

- Bonnie Bancroft Email

LaHaie discussed an email from Ms. Bonnie Bancroft regarding beach on Polish Line with rocks and not much sand along with poison ivy. LaHaie reported that he will go check it out.

- 911 Interlocal Agreement

LaHaie discussed concerns that are happening with the 911 board with makeup of the board and the program itself. Mr. Ron Williams also reported on concerns that he understands is happening with 911.

- MTA meetings

LaHaie reported that there is a regional MTA meeting at Inverness Township Hall on September 21, 2021. LaHaie also reported that September 30, 2021 at Forrest Hall and October 28, 2021 at Kohler Hall.

## **SEWER MONTHLY FLOW**

Have not gotten numbers from city yet.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Sewer Update

LaHaie reported that dispatching is now being done by township board. Elliott reported that he attended the City Council meeting because they were recommending termination of the contract and giving Inverness Township a 90-day notice. Elliott reported he stood up during citizen comment and told them he has asked twice for information, and it has not been provided to him. Continued meetings will occur. LaHaie reported that he has been working on an inventory list at the storage unit and will continue to work with the sewer maintenance person. LaHaie reported that there were a couple properties that needed to be updated regarding sewer and one was not voted on a few months ago. That property was Fernelius Toyota which used to be a towing company from 3 bays to 5 bays. It was recommended that with the square footage and the type of business happening at that property now, it should go from 1.6 to 3 REUs. Schramm made a motion to increase to 3 REUs for sewer at Fernelius Toyota. Elliott supported. Roll call vote: Elliot, yes; Schramm, yes; Merchant, yes, LaHaie, yes. Motion carried.

- Road Update

LaHaie reported that there are still no time frames when they are getting started but they have gone out to mark the road. LaHaie reported that he has spoken to Brent Shank regarding going a little farther with the pavement on Polish Line.

- Blight Ordinance

LaHaie discussed the proposed blight ordinance. If the ordinance is adopted, it has to be word for word as the Sheriff has proposed to the county. Schramm made a motion to adopt the blight ordinance as presented. Elliott supported. Roll call vote: Elliott, yes; Schramm, yes; Merchant, yes; LaHaie, yes. Motion carried.

- Cemetery Update

LaHaie reported that Lisa Smith has gotten considerable amount of work on Maple Grove Cemetery. She has gotten all records in the book that she could find, and a large portion of the information transferred to the computer program.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Judge Gauthier Report**

Judge Gauthier provided his report.

- Fall Clean Up

LaHaie discussed the date for fall cleanup which was agreed to be October 2, 2021.

- Transfer Station Employees

LaHaie reported that the transfer station employees have not had a raise and he would like to see their pay go from \$13.00 to \$14.00 per hour. Merchant made a motion to give a dollar an hour raise to the transfer station employees. Schramm supported. Roll call vote: Merchant, yes; LaHaie, yes; Schramm, yes; Elliot, yes. Motion carried.

- Underwood Land Division

LaHaie discussed the Underwood Land Division. Elliott made a motion to approve the Underwood Land Division. Schramm supported. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **FIRE BOARD REPORT**

Schramm reported that there were 9 calls last month. Schramm discussed replacing or repairing a 30-year-old truck for next budget.

### **TREASURER REPORT**

Merchant reported taxes are due September 14, 2021.

### **CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Comments presented by Leo Forrester and Chris Hudak.

### **RESIGNATION OF CLERK**

LaHaie discussed resignation of Clerk Knaffle effective October 31, 2021. Schramm made a motion to accept the resignation of Clerk Knaffle effective October 31, 2021. Elliott supported. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Merchant made a motion to adjourn at 8:04pm. Schramm supported. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Pam Knaffle, Inverness Township Clerk