

ST. IGNACE TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING
January 20, 2021

The regular meeting of the St. Ignace Township Board was held on January 20, 2021 at the Township Hall. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Danielson.

Present: Supervisor Danielson, Treasurer Massey, Trustee McKenzie, Clerk Oja, Trustee Mitchell

Absent: None

Public comment: Terry & Kathryn Becker were present regarding the status of the Simmons Road blight issue. Supervisor Danielson updated them on where the matter stands to date. The township Attorney is currently in contact with the property owner regarding the cleanup of the property.

Clerk Oja presented the minutes for the December 9, 2020 Regular meeting. Motion by Mitchell, supported by McKenzie, to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer Massey presented the Treasurers report for December. Motion by Oja, supported by Mitchell, to accept the Treasurers report as presented. Motion carried.

Clerk Oja submitted the December expenses for approval.

General Fund:	\$13,867.36	Payroll	\$6,539.60	
Road Fund:	\$0.00	ACH Payments -	\$5,082.25	Payroll DD
Recreation Fund:	\$57.22	MI withholding tax -	\$284.34	
Sewer Fund:	\$245.93	FICA tax -	\$1,049.46	
Total:	\$14,170.51			

Motion by Massey, supported by Danielson, to accept the expenses as submitted. Motion carried.

Old Business:

The Zoning Board of Appeals needs a new member, as Supervisor Danielson is on the Board of Trustees now and can't serve on both Boards. Supervisor Danielson has a few persons interested in serving.

The township Zoning Administrator, Chet Garen, was present with an update on blight violation properties in the township and a bridge that was put up without a permit on a creek by the North Access Road. Clerk Oja stated there needs to be a zoning violation process for Mr. Garen to follow, including forms and violation notices. She will look into what other townships are using and let the board know. The issue of tiny houses and sheds used for housing was addressed. The Board needs to adopt an ordinance as soon as possible to address this issue. Clerk Oja stated she can put an ad in the paper asking for township residents that would be interested in serving on the Planning Commission. The Board agreed. An ad will be put in the paper.

New Business:

Board of Review Resolutions

1. Resolution to Adopt Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Test No. 2021-01

Motion by Massey, supported by Mitchell, to approve Resolution No. 2021-01, Resolution to Adopt Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Test. Roll call vote: Ayes -5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

2. Resolution to Set an Alternate Start Date for the March Board of Review No. 2021-02.

Motion by Oja, supported by Massey, to approve Resolution to Set an Alternate Start Date for the March Board of Review. Roll call vote: Ayes – 5, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

3. Resolution to Allow Local Residents to Protest in Writing No. 2021-03.

Motion by Oja, supported by Danielson, to approve Resolution to Allow Local Residents to Protest in Writing. Roll call vote: Ayes - 5, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

A proposal received from Kent Communications Inc. was presented to the Board for Assessment Set-up PDF File Process & Mail Assessments for a cost to St. Ignace Township of approximately \$700.00. This is a shared bill with Pickford and Marquette Townships, which saves the township significantly. Motion made by Danielson, supported by Massey to approve the proposal. Motion carried.

Appointment of Board of Review members

Board of Review members to be appointed are Mark Eby, Angeline Bunker and Lori Storm. The township is still seeking an alternate Board of Review member.

Motion made by Danielson, supported by Massey, to appoint Mark Eby, Angeline Bunker and Lori Storm to the St. Ignace Township Board of Review for the 2021-2022 term. Motion carried. The Board will receive their training online on 1/25/2021.

Correspondence: Supervisor Danielson stated he and Trustee McKenzie attended the EMS Council meeting on 1/19/2021.

Motion made by McKenzie, supported by Mitchell to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sheri L. Oja
Township Clerk
Date: 1/22/2021