

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALLOUEZ TOWNSHIP BOARD

November 13, 2024

Meeting

Wednesday, November 13, 2024.

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

Guests present: Emmett Bjorn, Laverne Kytta, Aaron Waara, Ace Laurie, John Worm, Marilyn Worm, Gary Bracco, Ken Johnson

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, Treasurer Newman, Clerk Rowe, Trustee Kaura.
Absent: Trustee Haataja.

Motion by Treasurer Newman to approve the agenda, seconded by Trustee Kaura. All Ayes; carried.

Minutes of the October 09, 2024 Regular Meeting. Motion by Treasurer Newman, Seconded by Supervisor Aho 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 bills: All Ayes; carried

BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT THIS MEETING:

General Fund: \$29,702.85; Sewer Maintenance Fund: \$7,467.25; Sanitation Fund \$5,721.86; Cemetery Fund: \$0.00; Fire Protection Fund - Regular: \$19,331.91; Fire Protection Fund - Restricted: \$1,406.50; Mohawk Park: \$0.00; Ahmeek Ice Rink: \$0.00.

All ayes; carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

Time was allowed for public comment on non-agenda issues. There was a comment regarding the need to make it easier to find Board meeting dates and times on the website.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: There were two calls since the last report. Chief Bracco informed the Board that the FEMA grant application was not approved due to the overall score not being high enough. The fire hall generator which was funded by a grant, has been installed by the contractor. Chief Bracco also presented the Board with an estimate from Pomasl Fire Equipment for repairs needed on the 2002 Kenworth Pumper Truck. The repairs are expected to cost approximately \$13,600, however the repairs will be put off until the spring, and the light bar repairs estimated to cost \$5,000 will likely be done by Department members rather

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than the contractor. Motion by Trustee Kaura, seconded by Treasurer Newman to approve the repairs, minus the light bar costs. All Ayes; carried.

MEDICAL FIRST RESPONDERS:

Nothing to report.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Normal fall tasks are being performed.

Public Works Foreman presented the Board with prices for a new miter saw and stand to be purchased by the Public Works Department. Motion by Supervisor Aho, seconded by Trustee Kaura to approve the low bid of \$558.00 from Ace Hardware. All Ayes; carried.

Sanitation: N/A

Sewer: A residence on Union Street has two tanks. The resident will be informed that one of the tanks will need to be capped or converted in order to avoid being billed for the second tank. The Treasurer also informed the Board that delinquent notices have been sent out, and that any unpaid delinquent amounts will be added to the Winter tax bills.

Cemetery Report: Nothing to report.

Parks & Rec Reports & Requests: Ahmeek Ice Rink; Ace informed the Board that the interior of the heating shack has been updated and painted. He also requested that Public Works make arrangements to have the furnace in the heating shack serviced. Motion by Supervisor Aho, seconded by Trustee Kaura to approve getting the furnace serviced. All Ayes; carried. **Mohawk Park;** Nothing to report.

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

OFFICER REPORTS –

Supervisor's report: Nothing to report.

Clerk's report: Nothing to report.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer Newman reported that the newsletter is going out, and that she will be appointing Nancy Erickson as Deputy Treasurer for the next term starting on November 20, 2024.

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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 from the U.S. Department of Rural Development.

Mr. Bjorn presented a payment application request for Draw #2 of funds from Rural Development totaling \$21,033.85. Vendors to be paid are as follows:

UP Engineers and Architects	\$7,685.59
Allouez Township-Advertising	\$5,110.95
Allouez Township-State Fees	\$ 353.00
Allouez Township-Attorney Fees	\$7,884.31

Motion by Supervisor Aho, Seconded by Treasurer Newman to approve the resolution to make the above payments. Roll Call Vote: Supervisor Aho, aye; Clerk Rowe, aye; Treasurer Newman, aye; Trustee Kaura, aye; Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 1. Motion carried. Resolution is adopted.

Mr. Bjorn presented Change Order # 2 to recognize that the winter shutdown of the project started on 10/31/2024. Motion by Supervisor Aho, seconded by Clerk Rowe to authorize the Supervisor to sign Change Order #2, All Ayes; carried.

Mr. Bjorn presented a letter to be signed by Supervisor Aho designating representatives from UP Engineering and B&B Contracting as “designated agents” to sign/submit all necessary permits to Keweenaw County for the required Keweenaw County Part 91 Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control permits. Motion by Supervisor Aho, seconded by Treasurer Newman to authorize Supervisor Aho to sign the letter. All ayes; carried.

Pickleball Court: Due to the onset of late fall/early winter conditions, the pickleball court finishing will need to be pushed to next spring.

Mohawk Park Playground Equipment: Since the playground equipment has not arrived yet, it is probable that installation of the new equipment will be postponed to spring.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Bank Account Signers: Treasurer Newman indicated that a letter from Supervisor Aho to the banks will be necessary to authorize any new signers as a result of the recent election. Motion by Treasurer Newman, seconded by Supervisor Aho to authorized the following signers on all Allouez Township bank accounts:

Julie Newman-Treasurer
Nancy Erickson-Deputy Treasurer
Jesse Patrick-Clerk
Janet Rozich-Deputy Clerk
All Ayes; carried.

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PUBLIC COMMENT: It was noted by a guest that there may be an issue with outdoor lighting at the Community Center. Public Works will take a look at it to make any necessary repairs.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Ken Rowe, Clerk

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