

UNAPPROVED

July 19, 2021

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

Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENT: Debra Hubbard, Ray Boswell, Amanda Nienaltowski, Louis Schillinger, Paul Nienaltowski

ABSENT:

Motion by Paul Nienaltowski, seconded by Ray Boswell to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on June 21, 2021 with one correction: Motion by Paul Nienaltowski, seconded by Amanda Nienaltowski to employ ~~Quickie Bookkeeping~~ J & W Cleaning for cleaning of the hall at \$30.00 a cleaning up to two times a month being an at will position. There was discussion about being insured and security. Ayes-3 Nays-1 Hubbard. Ayes all

Motion by Amanda Nienaltowski, seconded by Lou Schillinger to approve the payment of bills as presented with the addition of the library payroll for June when it is received. Ayes all

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from Margaret Young was presented to the board. Margaret had several questions about board decisions at the last meeting. The boards awarding a bid that did not meet the criteria that was in the ad-paying Emterra bill without getting information on a substantial increase-accepting a bid from cleaning company without references or insurance- no action on ZBA appointment and the private messaging after meeting.

Letter of interest to be appointed to the ZBA from Darcie Finan was given to all board members. Supervisor also had a letter from Deanna Kidd for the same position. This was tabled until a later date.

Clerk gave an update on Central Huron  
Supervisor gave an update on PAASWA  
No minutes from Fire Department his month.

No police report this month

Treasurers Report- First disbursement of SET was done. Treasurer updated board on the ARPA funds available to the township. The deadline to apply is July 27, 2021.

Motion by Amanda Nienaltowski, seconded by Lou Schillinger to have the township apply for the funds. Ayes all

Motion by Paul Nienaltowski, seconded by Ray Boswell to sign the Principles of Governance from MTA. Ayes all

NEW BUSINESS: Four (4) site permits were reviewed and filed.

Motion by Amanda Nienaltowski, seconded by Paul Nienaltowski to approve the tax rates for 2021 as read. No Roll call vote taken. Voice vote taken Ayes all

Motion by Lou Schillinger, seconded by Amanda Nienaltowski to sign a contract with View newspaper to place legal ads with them until August 2023. Ayes all

An estimate of ten thousand seven hundred eighty dollars and fifty cents (\$10,780.50) was given to the board from the road commission to replace a culvert on Hunter Road. After discussion it was decided to place an ad in the paper to get bids on the replacement with the specs to be used from Road Commission bid. Motion by Ray Boswell, seconded by Paul Nienaltowski to place an ad in View Newspaper. Ayes all

Discussion on the backflow device that is in the township hall and that it needs to be tested every three years. Anyone that is ASSE certified can do the testing. It was stated that the cost would be around (\$200.00) two hundred dollars.

Motion by Louis Schillinger, seconded by Paul Nienaltowski to call Jake's Plumbing to do the test since they are the ones that installed the plumbing. Ayes all

Discussion on the Larned Road speed study. Several vehicles have been photo'd and most cases are between noon and one o'clock. Sheriff Hanson asked the board to contact the Village and coordinate more patrols in the area. Treasurer will take the information to the Village council.

Supervisor brought up the Health Department had sent testing studies from a few houses located on Fine Oaks Trail. This is something that they send regularly.

Clerk asked the board to preapprove paying the board of review members as they will be meeting the next day.

Motion by Paul Nienaltowski, second by Ray Boswell to preapprove the payment to the board of review members for July 20, 2021. Ayes all

Margaret Young brought up the fact that Wallace Road will need to be added to the chloride process because the road is getting a lot more traffic lately and the weather has been dry. Supervisor will contact our road commission person and add the road to the list. Motion by Louis Schillinger, seconded by Ray Boswell to add Wallace Road to the list of roads to be brined in perpetuity. Ayes all

Judy Beam addressed the board about several concerns. First was the cleaning company not providing insurance to the Township. Supervisor said he will ask for proof of insurance and the board will have a copy next month. It was stated that if no one is in office that office will not be cleaned. Next, she asked about the meetings being open to the public. Supervisor said that the special meeting was posted and open to the public. The intent of the meeting was to talk about funds that are received from tornado donations, this was set up with the Lion's Club. Asked about the \$2500.00 from the county and how that will be spent. Supervisor stated that has not been decided yet. Third, she asked about insurance coverage at the township hall and what is in our policy. The township had a few nicks and chips on the siding and minimal shingles were damaged.

Motion by Lou Schillinger, seconded by Ray Boswell to contact the Burnham & Flower Insurance company and file a claim. Ayes all

Treasurer wanted to thank Martha Babcock and another lady from out of state for all the help they provided to cleaning up the Township property after the tornado.

Clerk informed the board that a resident of the village had asked to borrow tables for a garage sale. After discussion it was decided to not loan out Township property. Motion by Ray Boswell, seconded by Amanda Nienaltowski to not allow Township property to be loaned out. Ayes all

Clerk also stated that Peggy Miller had taken her certification to be an election inspector and the upcoming election would be an excellent one to get trained in. Motion by Amanda Nienaltowski, seconded by Ray Boswell to approve Peggy Miller as an election inspector for the August 3, 2021, election. Ayes all

Lou Schillinger wanted to express his appreciation for the community coming together and working to clean up after the tornado.

Ray Boswell reminded the board that Brandt Rousseaux wanted his donation back. Lou Schillinger will contact Brandt to find out which of the two scenarios he wanted the board to use.

Supervisor thanked all the public that attended the meeting.

Motion by Paul Nienaltowski, seconded by Amanda Nienaltowski to adjourn at 6:48 p.m. Ayes all

Respectfully,

Debra Hubbard  
Clerk/Port Austin Township

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