

ST. IGNACE TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

November 8, 2023

Amended

The regular meeting of the St. Ignace Township Board of Trustees was held on November 8, 2023, at the Township Hall. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Danielson.

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

Absent: None

Public Comment: None

Minutes:

Clerk Oja submitted the minutes for the October 11, 2023 Regular meeting. Motion by Danielson, supported by McKenzie, to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report:

Treasurer Massey submitted the Treasurers Report for October. Motion made by McKenzie, supported by Allen, to accept the Treasurers report as presented. Motion carried.

Clerk Report:

Clerk Oja submitted the November expenses for approval:

General Fund:	\$4,395.26	Payroll:	\$7,594.01
Road Fund:	\$8,993.31		
Recreation Fund:	\$0.00	MI w/h Tax:	\$922.77
Sewer Fund:	\$217.57	FICA Tax:	\$1,323.46
Total:	\$12,808.86		

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

Zoning Administrator Report: None

Old Business:

MTPP Risk Reduction Grant Program Application

The Board was notified that the Michigan Township Participating Plan Board of Directors has approved the Board's grant request in the amount of \$2,500.00. The Board requested \$5,000.00. An Agreement to officially accept the amount by the Board needs to be done by December 2, 2023.

Motion by Danielson, supported by Massey, to approve the acceptance of the Michigan Township Participating Plan Risk Reduction Grant Program amount of \$2,500.00 towards security camera systems at the Township Hall. Motion carried.

Cemetery Ordinance and Rates

Clerk Oja submitted copies of the current Cemetery Ordinance and fee schedule to the Board with the areas that need to be modified. The Board will try to have this done at the December meeting.

New Business:

St. Ignace Township Board of Trustees Bylaws

The Board reviewed the new Bylaws that need to be adopted.

Motion to approve the Board of Trustees Bylaws made by Mitchell, supported by Danielson. Motion approved.

ARPA Funds

Clerk Oja requested that a portion of the remaining ARPA funds be spent towards new computers and a filing system in the township hall, as there are records that need to be locked up. She stated the funds need to be allocated by the end of 2023; however, was informed that it was not until the end of 2024.

Mackinac County ARPA Fund Request (Simmons Road)

The township had applied for ARPA funds from Mackinac County for the use of repairing Simmons Road. The County approved an amount of \$100,000.00 towards this project; however, the Mackinac County Road Commission was not in agreement with the agreement that was presented to the County by the Township. Supervisor Danielson had many questions as to why something can't be done with the road now. Lester Livermore and Dirk Heckman were present at the meeting to discuss the reasons why and offered other avenues the township could take in maintaining the road. Federal funds can be used for this project; however, this is only done every 5 years. The township needs to be at the annual meeting to request this be done.

Correspondence: None

Public Comment: Justin Bazinau had questions for the Board about the mining being done by his home. He is concerned it may be affecting his water. He will be getting his water tested.

Adjourn:

Motion made by Danielson, supported by McKenzie, to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sheri L. Oja, Clerk

Date: 12-15-2023