

MEETING OF THE ALLOUEZ TOWNSHIP BOARD

August 9, 2023

Wednesday, August 9, 2023

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

Guests present: Aaron Waara, Emmet Bjorn, Gary Bracco, Mark Harrick; Waste Management

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 Newman, 2nd Clerk Butala, to approve August 9, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Agenda. All ayes; carried.

Motion by Clerk Butala, 2nd Trustee Haataja to approve the June 14, 2023 Meeting Minutes. Carried; ayes

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

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

Bills Paid

Fire: \$ 4975.33

Sanitation Fund:

Sewer Fund: \$ 9850.09

General Fund: \$ 4824.40

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from Robin Meneguzzo to use the ATCB parking lot and restroom for a mobile health clinic September 13-15, 2023. Motion made by Supervisor Aho, 2nd Treasurer Newman to approve the usage. Carried; ayes

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Per Chief Bracco, 1 Personal Injury Accident since last meeting. No word regarding State Grant. Received match grant for \$3250.00 from Portage Health Foundation that will be used towards scene lights; township to match grant as discussed.

Rich Futrell on Leave of Absence from fire department for personal reasons.
Issue checks to Braden Cima and Ben Frantti for \$180.00 for training that was approved at previous meeting.
Chief Bracco is getting prices on a generator for Firehall & Township offices to be possibly be used as a “warming center”

MEDICAL FIRST RESPONDERS: n/a

PUBLIC WORKS: n/a

Sanitation: Motion by Treasurer Newman, 2nd Trustee Kaura to let 376 12th St. Property # 101-34-100-015 opt in to garbage pick up until December if paid up front. Carried; ayes.

Sewer:

Motion by Treasure Newman, 2nd Supervisor Aho to approve \$222.40 to Keweenaw County Treasurer office from sewer account for administrative fee correction in price from meeting minutes that stated \$222.32 Carried; ayes

Waiver from Willie Bonds to waive sewer fees as he is not currently using sewer. Motion made by Clerk Butala, 2nd Trustee Kaura that Mr. Bonds would have to cap the sewer line at his cost to be removed from sewer billing to his property. Carried; ayes.

Motion by Trustee Kaura, 2nd Clerk Butala that any sewer disconnects/ capping of sewer done by the Township will cost \$150.00. Carried; ayes.

Cemetery Report & Requests: n/a

Parks & Rec Reports & Requests: n/a

Assessor’s Report: attached

OFFICER REPORTS –

Supervisor’s report: Board of Review declined John & Jane Griffith’s request to change a property to conservatory and be exempt from tax. BOR declined, the Griffith’s have requested a review by the tax tribunal. Attorney Zaapa will be notified.

Clerk’s report: n/a

Treasurer’s report:

Correction treasurer report from June 2023; Local stabilization association with held overpayment of \$1,334.04 from 2024 disbursement. The State will withhold this from 2024.

Ahmeek Village to be billed \$2.00 for 139 tax bills that the Treasurer's office handled. Credit card payments are in the process of being effective this next week.

Old Business:

Sewer Project

Motion by Supervisor Aho, 2nd Treasurer Newman to approve UPEA invoice for \$5,927.48. Carried; ayes

Per Emmet Bjorn, surveying has been done for the sewer project and engineers are moving forward to survey & monitor the electrical usages.

Waste Management

Mark Harrick from Waste Management went over different options and concerns for future garbage pickup. He will gather more financial and procedural information for the next meeting. No decisions have been made as to garbage service for 2024.

Sewer Easement Cliff Street

Emmet Bjorn has spoken to Attorney Zaapa in regards to easement and possibilities to allow an easement change or sewer line protection or moving of sewer line. Mr. Defina has not produced a permit from the Keweenaw County Zoning department approving his addition, no further action will be taken until a permit is in place.

NEW BUSINESS:

Worker's Com Insurance Update

Motion by Clerk Butala, 2nd Trustee Kaura to approve the increase of \$1080.00 for liability insurance to cover 21 firefighters by the Hannula Insurance Company. Carried' ayes

Pay Date Schedule

Motion by Clerk Butala, 2nd Treasurer Newman to approve pay dates to be the 1st and 15th of each month, with public works being able to be paid a day prior should the 1st or 15th fall on a weekend or a holiday. Board pay checks will remain on the 1st of each month, regardless of day of the week. Carried; ayes.

Discussion regarding payroll account; Treasurer Newman with Clerk Butala will review and bring any changes to the Board. Treasurer Newman will speak with Bob Tarvis as needed to how payroll had been done prior.

Other Discussion

Motion by Supervisor Aho, 2nd Clerk Butala to have \$70,000.00 from the fire fund and restricted fund to be placed in 2 separate CDs at Incredible Bank for a 7-month CD special at 5.25% rate by Treasurer Newman. Carried; ayes

Motion by Supervisor Aho, 2nd by Trustee Kaura to give Treasurer Newman the authority to move money from account savings into CD's as fits for investment. Carried; ayes

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". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.