

'REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALLOUEZ TOWNSHIP BOARD

April 21, 2022

Thursday, April 21, 2022

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

Guests present: Aaron Waara, Emmet Bjorn, Gary Bracco, Cody Carlson, 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 Butala, Trustee Kaura, and Trustee Haataja, and Treasurer Newman.

Motion by Supervisor Aho, Second by Treasurer Newman to approve previous meeting agenda

Minutes of the March 17, 2022, Regular Meeting and March 22, 2022, Special Meeting were presented. Motion by Treasurer Newman, seconded by Trustee Kaura, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes and Special meeting minutes. All ayes; carried.

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

FEBRUARY AND MARCH BILLS PAID

February 18, 2022 to March 17, 2022

Sanitation Fund \$19,816.00, Fire Mileage \$10,262.26, General Fund \$5,824.914

March 18, 2022 to April 16, 2022

Sewer \$1,876.62, Fire Mileage \$369.27, General Fund \$31,859.56

CORRESPONDENCE: Attorney for the Township notified that Keith Deforge will be pursuing the Personal Residence Exemption to the Michigan State of Appeals after being declined by the Tax Tribunal.

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

*Approved at
5/17/22 meeting
RB*

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Report from Fire Chief, Gary Bracco, 2 Fire calls in past month. 1 new member, Tim Booth, bringing membership up to 19. Will be requesting a \$5000 grant from the Portage Health Foundation for updating equipment. Will be asking for \$2500.00 in matching funds if grant is approved. Motion by Supervisor Aho, Second by Trustee Kaura to purchase from the Restricted Fire Fund, \$1700.00 for hose and nozzle for backup brush truck and \$300.00 to purchase battery maintenance for remaining 3 vehicles at \$100 per vehicle. All ayes; carried.

MEDICAL FIRST RESPONDERS: Report from Cody Carlson, 17 calls for the year. Motion by Supervisor Aho an Seconded by Treasurer Newman to approve \$300.00 from the Restricted Fire Fund to purchase 2 rechargeable led lights. All ayes: carried.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Sanitation: Motion by Treasurer Newman, seconded by Supervisor Aho, to remove yearly garbage for property #s 101-55-000-055 due to foreclosure. Add parcel # 101-53-001-009 beginning January 1, 2022 for property that was purchased on auction. All ayes; carried.

Sewer: Motion by Supervisor Aho, Second Treasurer Newman to pay the past interest from the sewer fund to the General fund in the amount of \$1350.00. All ayes: carried

Cemetery Report & Requests

Motion by Clerk Butala, second by Treasurer Newman to accept the transfer of 4 cemetery plots in section #6 from Bardo to Aho. All ayes: carried

Parks & Rec Reports & Requests:

Assessor's Report:

OFFICER REPORTS –

Supervisor's report:

K.O.R.C. meeting 4 /27/22 to be attended by Supervisor Aho and Trustee Kaura Michigan American Water Company name change to Upper Michigan Water. No other changes regarding billing or rates at this time.

Motion by Supervisor Aho 2nd by Treasurer Newman to appoint Laura Rajala as a Board of Review alternate .Carried; Ayes

Kermit's Kids sign up May 14, 2022 from 10 am to 12 noon at the township hall.

Motion by Trustee Kaura 2nd Clerk Butala to hire 2 summer workers through the Kermit's Kids program. Carried: ayes

Clerk's report:

Monthly bills to be paid upon receiving of bills, with all high amount or questionable bills to be approved by the board.

May 6, 2022 Kurt Knowles will be doing election machine maintenance and training with Clerk, Deputy Clerk and Election officials, Marcy Hermanson and Janet Rozich

Treasurer's report: Motion by Treasurer Newman, seconded by Supervisor Aho, to automatically pay overpayments as needed by the township for ATCB refunds and bill overpayments Carried: ayes.

Treasure Newman will work on cleaning out old quick books accounts in the Sanitation Fund per Township Auditor, Jackie Aalto.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sewer System Project – Emmet Bjorn is comparing the funding of Rural Development Grants vs Eagle Project Grants.

New sewer resolution to be sent to Bjorn regarding increase in new budget year.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. ARPA Spending
- B. Sewer Fund Interest Payments
 - a. Motion by Supervisor Aho, 2nd Treasurer Newman to begin paying the interest back to the General Fund in the amount of \$1350.00 from the sewer fund to the general fund. This is for the 1 & 1/2 year of now principal or interest payments made.
- C. Street Lights
 - a. Letter of interest from Ric Hammerstrom to add street lights to the Sedar Bay road. Supervisor Aho will look into the pricing.
- D. Mohawk Park
 - a. Rental / or Donation to use Park building for parties; will discuss with park committee
 - b. Porta Johns to be put up as soon as weather allows
 - c. Use of bounce houses in park, looking into liability
- E. Motion by Clerk Butala 2nd by Supervisor Aho to pay Robert Tarvis \$35 per hour for final closing of audit, \$25 per hour for clerk training. Carried; ayes.
- F. Public Works
 - a. Motion made by trustee Kaura, 2nd Treasurer Newman to hire William Luokkonen on as a "as needed" public works employee up to 40 hours per week at \$17.00 per hour to assist with ongoing and new projects. Carried; ayes.

Other discussion:

Time was allowed for public comment.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Rebecca Butala, Clerk