

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALLOUEZ TOWNSHIP BOARD**

**December 11, 2024**

**Meeting**

Wednesday, December 11, 2024.

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

Guests present: Emmett Bjorn, Laverne Kytta, Aaron Waara, Gary Bracco, Ken Rowe, John Greiger, Bill Hannon

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 Patrick, Trustee Johnson, Trustee Tarvis. Absent: None.

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

Minutes of the November 13, 2024 Regular Meeting. Motion by Supervisor Aho, Seconded by Treasurer Newman to approve the minutes. All ayes; carried.

Motion by Trustee Johnson, seconded by Trustee Tarvis, to accept the Financial Report and to approve the following bills: All Ayes; carried

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

**General Fund: \$11,227.15; Sewer Maintenance Fund: \$1,185.36 Sanitation Fund \$0.00; Cemetery Fund: \$0.00; Fire Protection Fund - Regular: \$1,268.25; Fire Protection Fund - Restricted: \$679.87; Mohawk Park: \$0.00; Ahmeek Ice Rink: \$0.00.**

All ayes; carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**Time was allowed for public comment on non-agenda issues.**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** There was 1 call 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. Chief Bracco will look into a mini grant so the small call volume won't affect the chances of approval. Chief Bracco also presented the Board that the truck will be sent down to Pomasl in the spring.

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**MEDICAL FIRST RESPONDERS:**

Nothing to report.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

Normal Winter tasks are being performed.

**Sanitation:** N/A

**Sewer:** It was recommended that the Board produces a letter to have on file and send to the owners to let the homeowners of rentals know that they are responsible for all water bills and sewer bills in those properties and the bill will remain in the owner's name, not the tenant. Motion by Supervisor Aho, seconded by Trustee Johnson to write up the letter. All Ayes; carried.

**Cemetery Report:** Nothing to report.

**Parks & Rec Reports & Requests: Ahmeek Ice Rink;** Nothing to Report **Mohawk Park;** Cabin Fever will be held on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 at the ATCB.

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

**OFFICER REPORTS –**

**Supervisor's report:** Houghton Township is having trouble getting a township board together and that they may reach out to combine townships with other neighboring townships.

**Clerk's report:** Nothing to report.

**Treasurer's report:** Nothing to report.

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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 #3 of funds from Rural Development totaling \$4,439.15. Vendors to be paid are as follows:

UP Engineers and Architects                      \$4,439.15

Motion by Supervisor Aho, Seconded by Treasurer Tarvis to approve the resolution to make the above payment. Roll Call Vote: Supervisor Aho, aye; Clerk Patrick, aye; Treasurer Newman, aye; Trustee Johnson, aye; Trustee Tarvis, aye; Ayes 5 Nays 0. Motion carried. Resolution is adopted.

Mr. Bjorn stated that as of now no contract days are being used and presented the Rural Development's Letter of Conditions, which shows the total amount allocated for this project and construction contingency was reduced after bidding. Mr. Bjorn also pointed out that the loan monies will be spent first and then the grant money can be applied.

**Mohawk Park Playground Equipment:** Payment was made on the playground equipment but have not received the equipment for it to be installed in the Spring.

**Final ARPA Funds Allocation:** The remaining ARPA funds will be designated to be used on the Pickleball Court.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**School Tax Collection:** It has been \$6.25/parcel for the past 3 years. A motion to raise the rate to \$6.50/parcel for Summer taxes was made by Trustee Newman, seconded by Trustee Johnson. All Ayes, Motion carried.

**Board of Review Appointments:** A motion by Supervisor Aho, seconded by Trustee Newman was made to keep the current Board of Review appointments as follows.

William Luokkanen  
Mary Bjorn  
Nick Voelker  
All Ayes; carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** John Greiger and Bill Hannon were present to inform the Board that the American Legion building in Mohawk will be going up for sale in the near future and wanted to first offer it to Allouez Township as a way to keep it accessible to the community and used by the community.

The Keweenaw County Zoning was brought up but at this time, there is no resolution.

Santa was at Horizon School on Sunday which saw around 90 kids come in to visit Santa.

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

**Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.**

Jesse Patrick, Clerk