

## **UNAPPROVED**

August 16, 2021

A Regular meeting of the Port Austin Township Board was held at the Township Hall at 5:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

**PRESENT:** Debra Hubbard, Ray Boswell, Amanda Nienaltowski, Lou Schillinger, Paul Nienaltowski

**ABSENT:**

Motion by Amanda Nienaltowski, seconded by Ray Boswell to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on July 19, 2021, as presented. Ayes all

Motion by Amanda Nienaltowski, seconded by Lou Schillinger to approve the payment of bills as presented. Ayes all

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Supervisor opened a bid from Gene Clancy and Sons in the amount of \$10,605.00 to replace culvert on Hunter Road with a 14-gauge pipe.

Supervisor opened letter from Thomas Rapson, election inspector, in support of the board replacing the laptop used for elections as it is too slow.

Copies of a request from two shareholders at Whalen's Campground was given to all board members. A copy was given to Road Commission to investigate.

Clerk gave a brief update on Central Huron Ambulance.

No PAASWA minutes were received.

No fire department minutes were received.

No police report this month

Neil Hentschl, representing Huron County Road Commission, had some questions for the board as to why an ad was placed in paper for bids to replace a culvert when the Road Commission is liable for the roads and had already submitted a quote. After some discussion it was decided that in the future if the board had questions, the Road Commission can be contacted for answers.

Treasurers Report- The second (2nd) and (3<sup>rd</sup>) disbursements for SET were made. Taxes are due on September 14. Treasurers' deputy will be at the hall from 9:00 to 5:00 to collect taxes. There has not been any news on the ARPA funds yet.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Motion by Amanda Nienaltowski, seconded by Paul Nienaltowski to make a budget adjustment by moving \$600.00 from 868.955 Uncategorized Expenses to 265.931 Janitorial. Ayes all

Motion by Lou Schillinger, seconded by Ray Boswell to make a budget adjustment by moving \$3,000.00 from 265.730 Hall Improvements to 265.930 Repairs & Maintenance for grass cutting at the hall. Ayes all

Randy Miller, 911 Director gave the board an update on the disaster funds that are available from the state for township residents that had damage from the tornado on June 26, 2021. There will be paperwork at the township hall for anyone to fill out even if they received money before. The deadline to return the request is September 1, 2021. There is \$173,000.00 to be distributed. Also, the county commissioners have allocated \$2,500.00 to the township for any cost that were incurred from the storm.

Ken Lind, from EMC insurance gave a proposal to the board for insurance coverage. After the presentation it was decided to table this until closer to the townships policy expiration date in February.

Ray Boswell, trustee, gave an update on the insurance adjuster that came to look at the damage at the hall. Township has not had a response yet.

Supervisor asked if the cleaning company had turned in their insurance yet. A copy of the binder is on file now.

Motion by Amanda Nienaltowski, to rescind the motion to approve tax rates for 2021 Paul Nienaltowski rescinded his second Ayes all.

Motion by Amanda Nienaltowski, seconded by Paul Nienaltowski to approve the tax rates for 2021. Roll call vote taken: Boswell-yes, Schillinger-yes, Hubbard-yes, A. Nienaltowski-yes, P. Nienaltowski-yes.

NEW BUSINESS: Three (3) site permits were reviewed and filed.

There was a discussion about the board using social media for communication. It was decided that the board would try not to use social media as sometimes it is not always factual.

Supervisor brought up the recording of the township meetings by the public. It was determined that under the open meetings act that the public can record the meetings if it does not interrupt business of the board or block walkways.

Supervisor thought it would be a good idea to have a mid-month work session of the board. Motion by Lou Schillinger, seconded by Amanda Nienaltowski to set a work session for September 8, 2021, at noon. Ayes all

Some discussion was had about the cell tower going up in Grindstone and the water system extension and a siren in the township.

Margaret Young brought up the fact that the board has two very capable people interested in the ZBA and asked if the board could appoint both and have Lou Schillinger as a member instead of an alternate. No action taken.

Clerk brought up the fact that the county is sending her specs for a new election computer and that will need to be addressed soon. There isn't an election in November currently.

Motion by Lou Schillinger, seconded by Ray Boswell to reimburse the former supervisor with a 1099 for \$4000.00 by returning the money from perpetual care and put into a line item 171.703 Previous Supervisor reimbursement. Roll call vote taken: Boswell-yes, Schillinger-yes, Hubbard-yes, A Nienaltowski-no, P Nienaltowski-yes

Supervisor questioned weather there was a limit on the amount of funds that can be in the police account. There is no limit on the balance of funds in the account from a millage.

Supervisor asked what the minimum amount of people it would take for an election. Clerk stated that there needs to be a balance from both parties so the bare minimum would be four.

Supervisor questioned weather the backflow device had been checked per a vote at the last meeting. It has been checked and Jake's will be sending any paperwork to PAASWA.

Supervisor questioned the terms of the planning commission and what the staggered terms are.

Motion by Paul Nienaltowski, seconded by Lou Schillinger to adjourn at 7:14 p.m. Ayes all

Respectfully,

Debra Hubbard  
Clerk/Port Austin Township

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