

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALLOUEZ TOWNSHIP BOARD

September 16, 2021 Meeting

Thursday, September 16, 2021.

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

Guests present: Aaron Waara, Roger Makie, Marlene Sickler, Brian Sickler, Gary Bracco, and Emmett Bjorn.

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Aho.

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

Motion by Supervisor Aho, seconded by Clerk Haataja, to approve the September 16, 2021, Regular Board Meeting Agenda. All ayes; carried.

Minutes of the August 19, 2021, Regular Meeting were presented. Motion by Supervisor Aho, seconded by Treasurer Newman, to approve 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: \$16,097.50; **Sewer Maintenance Fund:** \$4202.75; **Sanitation Fund:** \$10,209.73;
Cemetery Fund: \$0.00; **Fire Protection Fund - SNB:** \$287,452.85; **Fire Protection Fund - IB:** \$284,802.78;
Mohawk Park: \$0.00; **Ahmeek Ice Rink:** \$0.00.

BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT THIS MEETING:

General Fund: \$999.37; **Sewer Maintenance Fund:** \$2998.37; **Sanitation Fund:** \$0.00;
Cemetery Fund: \$0.00; **Fire Protection Fund - SNB:** \$1071.67; **Fire Protection Fund - IB:** \$0.00;
Mohawk Park: \$0.00; **Ahmeek Ice Rink:** \$0.00

All ayes; carried.

Additional bills:

Motion by Supervisor Aho, seconded by Treasurer Newman, to approve payment of four bills as outlined in the attached for \$10,481.91. All ayes; carried. Motion by Supervisor Aho, seconded by Treasurer Newman, to pay up to \$2022.00 to Accident Fund based on the clerk's conversation with Accident Fund regarding the significant increase in premiums. All ayes; carried. We'll ask the agent to check prices with other workman compensation insurance carriers.

CORRESPONDENCE:

We received the annual audit from Jackie Aalto, and correspondence sent to Jackie from our attorney regarding no known pending or threatened claims against the township.

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Time was allowed for public comment on non-agenda issues.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Per Fire Chief, Gary Bracco, one call since the last meeting (car accident). Motion by Supervisor Aho, seconded by Treasurer Newman, to approve up to \$800 for heater valve, five gallon foams, and six foot pipe pole payable from the Restricted Fire Fund. All ayes; carried. Motion by Supervisor Aho, seconded by Treasurer Newman, to approve up to \$400 for pager repair, payable from the restricted fire fund, but to be paid back by the county (if they don't pay up front). All ayes; carried.

MEDICAL FIRST RESPONDERS: Three calls since last meeting; seven calls the previous month. Forty-eight calls total for the year so far.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Motion by Supervisor Aho, seconded by Treasurer Newman, to approve Caleb Heikkinen's resignation. All ayes; carried.

Sanitation: Motion by Treasurer Newman, seconded by Supervisor Aho, to allow 1070 S. Ahmeek Street (property# 101-53-003-011) to start yearly garbage pick up effective immediately at a pro-rated rate. All ayes; carried. Motion by Supervisor Aho, seconded by Treasurer Newman, to reimburse Ronald Vallone \$20.00 from township clean-up day, for being unable to use his vouchers (unsafe load). All ayes; carried. Motion by Treasurer Newman, seconded by Clerk Haataja, to allow previously delinquent garbage customers to be added again to garbage only if they pay up front the pro-rated costs for the remaining part of the year, and the yearly rate for the subsequent year. All ayes; carried. As per our guidelines, we will add these new homeowners at a pro-rated rate: property numbers 102-22-350-002 (seasonal), 101-53-002-006 (yearly), and 102-34-202-101 (yearly).

Sewer: Per Treasurer Newman the final notices went out.

CEMETERY REPORT & REQUESTS:

PARKS & REC REPORTS & REQUESTS:

OFFICER REPORTS –

Supervisor's report:

Clerk's report:

Treasurer's report: Remote deposit is up and running with Superior National Bank, and the deputy treasurer is trained on it.

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OLD BUSINESS:

Fire Hall Project: Change to the plan in adding washer and dryer hook up. Motion by Supervisor Aho, seconded by Treasurer Newman, to approve paving in front of the township hall and in front of the existing fire hall in the amount of \$23,788.00. All ayes; carried.

Sewer System Project: The SHPO (State Historical Preservation Office) and environmental review process is started. We need a Legal Services Agreement and a Bond Counsel Estimate. Emmett Bjorn and Supervisor Aho will work with attorneys on getting these. We also need our SAM.gov number. The EGLE compliance/violation letter should be received soon. Motion by Supervisor Aho, seconded by Treasurer Newman, to adopt the Conflict of Interest Policy. All ayes; carried.

Water Connection, Township Hall: tabled

Recreation Plan/Seneca Lake Expansion: tabled

Cemetery easement: Supervisor didn't hear anything back from the seller.

Ice rink lot expansion finalization: Motion by Treasurer Newman, seconded by Supervisor Aho, to approve up to \$700 for title insurance and closing costs. All ayes; carried. Motion by Supervisor Aho, seconded by Treasurer Newman, to pay up to \$755.00 to Hein Surveying based on Trustee Kaura's conversation with them. All ayes; carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Keweenaw County Department of Veteran's Affairs Office Lease – Motion by Treasurer Newman, seconded by Supervisor Aho, to approve the lease agreement for the Allouez Township Community Building office space to Keweenaw County Department of Veteran's Affairs from October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022. All ayes; carried.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) – township was approved for the projected amount of \$146,000+; we have until October 31, 2021, to report how it'll be used.

2021 Tax Rate Request – Motion by Supervisor Aho, seconded by Treasurer Newman, to levy the maximum allowable millage levy for both operating and the fire millage. All ayes; carried.

Time was allowed for public comment:

Motion by Supervisor Aho, seconded by Clerk Haataja, to adjourn the meeting. All ayes; carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Trudi Haataja, Clerk

