

MEETING OF THE ALLOUEZ TOWNSHIP BOARD

November 17, 2022

Thursday, November 17, 2022

6:00 p.m. at Allouez Township Community Building, Allouez, MI 49805

Guests present: Courtney Rule, Mr. Parkin & member of Planning Commission

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, Treasurer Newman, Trustee Haataja, absent : Trustee Kaura

Motion by Treasurer Supervisor Aho, 2nd Treasurer Newman, to approve November 17, 2022, Regular Board Meeting Agenda. All ayes; carried.

Motion by Supervisor Aho, 2nd Clerk Butala to approve the previous meeting minutes for October 20, 2022. Carried; ayes.

Motion by Supervisor Aho, 2nd Treasurer Newman to accept the Financial Report; Carried; ayes
Motion by Supervisor Aho, 2nd Trustee Haataja to approve Monthly Bills. Carried; ayes.

Bills Paid (see Cash Disbursement Journals for details)

Fire: \$507.79

Sanitation Fund: \$4819.89

Sewer Fund: \$2053.74

General Fund: \$22,003.68

CORRESPONDENCE n/a

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Issues:

Resident Courtney Rule and Mr. Parkin addressed the board requesting upgrades to the Ahmeek Park located by the Ahmeek Ice Rink. Following discussion, the board will look into these upgrades as the park is being used by local children.

The Planning and Zoning Commission will be investigating short term, air b&b's, in Keweenaw County and the permits required for these properties. Currently there are 180 known rentals in the county. The township will be receiving a letter with more information and how to update this with Keweenaw County

FIRE DEPARTMENT: 54 calls year to date

Motion by Supervisor Aho, 2nd Treasurer Newman to approve up to \$300 for a tool hose, up to \$1000.00 for upgrading lighting to the bus, tanker and brush truck, up to \$480.00 for the repair of the pump on the brush truck that was damaged at the Central fire. All to come out of the restricted fire fund. Carried; ayes

MEDICAL FIRST RESPONDERS:

Motion by Supervisor Aho, 2nd Clerk Butala to approve up to \$100.00 form the Fire Fund to replace the tailgate switch on the 1st Responder Tahoe, Carried; ayes

For December meeting, there could be a change in the First Responder Coordinator, this will be addressed at the December meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Sanitation: n/a

Sewer: n/a

Cemetery Report & Requests: n/a

Parks & Rec Reports & Requests: n/a

Assessor's Report: attached

OFFICER REPORTS –

Supervisor's report:

n/a

Clerk's report:

Clerk Butala informed the board to the change in Deputy Clerk. Clerk Butala chose Janet Rozich.

Motion made by Clerk Butala, 2nd Treasurer Newman to pay Deputy Clerk \$17.00 per hour.

Clerk Butala will notify banks, Superior National, Range, Incredible to update the signature authorizations for the township. Carried; ayes

Clerk Butala informed the Board of the \$10,000 grant awarded by the Portage Health Foundation for improvements at the Mohawk/Fulton Parks.

Treasurer's report :

The rental agreement for the Allouez Township Community Building needs to be rewritten per the insurance company. A separate insurance will be required if any alcoholic beverages are to be available for an event at the ATCB. Treasurer Newman will work with the insurance company to change the agreement and update the insurance requirements for rentals.

Old Business:

Sewer Project

Per Emmet Bjorn, still waiting on the State to see what funds are available for grants

KSAR

Per the Township attorney, they will write up the sale documentation but will need a Title Company for closing for the sale to Keweenaw County. A legal description needs to be done in the Spring of 2023 to be able to write up agreement.

Motion by Treasurer Newman, 2nd Clerk Butal that Keweenaw County will take over utility payments for the garage until the sale of the garage is complete. Carried; ayes

Township Truck

Motion by Supervisor Aho, 2nd Treasurer Newman to appoint Trustee Haataja and Trustee Kaura will work on information for bids on the truck from dealerships. Carried; ayes

NEW BUSINESS:

UPPCO Appliance Clean up

Supervisor Aho presented an offer by UPPCO for an appliance clean up. This will be coordinated with the Fall Cleanup.

Computers and AV Equipment

Motion by Clerk Butala, 2nd Supervisor Aho to upgrade computers for Supervisor, Treasurer and Clerk for up to \$6000.00 to include new equipment and transfer and update of all information by Up and Running. A down payment to be paid to Up and Running for equipment with final payment after installation and upgrades. Carried; ayes

Property Disposal Sale

Motion by Supervisor Aho, 2nd Treasurer Newman to have a sale of old township property tentatively on Saturday January 19, 2023 at the ATCB Carried; ayes

Township Hall Upgrades

Motion by Supervisor Aho, 2nd Treasurer Newman to move monthly meetings back to the Allouez Township Offices in January 2023 with this being publicized via newsletter and website; Carried; ayes

Prices for meeting room furniture, table/chairs, will be looked at during the December 2022 meeting.

Other Discussions:

Resident Courtney Rule brought up the blight in Allouez Township. Supervisor Aho has been working with KEDA to look at blighted buildings and the potential for grants to tear down those buildings. This will be looked at closer in the spring when weather permits.

Public Comment: n/a

Adjournment:

Motion by Supervisor Aho, 2nd Treasurer Newman to adjourn meeting at 6:48 PM Carried; ayes

Rebecca Butala, Clerk

