

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALLOUEZ TOWNSHIP BOARD

April 10, 2024

Meeting

Wednesday, April 10, 2024.

6:00 p.m. at Allouez Township Hall, 102 Second St., Mohawk

Guests present: Emmett Bjorn, Ken McKay, Jr.

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 Rowe, Treasurer Newman, Trustee Kaura, and Trustee Haataja; absent: None

Motion by Supervisor Aho to approve the agenda, seconded by Trustee Kaura. All Ayes; carried.

Minutes of the March 13, 2024 Regular Meeting and the March 28, 2024 Special Meeting were presented. Motion by Supervisor Aho, seconded by Trustee Haataja, to approve the Regular and Special Meeting Minutes. All ayes; carried.

Motion by Trustee Kaura, seconded by Clerk Rowe, to accept the **Financial Report** and to approve the following:

BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT THIS MEETING:

General Fund: \$16,589.33; Sewer Maintenance Fund: \$3,532.69; Sanitation Fund \$0.00; Cemetery Fund: \$0.00; Fire Protection Fund - Regular: \$0.00; Fire Protection Fund - Restricted: \$498.89; Mohawk Park: \$0.00; Ahmeek Ice Rink: \$0.00

All ayes; carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

Time was allowed for public comment on non-agenda issues.

Comments were heard from resident Ken McKay, Jr. regarding frequency emissions possibly emitted by such entities as the cable company, phone company and other utilities. He will keep us posted.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Report from Fire Chief, Gary Bracco: 3 calls since the last meeting. The Fire Department would like to purchase a 5-unit charger for their small flashlights at a cost of \$350.00. Motion by Supervisor Aho, seconded by Treasurer Newman to approve the chargers. All ayes; carried.

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MEDICAL FIRST RESPONDERS:

Nothing to report.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Information was presented by Aaron Waara regarding options available to purchase a power washer for the Public Works Department. Motion by Trustee Kaura, seconded by Supervisor Aho to approve the one available for \$629.99. All ayes; carried.

Mr. Waara also informed the Board that he is currently getting prices for top soil and gravel needs for the upcoming season.

A request was made to place temporary toilets from A-1 at the Ahmeek ball field, Fulton Park, and Mohawk Park. Motion by Supervisor Aho, seconded by Trustee Haataja to approve the toilets. All ayes; carried.

Sanitation: Nothing to report.

Sewer: Nothing to report.

Cemetery Report: Starting to receive inquiries about when the cemetery will be open. The snow situation is being monitored and the cemetery will open when Public Works feels conditions are favorable.

Parks & Rec Reports & Requests: Ahmeek Ice Rink; See Old Business. **Mohawk Park;** Prices were presented to purchase two sets of posts and nets for the for pickleball courts at a cost of \$1,619.96. Motion by Supervisor Aho, seconded by Trustee Kaura to approve at a cost of \$1,619.96, and to use ARPA funds for the purchase. All ayes; carried.

Assessor's Report: Assessor's report for March 2024 was received.

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OFFICER REPORTS –

Supervisor's report: n/a

Clerk's report: n/a

Treasurer's report: n/a

OLD BUSINESS:

Sewer System Project: Emmit Bjorn from UP Engineers updated the Board on the sewer system project. Certifications were presented for signing regarding zoning, number of users in the system, enforcement of the Sewer Rate Ordinance, and adequacy of the accounting system. Another certification was presented regarding utilizing services from small, minority and women's businesses. Motion by Supervisor Aho, seconded by Clerk Rowe to approve the certificates. All ayes; carried.

The UP Engineers invoice for March in the amounts of \$8,617.06. was presented for approval. Motion by Clerk Rowe to approve the invoice, seconded by Supervisor Aho. All Ayes; carried.

Sickler Lot Purchase: n/a

Ahmeek Ice Rink Boards: The downpayment for the boards project will be sent out as soon as funds are received from the Keweenaw Community Foundation.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cemetery Expansion: Bids for the cemetery expansion were received from Kalcich Contracting, Taivalkoski Excavating, and Ronald Hyrkas Contracting. Motion by Trustee Kaura, seconded by Clerk Rowe to accept the low bid of \$22,050.00 from Kalcich Contracting. All ayes; carried.

Fire Chief Salary: Motion by Supervisor Aho, seconded by Treasurer Aho to increase the fire chief salary to \$500.00 per month effective 4/1/24. All ayes: carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Motion by Supervisor Aho, seconded by Trustee Kaura, to adjourn the meeting. All ayes; carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Ken Rowe, Clerk

