

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALLOUEZ TOWNSHIP BOARD**

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**June 10, 2024**

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**Meeting**

Wednesday, June 10, 2024.

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

Guests present: Emmett Bjorn, Ace Laurie, Eric Hermanson, Laverne Kytta, 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, Clerk Rowe, Treasurer Newman, and Trustee Haataja; absent: Trustee Kaura

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

Minutes of the May 08, 2024 Regular Meeting were presented. Motion by Treasurer Newman, seconded by Clerk Rowe, to approve the Minutes. All ayes; carried.

Motion by Supervisor Aho, seconded by Trustee Haataja, to accept the Financial Report and to approve the following:

**BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT THIS MEETING:**

**General Fund:** \$27,586.07; **Sewer Maintenance Fund:** \$5,407.94; **Sanitation Fund** \$0.00; **Cemetery Fund:** \$0.00; **Fire Protection Fund - Regular:** \$30,845.62; **Fire Protection Fund - Restricted:** \$0.00; **Mohawk Park:** \$0.00; **Ahmeek Ice Rink:** \$0.00.

All ayes; carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Information was received from the Keweenaw County Road Commission regarding funds generated by the County wide road millage and listing projects funded by the millage since 2015.

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

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Report from Fire Chief, Gary Bracco: 2 calls since the last meeting. He noted that the fire department semi-annual bond payment is due on July 01, 2024. There was discussion about whether or not to hook up the Township Hall to the Fire Hall generator that is being installed. No action was taken.

**MEDICAL FIRST RESPONDERS:**

Nothing to report.



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### **PUBLIC WORKS:**

One part-time summer youth employee has been hired. There are two more spaces available to fill. Normal summer maintenance tasks are being performed.

**Sanitation:** Fall clean up will be on September 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am-Noon. The cost will be \$10.00 per ticket (load), with a limit of 2 tickets per Township resident. Tickets can be purchased from the Treasurer during the month of August. Motion by Supervisor Aho, seconded by Treasurer Newman. All ayes; carried.

**Sewer:** Nothing to report.

**Cemetery Report:** The clearing project is ongoing, including road work and root removal.

**Parks & Rec Reports & Requests: Ahmeek Ice Rink;** See Old Business. **Mohawk Park;** A ice cream dipper station will be installed in the Mohawk Park building which is being paid for by Mohawk Technology. The dipper station was also suggested by the health department. Motion by Supervisor Aho, seconded by Trustee Haataja to approve the installation. All ayes; carried.

**Assessor's Report:** Assessor's report for May 2024 was received.

### **OFFICER REPORTS –**

**Supervisor's report:**

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

**Treasurer's report:** Treasurer Newman will be printing up copies of the Township newsletter. The treasurer also informed the Board that the price of stamps will be going up soon. Since summer tax bills and elections are coming up, additional rolls of stamps are needed. Motion by Supervisor Aho, seconded by Clerk Rowe, to approve the purchase of 10 additional rolls of stamps. All ayes; carried. Certificates of deposit will be renewed for 5 months on July 01, 2024.

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### OLD BUSINESS:

**Sewer System Project:** Emmitt Bjorn from UP Engineers updated the Board on the sewer system project. Closing on the project will take place 45-90 days after bids are accepted from contractors. The Township attorney is satisfied with the right of way documentation.

The UP Engineers invoice for May in the amount of \$7,548.81 was presented for approval. Motion by Clerk Rowe to approve the invoice, seconded by Supervisor Aho. All Ayes; carried.

**Sickler Lot Purchase:** Motion by Supervisor Aho, seconded by Clerk Rowe to approve the purchase of the lot near the Ahmeek baseball field for \$6,000.00, plus traditional closing costs paid by the buyer. Funds to be provided through ARPA funds. All ayes; carried.

**Ahmeek Ice Rink Boards:** A motion was made by Clerk Rowe, seconded by Treasurer Newman to add \$1,625.00 to the project budget for Lexan covering for the boards.

Ace Laurie was present to provide an update on the project. The boards are to be delivered on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Additional materials such as drill bits, and other small tools and supplies will be needed to install the boards. Motion by Supervisor Aho, seconded by Clerk Rowe to approve up to an additional \$500.00 for such items to be purchased from Ace Hardware and 41 Lumber. All ayes; carried. There was discussion about upgrading the front entrance to the warming facility with a 36-inch door and a new concrete entry slab and steps. Motion by Supervisor Aho, seconded by Clerk Rowe to authorize the purchase of the new door for \$568.81 from 41 Lumber and \$3,250.00 for the installation of the concrete slab and steps by Bjorn Contracting. The funds will come from ARPA funds already received. All ayes; carried.

### NEW BUSINESS:

**Printers for Treasure and Clerk Offices:** Motion by Treasurer Newman, seconded by Supervisor Aho to approve the purchase and installation of 2 Lexmark printers from Up and Running Technology Solutions for the Clerk and Treasurer's offices for \$638.00. All ayes; carried.

**New Mower:** Foreman Aaron Waara presented quotes for a new mower for the Public Works Department. Quotes were received from Harter's Auto, Wards, and Northland. After discussion, a motion to purchase the 50-inch zero turn mower from Harter's Auto for \$4,599.00 was made by Clerk Rowe, seconded by Trustee Haataja. All ayes; carried.

**Seneca Lake Dock:** A discussion took place about adding to the existing dock at Seneca Lake as it does get quite a bit of use. Motion by Supervisor Aho, seconded by Treasurer Newman to approve the purchase of additional dock material from Patriot Docks, LLC for \$2,972.19 with funds provided by ARPA funds. All ayes; carried.

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**Pickleball Court:** The pickleball courts in the Mohawk Park are getting a good deal of use. The surface of the courts still need to be prepared, treated and lines painted. The availability of local contractors to provide this service is limited. Motion by Clerk Rowe, seconded by Treasurer Newman to approve JCS Inc. of Baraga MI to provide this service for the price of \$11,000.00. Funds to be provided by ARPA funds. All ayes; carried.

**Mohawk Park:** Eric Hermanson and Lavene Kytta were present to discuss improvements to the Mohawk Park. They noted that the new receptacles were installed by Larry Butala of Lab Electric, LLC for the cost of material only, with the labor having been donated by LAB.

Playground equipment and bathrooms for the park was discussed. Prices were received from Midstate Recreation and Gametime. After reviewing the options offered, a motion was made by Supervisor Aho, seconded by Treasurer Newman to authorized up to \$23,000 of ARPA funds to be used to purchase three benches, and 3 other playground items from Midstate Recreation. All ayes; carried.

**Public Works Building:** Keweenaw County Search and Rescue would like to rent the old public works building. Motion by Treasurer Newman, seconded by Trustee Haataja to charge \$300.00 per month retroactive to them taking occupancy of the building. All ayes; carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

Motion by Supervisor Aho, seconded by Treasurer Newman, to adjourn the meeting. All ayes; carried.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.**

Ken Rowe, Clerk