

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALLOUEZ TOWNSHIP BOARD**

**January 20, 2022 Meeting**

Thursday, January 20, 2022.

6:00 p.m. at Allouez Township Hall, 102 Second Street, Mohawk, MI.

Guests present: Emmett Bjorn, Tracy Hall, Ace Laurie, Roger Perrault, Aaron Waara, Gary Bracco, and Daniel Yoder.

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, Clerk Haataja, Trustee Kaura, and Trustee Haataja. Absent: Treasurer Newman.

Motion by Supervisor Aho, seconded by Trustee Kaura, to approve the January 20, 2022, Regular Board Meeting Agenda. All ayes; carried.

Minutes of the December 16, 2021, Regular Meeting were presented. Motion by Supervisor Aho, seconded by Clerk Haataja, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes. All ayes; carried.

Motion by Trustee Kaura, seconded by Supervisor Aho, to accept the **Financial Report** and to approve the following:

**BILLS PAID BETWEEN MEETINGS:**

**General Fund:** \$33,189.56

**BILLS PAID IN DECEMBER 2021 :**

**Sewer Maintenance Fund:** \$3664.46; **Sanitation Fund:** \$10,172.59; **Cemetery Fund:** \$0.00; **Fire Protection Fund - SNB:** \$1294.04; **Fire Protection Fund - IB:** \$202,000.00; **Mohawk Park:** \$0.00; **Ahmeek Ice Rink:** \$0.00.

**BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT THIS MEETING:**

**General Fund:** \$3393.80; **Sewer Maintenance Fund:** \$18,719.22; **Sanitation Fund:** \$0.00; **Cemetery Fund:** \$0.00; **Fire Protection Fund - SNB:** \$59.92; **Fire Protection Fund - IB:** \$0.00; **Mohawk Park:** \$61.01; **Ahmeek Ice Rink:** \$174.04

All ayes; carried.

**Additional bills:**

Motion by Clerk Haataja, seconded by Supervisor Aho, to approve payment of \$86.18 to Pomasi Fire Equipment payable out of the Restricted Fire Fund. All ayes; carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Question from Ahmeek Village resident about the \$2/parcel charge included in tax bills.

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

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Report from Fire Chief, Gary Bracco, 2 calls since the last meeting. One returning fireman, Chad Stafford, is back on the roster bringing the roster count to seventeen. Motion by Supervisor Aho, seconded by Trustee Haataja, to purchase six carbon air tanks and four SCBA boxes and spend up to \$7000 payable from the Restricted Fire Fund. All ayes; carried.

**MEDICAL FIRST RESPONDERS:** Report from Cody Carlson; 70 calls total in 2021. Four calls this year-to-date. Interest from a new resident in being a first responder.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

**Sanitation:** New homeowner, Property# 101.33.101.002, at 3459 #6 Road – adding to garbage per our guidelines.

**Sewer:**

**Cemetery Report & Requests:**

**Parks & Rec Reports & Requests:**

**Assessor's Report:**

**OFFICER REPORTS –**

**Supervisor's report:** n/a

**Clerk's report:** brought up idea of collecting township resident email addresses for getting out township information and news to residents in a cost-effective way.

**Treasurer's report:** n/a

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Fire Hall Project -** project is pretty much finished

1. Phone and Internet - tabled this until snow melts.

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**Sewer System Project** – almost all parts of the Rural Development (RD) application are completed. Notice of Intent will be published in the newspaper indicating amount of \$3,082,000 will be requested for funding the township sewer project. Once the application is complete, it'll be uploaded online . After RD completes initial review, Supervisor can submit to the state. Most likely we'll get an eligibility letter from the state indicating when this project may be funded. UPEA and Aaron Waara's field investigations completed in the last month or so indicates that drain fields are in good condition.

### NEW BUSINESS:

**School tax collection:** Motion by Supervisor Aho, seconded by Trustee Kaura, to collect taxes for CLK and Copper Country ISD at \$6.00/parcel. All ayes; carried.

**ACH resolution:** Motion by Clerk Haataja, seconded by Supervisor Aho, to approve Allouez Township Automated Clearing House (ACH) Policy. Roll call vote: Ayes: Trustee Kaura, Trustee Haataja, Supervisor Aho, Clerk Haataja. Nays: None.

**Board of Review training:** Motion by Supervisor Aho, seconded by Clerk Haataja, to approve online training February 25 for up to 8 people at \$78/person. All ayes; carried.

**Copper Dog trail use:** Motion by Supervisor Aho, seconded by Trustee Kaura, to approve Copper Dog's use of our trails. All ayes; carried.

**Cemetery plots purchase:** Motion by Supervisor Aho, seconded by Clerk Haataja, to purchase burial rights from Robert Hatala for \$150. All ayes; carried.

**Budget review:** Supervisor and Clerk will review this further.

**Clerk resignation:** Motion by Supervisor Aho, seconded by Trustee Kaura, to accept Clerk Haataja's resignation effective February 28, 2022. All ayes; carried.

### **Other discussion:**

### **Time was allowed for public comment.**

Motion by Supervisor Aho, seconded by Trustee Kaura, to adjourn the meeting. All ayes; carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.



Trudi Haataja, Clerk