

## MEETING OF THE ALLOUEZ TOWNSHIP BOARD

October 11, 2023

Wednesday, October 11, 2023  
6:00 p.m. at Allouez Township Offices, 102 Second St. Mohawk MI 49950

Guests present: Aaron Waara, Emmet Bjorn, Marlene Sickler, Brian Sickler, Kaitlin Lapka, TNC, Julia Peterson, TNC, Eric Hermanson, Lisa Kaario

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, absent

Motion by Supervisor Aho, 2<sup>nd</sup> Treasurer Newman to adjust agenda to include Brian & Marlene Sickler to the agenda and approve meeting agenda. Carried; ayes

Motion by Supervisor Aho, 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee Haataja to approve previous meeting minutes Carried; ayes

Motion by Supervisor Aho, 2<sup>nd</sup> Trustee Haataja to accept the Financial Report and bills; Carried; ayes

### **Bills Paid**

Fire \$ 8963.04      Sanitation Fund: \$10,652.35  
Sewer Fund: \$8383.83      General Fund \$34581.10

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

Per Chief Bracco, 2 calls (auto) since last meeting. Portage Health grant is done. 3 new members are in fire school. Chimney cleaning is done for this year.

Motion by Supervisor Aho, 2<sup>nd</sup> Treasurer Newman to approve \$105.00 for 2 work books. Carried; ayes.

**MEDICAL FIRST RESPONDERS:** n/a

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

Motion by Supervisor Aho, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Clerk Butala for Public Works to purchase a bagger for up to \$350.00. Carried; ayes

**Sanitation:**

Motion by Treasurer Newman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Clerk Butala to allow Tammy Waara to opt in garbage pick up at a prorated amount paid up front for remainder of year. Carried; ayes.

**Sewer:**

Final billings to go out in November

**Cemetery Report & Requests:**

**Parks & Rec Reports & Requests: n/a**

**Assessor's Report: attached**

**OFFICER REPORTS –**

**Supervisor's report: n/a**

**Clerk's report:**

Letter to Keweenaw Area Community Foundation will be sent to receive grant funds for pavement of Mohawk Court that will go towards Hyrkas invoice.

Mouton by Clerk Butala, 2<sup>nd</sup> Supervisor Aho to pay Deputy Clerk, Janet Rozich \$12.74 for mileage for brining election equipment to court house for inspections that was required. Carried; ayes.

**Treasurer's report:**

News letter information needs to be submitted by November 1, 2023.

Motion by Treasurer Newman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Clerk Butala to approve up to \$360.00 for logo envelopes. Carried; ayes.

**Old Business:**

**Sewer Project:**

Motion by Clerk Butala, 2<sup>nd</sup> Supervisor Aho to approve invoice for UPEA for \$775.00 to invoice loan. Carried; ayes.

Emmet Bjorn updated the Board on progress.

**Waste Management**

Supervisor Aho will be calling a special meeting for October 17, 2023 at 6 pm for Garbage pick up discussion.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Ahmeek Location Property**

Marlene & Brian Sickler presented an offer for the township to purchase a property across from the Ahmeek Baseball field. This information will be reviewed by the Township Attorney with the potential to purchase by the Township at the November meeting.

**Keweenaw Heartlands Governance Model – The Nature Conservancy**

Presentation by Kaitlin Lapka on the purpose and future of Keweenaw Heartlands, including remaining in CF status for 3-5 years.

**MDARD Rural Readiness Grant Support – TNC & KCF**

Motion by Supervisor Aho, 2<sup>nd</sup> Clerk Butala to write a letter of support from the township and from Fire Chief Bracco supporting the grant request to develop a response center. Carried; ayes.

**Copper Country Recycling Initiative Mailer**

Organization will be offered to place a pdf on website and post on bulletin board. No additional letters will be added to winter tax bills as they requested


**Other Discussion:**

Eric Hermanson, Keweenaw County Treasurer and Assessor Lisa Karrio presented the Board with the financial figures in regards to conservancies. Since 2019 to present the township has lost \$40,000 in taxable monies due to conservancy land purchases. This is an increase in approximately \$38000.00. Hermanson and Karrio wanted to make the Board aware of this for any future considerations on land involvement. Also, the effects of the personal property and veteran's exemptions.

**Public Comment:** n/a

**Adjournment:** Motion by Supervisor Aho, 2<sup>nd</sup> Treasurer Newman 6:48 pm. Carried; ayes

Rebecca Butala, Clerk

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