

MEETING OF THE ALLOUEZ TOWNSHIP BOARD

January 17, 2023

Thursday, January 17, 2023

6:00 p.m. at Allouez Township Offices, 102 Second St. Mohawk MI 49950

Guests present: Aaron Waara, Gary Bracco, Cody Carlson, Ace Laurie, Laurie Hamlin,
Members of Keweenaw Community Foundation

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 Butala, Trustee Haataja, absent: Trustee Kaura

Motion by Treasurer Supervisor Aho, 2nd Treasurer Newman, to approve January 17, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Agenda. All ayes; carried.

Motion by Trustee Haataja, 2nd Clerk Butala to approve the previous meeting minutes for December 15, 2022. Carried; ayes.

Motion by Supervisor Aho, 2nd Trustee Haataja 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: \$ 9,052.29 Sanitation Fund: \$ 11,202.66 Sewer Fund: \$ 1,669.27

General Fund: \$ 8,773.03

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from CLK schools thanking for the Township for agreeing to collect the summer taxes.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

2 Calls since last meeting

Grant from the Portage Health Foundation with the \$2500.00 township match is completed.

Motion by Supervisor Aho, 2nd Treasurer Newman to approve up to \$500.00 for miscellaneous tools to replenish tool bags. Carried; ayes

Supervisor's report:

n/a

Clerk's report:

Supervisor Aho has billed KSAR for December 2022 & January 2023 for \$250.00 per month for snow removal.

Annual Interest payment for firehall was paid out of the Money Market account at Incredible Bank in the amount of \$5,796.15 on January 3, 2023.

Payment to reimburse the Fire Restricted fund for any utilities that were accidentally paid through there instead of the Fire Fund. Clerk Butala to contact any utilities to correct this error.

Sage Accounting

Program was disabled upon installation of new computers. In the effort to retrieve the previous data and reinstall Sage Accounting to the township there was a fraudulent 3rd party that charged the township \$3, 570.55 Due to this fraud, Clerk Butala has closed the general fund account and reopened the account at Superior National Bank. Efforts are being made to recoup this amount. The fraud was reported to the FTC.

Motion by Clerk Butala, 2nd by Treasurer Newman to order new checks for the general fund from Desinotype with new account numbers at the cost of \$235.00 for 1000 checks.

Carried; ayes

KSAR utility bills that have been paid by the Township during the transition will be billed to Keweenaw County for reimbursement.

Treasurer's report:

Motion by Treaurer Newman, 2nd Clerk Butala to refund Virginia Lambert \$150.00 for rental of the ATCB on 12/24/2023 due to unforeseen bad weather. Carried; ayes.

Old Business:

Sewer Project

No updates

County Land Acquisiton Planning Committee

Motion by Clerk Butala, 2nd Treasurer Newman to designate Supervisor Aho to represent Allouez Township. Carried; ayes

MEDICAL FIRST RESPONDERS:

59 calls year to date for 2022, 3 calls in 2023

PUBLIC WORKS: n/a

Sanitation: Motion by Treasure Newman, 2nd Supervisor Aho to remove 440 Oak street from garbage for 2023 Parcel # 101-54-000-053 Carried; ayes

New Homeowners to be added:

Parcels: 101-54-000-027

101-54-000-039

Sewer: n/a

Cemetery Report & Requests:

n/a

Parks & Rec Reports & Requests:

Report from Ace Laurie on Ice Rink, opened on December 15, 2023, have been booking parties through February 2023.

February 12, 2023 there will be an open house/fund raiser at the ice rink with the Calumet High School Varsity & JV hockey teams attending. All products have been donated.

Motion by Clerk Butala, 2nd Trustee Haataja to reimburse Ron (Ace) Laurie \$48.85 for supplies for the Ahmeek Ice Rink. Carried; ayes.

Laurie Hamlin presented the Board with a donation check for \$10,000.00 for new boards for the ice rink in memory of her husband, Kurt and son, Kevin.

Requesting that advertising for Gasoline Alley and Memory of Kurt & Kevin be placed on boards. Design by Copper Island Printing at \$120.00 each. Discussion of advertising on new boards to be looked into by Supervisor Aho on any legalities.

John Cima is working on getting a quote for new boards.

Assessor's Report: attached

OFFICER REPORTS –

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Supervisor Aho, 2nd Treasurer Newman to approve \$430.00 for Board of Review Training for Supervisor Aho, Bill Luokkanen, Mary Bjorn, Laura Rajala. Carried; ayes
Township Auditor

Current account information has been sent to Auditor to review if she is able to take Allouez Township on as a client. No word as of yet.

Other Discussions:

Presentation to the Board by the Keweenaw Community Fondation of a check for \$10,000.00 for a grant written by Clerk Butala for Mohawk Park upgrades.

Discussion of board brought up by Supervisor Aho to remove any eft withdrawls for township bills to be stopped and return to paper physical billing and payments. Clerk Butala will work on canceling auto pays to the vendors currently set up.

Public Comment: n/a

Adjournment:

Motion by Supervisor Aho, 2nd Treasurer Newman to adjourn meeting at 7:00 PM Carried; ayes

Rebecca Butala, Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Rebecca Butala', written in black ink.