

**ST. IGNACE TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING and
BUDGET HEARING MINUTES
March 9, 2022**

The regular meeting of the St. Ignace Township Board of Trustees was held on March 9, 2022, at the Township Hall. Meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Supervisor Danielson.

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

Absent: None

Public Comment: None

Minutes:

Clerk Oja submitted the minutes for the February 9, 2022 regular meeting and the February 23, 2022 Public Hearing. Motion by Massey, supported by Mitchell, to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report:

Treasurer Massey presented the Treasurers Report for February. Motion made by Danielson, supported by Oja, to accept the Treasurers report as presented. Motion carried.

Clerk Report:

Clerk Oja submitted the February expenses for approval:

General Fund:	\$3,678.78	Payroll:	\$6,639.60	
Road Fund:	\$0.00	ACH Payments:	\$4951.25	Payroll DD
Recreation Fund:	\$0.00	MI w/h Tax:	\$	
Sewer Fund:	\$401.10	FICA Tax:	\$1,210.56	
Total:	\$4,079.88			

Motion by Mitchell, supported by McKenzie, to accept the expenses as submitted. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Report:

Chet Garen stated he hasn't heard anything on the two pending zoning complaints he is working on. Clerk Oja stated the second notice mailed to O'Connell was picked up in Canada, but no response has been received. Supervisor Danielson spoke with the property owner on the property located on M-123. He was very responsive and will clean up the property. Garen reported there is building going on where no permits were given. Supervisor Danielson stated he has been in contact with the person who is wanting to build condo/rental units on the property in Evergreen Shores across from the Jean Huskey residence.

Old Business:

City of St. Ignace Recreation Department Fund Request

Morgan Mills, the Recreation Director, presented the board with different proposals that the township may want to agree on to partnership with the Recreation Department regarding the cost of a fitness center membership for St. Ignace Township residents. The costs ranged from \$8,000 to \$15,000 annually. Treasurer Massey stated due to the number of residents that are actually using the fitness center, this may be an issue than can be brought up in a recreation millage as the township does not have that amount in the recreation fund. Supervisor Danielson stated that just isn't a number that fits to what the township currently has. Clerk Oja suggested a public hearing in the future so that the residents can give their opinion on the issue or possibly sending a survey out. The survey could possibly go out with the annual newsletter. Clerk Oja asked Mills to possibly get a dollar amount to the board that could be given to the residents in the event a millage was put on the ballot. Ms. Mills agreed and will keep the board informed.

Public Budget Hearing

Motion by Danielson, supported by Mitchell, to adjourn regular meeting and open the Public Budget Hearing. Motion carried. Supervisor Danielson called the public hearing on the budget to order at 6:47 p.m.

The Board reviewed the proposed 2022-23 budgets for the General Fund, Road Fund, Sewer Fund and Recreation Fund.

Public Comment - Jodi Kaiser asked about the Ambulance budget and why it was budgeted so much more this year than last year. Clerk Oja stated that was the amount that was billed, however, Mark Wilk recommended that the Board keep the budget of \$25,000 as it has been in the past. Kaiser also asked about the Federal funding and if the PILT funds were included in that. Treasurer Massey confirmed they were. Kaiser asked if those funds were tied to timber sales. The board wasn't aware of that, but would look into it.

Motion made by Danielson, supported by Massey to approve the 2022-23 Budget as presented. Motion carried.

Clerk Oja presented the Resolution No. 2022-04, General Appropriations Act. Motion by Danielson, supported by Mitchell, to approve the General Appropriations Act. Roll call vote: Yes 5, No 0. Motion carried.

Motion by Danielson, supported by Oja to close the Public hearing. Motion carried. Public hearing closed at 6:58 p.m. Supervisor Danielson called the regular board meeting back to order at 6:58 p.m.

New Business:

St. Ignace Library Update

Alycia McKowen gave the board the St. Ignace Library update, including the Mission, Vision Statement and Strategic Plan for 2022-2025 and the Action Plan for 2022. She stated the Library is busy, with many programs being offered. They are also working on a grant to purchase laptops that the public can check out to use for a week or two. Alycia informed the board that the Library is current seeking a new director, as she is stepping down. The board expressed their gratitude to Ms. McKowen for all the work she has done for the library.

Budget Amendments

Clerk Oja presented budget transfers needed for the General Fund and Budget Amendment for the Sewer Fund. Motion by Mitchell, supported by Danielson to approve the budget amendments and budget amendment. Motion carried.

Road Projects

Jodi Kaiser informed the board of the planning that is currently taking place for the repair of St. Ignace road. A joint resolution is being done between Clark, St. Ignace, Moran and Marquette townships for support any and all project applications and requests for funding that would expedite the urgent improvement of St. Ignace road. Kaiser presented the Joint Resolution to the board. There is also talk of repairing the road to the mouth of the Carp River by chipping the pavement and turning it into gravel.

Motion by Danielson, supported by Massey, to adopt the Joint Resolution No. 2022-05 supporting any and all project applications and requests for funding that would expedite the urgent improvement of St. Ignace road. Roll call vote: yes 5, no 0. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Clerk Oja gave the board information she received from Emily Evashevski regarding a franchise between Cloverland Electric Cooperative and St. Ignace township. The matter will be on the April agenda.

Adjournment

Motion by Danielson, supported by Mitchell, to adjourn the regular board meeting. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sheri L. Oja, Clerk
Date: March 11, 2022