

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALLOUEZ TOWNSHIP BOARD

April 15, 2021 Meeting

Thursday, April 15, 2021.

6:00 p.m. at Allouez Township Community Building, 388 Bumbletown Road, Allouez.

Guests present: Robert Tarvis, Aaron Waara, Gary Bracco, Emmett Bjorn, Roger Makie, Brian Sickler, Marlene Sickler, John Cima, LaVerne Kytta, Cody Carlson, Michael Gage, and Dave Taivalkoski.

Meeting called to order by Supervisor at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Aho.

Roll Call; board members present: Supervisor Aho, Treasurer Newman, Clerk Haataja, Trustee Haataja, and Trustee Kaura.

Motion by Supervisor Aho, seconded by Clerk Haataja, to approve the April 15, 2021, Regular Board Meeting Agenda. All ayes; carried.

Minutes of the March 4, 2021, Special Meeting and the March 18, 2021, Regular Meeting were presented. Motion by Supervisor Aho, seconded by Treasurer Newman, to approve the Special Meeting and the Regular Meeting Minutes. All ayes; carried.

Motion by Supervisor Aho, seconded by Clerk Haataja, to accept the Financial Report, and to approve the following:

BILLS PAID BETWEEN MEETINGS:

General Fund: \$12,753.27; **Sewer Maintenance Fund:** \$1993.30;
Sanitation Fund: \$9,581.89; **Cemetery Fund:** \$0.00; **Fire Protection Fund:** \$1079.93;
Mohawk Park: \$0.00; **Ahmeek Ice Rink:** \$0.00.

BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT THIS MEETING:

General Fund: \$1130.08; **Sewer Maintenance Fund:** \$4752.52; **Sanitation Fund:** \$0.00;
Cemetery Fund: \$0.00; **Fire Protection Fund:** \$0.00; **Mohawk Park:** \$0.00;
Ahmeek Ice Rink: \$0.00

All ayes; carried.

Additional bills: Motion by Clerk Haataja, seconded by Supervisor Aho, to approve payment of \$150 from the Sewer Fund to American Water. All ayes; carried. Motion by Clerk Haataja, seconded by Treasurer Newman, to approve payment of \$180 from the Fire Protection Fund to Houghton Keweenaw MCA for medical first responders' training. All ayes; carried. Motion by Clerk Haataja, seconded by Supervisor Aho, to approve payment from the General Fund of up to \$2500 to Accident Fund General Insurance Company for workman's compensation insurance. All ayes; carried. Motion by Clerk Haataja, seconded by Treasurer Newman, to spend up to \$300 for a file cabinet for the clerk's office. All ayes; carried.

Correspondence: Ann Gasperich sent an email regarding an opening on the Planning Commission as well as two alternate openings on the Zoning Board of Appeals. If you are aware of interested parties, please have them send a letter of interest to Julie Carlson, County Clerk, 5095 Fourth Street, Mohawk, MI 49950, or email her at: clerk@keweenawcountymi.gov.

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Non-agenda issues: LaVerne Kytta asked for board confirmation that it's OK to use the Mohawk Park and building for a graduation party. Board said the public is free to use the park; donation by park users in this situation is optional.

Fire Department: Per Fire Chief, Gary Bracco, no calls since the last meeting. Motion made by Trustee Kaura, seconded by Supervisor Aho, to approve up to \$4000 to replace batteries, lights, and siren in necessary fire vehicles. All ayes; carried.

Medical First Responders: Per MFR Coordinator, Cody Carlson, six calls since the last meeting. EMS conference is April 17/18 weekend.

Public Works: None.

Sanitation. Motion by Supervisor Aho, seconded by Treasurer Newman, to add new sanitation customers in the following parcels: 102-33-304-005, yearly \$245; 102-33-450-005 yearly \$245; 101-54-000-010 yearly \$245; 102-33-304-003 yearly \$245. All ayes; carried.

Cemetery Report and Requests: Motion by Supervisor Aho, seconded by Treasurer Newman, to open the cemetery. All ayes; carried.

Parks and Recreation Reports and Requests: None

Assessor's Report and Request: None

OFFICER REPORTS:

Supervisor: Motion by Supervisor Aho, seconded by Treasurer Newman, to approve up to \$300 to set up remote computing at Supervisor's residence. All ayes; carried.

Clerk: State Tax Commission approved our 3-year recertification for use of a computerized assessment roll by a local unit.

Treasurer: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Fire Hall Project: Much discussion. Motion by Trustee Kaura, seconded by Trustee Haataja, to approve payment of \$28,500 from the Fire Protection Fund for Phase 2 (final plans, specifications, and bid project). All ayes; carried. Phase 1 approved at 12-19-2019 meeting.

Sewer System Project – Emmett Bjorn gave update; they're right on schedule for doing field walk-throughs this month and are asking EGLE for low flow discharge request information to determine if seasonal discharge is possible in two different stream locations. Motion by Clerk Haataja, seconded by Supervisor Aho, to approve payment of \$1115.00 from the sewer fund to UPEA. All ayes; carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Township cleanup date is tabled for now; tentative plan is in fall.

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Resolution to Provide Written Procedures for Real and Personal Property Tax Exemptions #2021-04-15-01. The foregoing resolution offered by Board Member Newman and supported by Board Member T. Haataja. Upon roll call vote, the following voted:

Aye: Treasurer Newman, Trustee Kaura, Supervisor Aho, Trustee Haataja, Clerk Haataja

Nay: None

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Assessor Contract: Motion by Treasurer Newman, seconded by Trustee Kaura, to accept the Assessor's Agreement for the April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022 year and which includes a 3% salary increase. All ayes; carried.

Payroll schedule: Motion by Clerk Haataja, seconded by Supervisor Aho, to approve the payroll schedule for the 4/1/2021 fiscal year. All ayes; carried.

Clerk and Treasurer Wages/Funds: Motion by Supervisor Aho, seconded by Treasurer Newman, to approve payment of 5% of clerk's wages from the sewer fund, 10% of treasurer's wages from the sewer fund, and 10% of treasurer's wages continue from the sanitation fund. All ayes; carried.

Houghton Township Fire Protection Agreement: Fire Chief Bracco and Supervisor Aho will meet with Houghton Township officials soon regarding this agreement.

Cemetery discussion: green burials were discussed briefly due an inquiry to Supervisor Aho; no action taken at this time.

Other discussion: None

Time was allowed for public comment: None

Motion by Supervisor Aho, seconded by Treasurer Newman, to adjourn the meeting. All ayes; carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

Trudi Haataja, Clerk

