

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALLOUEZ TOWNSHIP BOARD

August 14, 2024

Meeting

Wednesday, August 14, 2024.

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

Guests present: Emmett Bjorn, 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, and Trustee Kaura; absent: Trustee Haataja

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

Minutes of the July 10, 2024 Regular Meeting were presented. Motion by Supervisor Aho, seconded by Clerk Rowe to approve the Minutes. All ayes; carried.

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

BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT THIS MEETING:

General Fund: \$49,992.59; **Sewer Maintenance Fund:** \$29,076.06; **Sanitation Fund** \$0.00; **Cemetery Fund:** \$22,300.00; **Fire Protection Fund - Regular:** \$0.00; **Fire Protection Fund - Restricted:** \$0.00; **Mohawk Park:** \$57.85; **Ahmeek Ice Rink:** \$0.00.

All ayes; carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

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, and a total of 13 calls so far this year. Chimney cleaning will start in September with approximately 25 residences to be serviced. The fire department will be contacting an electrician to begin installation of the emergency generator for the fire hall. A request was received for the fire department to purchase a length of new suction hose for approximately \$800.00. Motion to approve the purchase by Trustee Kaura, seconded by Treasurer Newman. All ayes; carried.

MEDICAL FIRST RESPONDERS:

Nothing to report.

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PUBLIC WORKS:

A request was received to purchase a new leaf blower for use by the Public Works Department for \$299.99 from Campioni Hardware. Motion by Trustee Kaura, seconded by Supervisor Aho to approve the purchase. All Ayes; carried.

Sanitation: N/A

Sewer: Treasurer Newman noted that the 90-day delinquency notices were mailed out.

Cemetery Report: The clearing/expansion project is finished.

Parks & Rec Reports & Requests: **Ahmeek Ice Rink;** Nothing to report. **Mohawk Park;** Nothing to report.

Assessor's Report: The assessor's report was available for review by Board members.

OFFICER REPORTS –

Supervisor's report: n/a

Clerk's report: The primary election went well, and preparations will begin for the November general election in September.

Treasurer's report: n/a

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 from the U.S. Department of Rural Development.

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Bid opening was held on July 23, 2024 for the sewer project. B&B Contracting was the low bidder; however, their bid was approximately \$600,000 over the estimated cost of the project. The engineer will be working with the low bidder and Rural Development to work on project cost savings and the possibility of obtaining additional grant/loan funds.

Motion by Supervisor Aho, seconded by Trustee Kaura to approve the UP-Engineering invoice in the amount of \$8,125.80 to be added to the invoice loan. All ayes; carried.

Pickleball Court: The surface of the pickleball court is currently too smooth to have the recommended treatment and paint applied. Contractors were contacted and estimated the cost to proceed with the treatment to be in excess of \$10,000.00. Further research will be done to look at different options.

Mohawk Park Playground Equipment: The cost of the new playground equipment will be \$14,912.33 plus shipping. Options for installation are being explored. Motion by Clerk Rowe, seconded by Trustee Kaura to approve the purchase. All ayes; carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sickler Lot Purchase: Supervisor Aho updated the Board on the purchase of the property by the Ahmeek baseball field. The purchase was completed, and the Township should have the deed in 60-90 days. There was discussion about clearing the property and future use.

ARPA Projects: There was discussion regarding committing remaining ARPA funds for needed projects such as Seneca Lake docks, the Township building, and others.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was some discussion regarding County zoning and the upcoming County Wide zoning millage request.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Ken Rowe, Clerk