

MEETING OF THE ALLOUEZ TOWNSHIP BOARD

May 10, 2023

Thursday, May 10, 2023

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

Guests present: Aaron Waara

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, Trustee Kaura

Motion by Treasurer Supervisor Aho, 2nd Clerk Butala, to approve May 10, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Agenda. All ayes; carried.

Motion by Treasurer Newman, 2nd Clerk Butala to approve the April 12,2023 Meeting Minutes. Carried; ayes

Motion by Supervisor Aho, 2nd Trustee Kaura to accept the Financial Report; Carried; ayes

Motion by Supervisor Aho, 2nd Trustee Kaura to approve Monthly Bills. Carried; ayes.

Bills Paid

Fire: \$ 1,774.85

Sanitation Fund: \$9859.01

Sewer Fund: \$5552.69

General Fund: \$21897.03

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Kermit's Keweenaw Kids administrator that Keweenaw County Kermit's kids will approve up to 100 hours at \$3.00 per hour for summer youth employees.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Motion by Treasurer Newman, 2nd Clerk Butala to approve up to \$70.00 from the fire fund to order a chair mat for the fire department office. Carried; ayes

There will be no pool fills this season.

MEDICAL FIRST RESPONDERS: n/a

PUBLIC WORKS:

Motion by Supervisor Aho, 2nd Treasurer Newman to approve up to \$220.00 for High visible gear, 5 vests, 2 jackets for Public Works employees. Carried; ayes

Sanitation:

Motion by Treasurer Newman, 2nd Supervisor Aho to allow 351 Central Street parcel 101-52-002-001 & 150 US 41 parcel 101-56-000-006 to opt into sanitation prior to normal sign up. All payments for start up fees is due prior to the initial garbage pickup for all new customers. Carried; ayes

Sewer:

For 2021, 1039 Ahmeek Street (Alan Wilson) was billed for basic service though not occupied. There will be further review on homeowner/renters residing in residents for billing purposes.

Motion by Treasure Newman, 2nd Supervisor Aho to approve \$222.32 to Keweenaw County Treasurer office from sewer account for administrative fee. Carried; ayes

Cemetery Report & Requests:

Burials have begun with a couple each week.

U.S. Flags for Veterans will be placed at the cemetery on Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 6 pm by Township staff

Parks & Rec Reports & Requests:

Bjorn Contracting will begin the Mohawk Park projects when weather permits.

Assessor's Report: attached

OFFICER REPORTS –

Supervisor's report: n/a

Clerk's report:

Motion by Clerk Butala, 2nd Supervisor Aho to approve up to \$40 for packs of Voter ID Cards from Election Source. Carried; ayes

Treasurer's report:

All newsletter information needs to be to the Treasurer prior to next meeting

Old Business:

Sewer Project

Emmet Bjorn presented the board with the information for the sewer project.

Motion by Supervisor Aho, 2nd Trustee Kaura to accept the Invoice Loan through UP Engineering for sewer project costs due prior to official signing of Grant. Carried; ayes.

Motion by Supervisor Aho, 2nd Trustee Kaura to accept the Engineering Agreement presented from UP Engineering for the sewer project. Carried; ayes

Letter of Condition meeting to be held May 24, 2023 with Supervisor Aho and Trustee Kaura to attend.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Summer Youth Employees

- a. Motion by Supervisor Aho, 2nd Trustee Kaura to approve up to 3 summer youth employees with returning workers paid \$12.00 per hour and new workers being paid \$11.50. Carried; ayes.
- b. Kermit Keweenaw Kids program will reimburse Allouez Township up to \$3.00 per hour for 1000 hours. (\$3000) for Summer 2023 youth employment.

B, Floor Refinishing / Upstairs Meeting Room

Motion by Supervisor Aho, 2nd Clerk Butala to approve up to \$3503.00 for the refinishing of the floor upstairs of the township hall. Carried; ayes

C. Cemetery Prices – cemetery prices shall remain the same

D. Credit Card Payments

- a. Motion by Treasurer Newman , 2nd Supervisor Aho to use Heartland Payment Solutions, at no cost to the township but a 3.5% convenience fee for users to pay bills via credit card. Carried; ayes

E. Payroll Information – tabled

F. Sewer Rates – tabled

G. Sanitation Rates

- a. Motion by Clerk Butala, 2nd Trustee Haataja to increase the 2024 Sanitation rate to \$275.00 annually for single homes and \$550.00 annually for double homes. There will no longer be a seasonal reduced rate offered. Carried; ayes

H. Mohawk / Fulton Parks – tabled with research being done to determine location of horseshoe pits.

I. Other Discussion

- a. Houghton township to be billed the same for Jan – Mar 2023 for fire services
- b. Veterans' rental to be billed

Public Comment: n/a

Adjournment: Motion by Supervisor Aho, 2nd Treasurer Newman 7:36 pm. Carried; ayes

Motion by Supervisor Aho, 2nd Treasurer Newman to adjourn meeting at 6:45 PM Carried; ayes

Rebecca Butala, Clerk

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rebecca Butala', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.