

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALLOUEZ TOWNSHIP BOARD

May 08, 2024

Meeting

Wednesday, May 08, 2024.

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

Guests present: Emmett Bjorn, Ace Laurie, Eric Hermanson, Laverne Kytta.

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, Trustee Kaura, and Trustee Haataja; absent: Treasurer Newman

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

Minutes of the April 10, 2024 Regular Meeting were presented. Motion by Supervisor Aho, seconded by Trustee Kaura, to approve the Minutes. All ayes; carried.

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

BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT THIS MEETING:

General Fund: \$17,172.31; **Sewer Maintenance Fund:** \$2,660.07; **Sanitation Fund** \$0.00; **Cemetery Fund:** \$0.00; **Fire Protection Fund - Regular:** \$239.15; **Fire Protection Fund - Restricted:** \$20.00; **Mohawk Park:** \$0.00; **Ahmeek Ice Rink:** \$41,818.50.

All ayes; carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter of thanks was received from the Keweenaw Snowmobile Club.

Time was allowed for public comment on non-agenda issues. None

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Report from Fire Chief, Gary Bracco: 0 calls since the last meeting. One citation from MIOSHA was received for failure to have an updated first aid and CPR card. No fines were assessed. The Copper Country Fireman's Tournament will be held on June 22, 2024 in Hubbell. A grant check in the amount of \$5,000.00 was received from Copper Shores for the fire hall generator.

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MEDICAL FIRST RESPONDERS:

Nothing to report.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Information was presented by Aaron Waara regarding options available to purchase a chainsaw for the Public Works Department. Motion by Trustee Kaura, seconded by Trustee Haataja to approve the purchase of a Husqvarna available for \$494.95. All ayes; carried.

Mr. Waara also requested permission to purchase top soil, gravel, and crushed mine rock for use in various locations within the Township. Motion by Supervisor Aho, seconded by Trustee Kaura to allow the Public Works Department to spend up to \$500.00 for top soil, \$400.00 for gravel, and \$400.00 for crushed mine rock. All ayes; carried.

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: The Cemetery is now open and the clearing of the additional space by the contractor is underway. A motion was made by Supervisor Aho, seconded by Trustee Kaura, to add an additional \$1,000.00 to the clearing project to allow for additional tree removal and brush removal. All ayes; carried.

Parks & Rec Reports & Requests: **Ahmeek Ice Rink;** See Old Business. **Mohawk Park;** See New Business.

Assessor's Report: Assessor's report for April 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. Rural Development is in the process of completing their pre-bid check list. The Township attorney is in the process of completing right of way documentation.

The UP Engineers invoice for March in the amounts of \$4,411.30 was presented for approval. Motion by Supervisor Aho to approve the invoice, seconded by Clerk Rowe. All Ayes; carried.

Sickler Lot Purchase: No action taken.

Ahmeek Ice Rink Boards: The downpayment for the boards project was made, and the boards are expected to arrive by the middle of June. Approximately \$100,000 in donations for the rink project have been received so far.

NEW BUSINESS:

Summer Youth Employees: Summer youth employees are available with partial funding from Kermit’s Kids. Motion by Supervisor Aho, seconded by Trustee Kaura to approve up to 3 summer youth employees for the summer of 2024. All ayes; carried.

Mohawk Park: Eric Hermanson and Lavene Kytta were present to discuss the possibility of having two new power receptacles installed at the Mohawk Park and the purchase of 2 roller shades for the band stand in the park. Motion by Supervisor Aho, seconded by Trustee Kaura to approve \$562.00 to have LAB Electric install the new power receptacles and \$220.00 for the purchase of the band stand roller shades, to be paid from the Park Fund. All ayes; carried.

Playground equipment for the parks was discussed. The Park Committee will be looking into pricing for park playground equipment and other possible improvements in the Township parks. ARPA funds may be used for these types of expenditures.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Ken Rowe, Clerk