

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALLOUEZ TOWNSHIP BOARD

July 10, 2024

Meeting

Wednesday, July 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, Gary Bracco

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 Haataja and Trustee Kaura; absent: None

Motion by Supervisor Aho to approve the agenda, seconded by Treasurer Newman. All Ayes; carried.

Minutes of the June 20, 2024 Regular Meeting were presented. Motion by Clerk Rowe, seconded by Trustee Haataja to approve the Minutes. All ayes; carried.

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

BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT THIS MEETING:

General Fund: \$20,017.84; **Sewer Maintenance Fund:** \$2,944.15; **Sanitation Fund** \$0.00; **Cemetery Fund:** \$0.00; **Fire Protection Fund - Regular:** \$56.97; **Fire Protection Fund - Restricted:** \$0.00; **Mohawk Park:** \$29.08; **Ahmeek Ice Rink:** \$57,915.22.
All ayes; carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Report from Fire Chief, Gary Bracco: 3 calls since the last meeting. He noted that the fire department training checks are due to be issued. Motion by Clerk Rowe, seconded by Treasurer Newman to approve issuing training checks in the amount of \$200.00 to each eligible fireman. All ayes; carried.

MEDICAL FIRST RESPONDERS:

Nothing to report.

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PUBLIC WORKS:

Normal summer maintenance tasks are being performed.

Sanitation: Nothing to report

Sewer: Treasurer Newman noted that the 90-day delinquency notices would be going out before the winter tax bills are mailed.

Cemetery Report: The clearing/expansion project is finished.

Parks & Rec Reports & Requests: Ahmeek Ice Rink; Ace Laurie noted that a list of donors for the ice rink/boards project needs to be compiled, and also expressed appreciation for the wonderful volunteers who made the boards replacement project possible. **Mohawk Park;** It was noted that the installation costs for the new playground equipment is quite high. Motion by Supervisor Aho, seconded by Treasurer Newman to approve the purchase of the equipment regardless, and to look for local contractors to install the equipment. All ayes; carried.

Assessor's Report: The assessor was present and updated the Board regarding the ongoing tax tribunal case which is still before the tribunal. It was also noted that Nick Voelker was appointed to the Board of Review.

OFFICER REPORTS –

Supervisor's report: See Old Business.

Clerk's report: n/a

Treasurer's report: Treasure Newman reported that the Village of Ahmeek would be billed at the rate of \$2.00 per parcel for property tax statement preparation.

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OLD BUSINESS:

Sewer System Project:

Emmit Bjorn from UP Engineers was present to update the Board on the sewer system upgrade project which is funded through a grant/loan program through the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Bid opening will be at 3:00 p.m. on July 23, 2024 at the Township Hall.

Motion by Trustee Kaura, seconded by Treasurer Newman to approve the UP-Engineering invoice in the amount of \$3,442.65 to be added to the invoice loan. All ayes; carried.

Sickler Lot Purchase: Supervisor Aho updated the Board on the purchase of the property by the Ahmeek baseball field. Keweenaw Title Agency is working on the necessary documentation to complete the purchase.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mohawk Park: Eric Hermanson and Laverne Kytta were present to discuss improvements to the Mohawk Park and the possibility of getting a sign/reader board for the park to keep everyone updated on upcoming events. It was noted that there may be a zoning issue with placing a sign in the park. The possibility of applying for a zoning variance, if needed was discussed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Ken Rowe, Clerk