

**CEDAR TOWNSHIP
MINUTES
February 20, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at Cedar Township Hall at 7:00 p.m., 9115 170th Avenue, Reed City, Michigan. Board members present: Supervisor Loren Stieg, Treasurer Heather Battle, Clerk Shirley Apsey, Trustee Mary Clark, Trustee Ed Lundborg, Deputy Clerk, Cindy Gadbois. Township residents present; Roxanne Brower, Dee Steig, Doug Lockhart, Dave Staal, Molly Nienhuis, Chris Nygaard, and Charter Spectrum Director, Marilyn Passmore.

Supervisor calls meeting to order. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

- **Motion** to approve January 16, 2024 meeting minutes as presented made by Heather and seconded by Mary. All members voting yes.
- Treasurer's Report presented by Heather; accepted by Mary, seconded by Cindy. Report placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Planning Board member, Kim Cool, up for reappointment for new term;

- **Motion** made by Heather to reappointment Kim Cool for new 3-year term for Cedar Township Planning Board for 2024-2027; seconded by Ed. All members voting yes.

New budget numbers were looked at and discussed for new 2024-2025 fiscal year.

State Director for Charter Spectrum, Marilyn Passmore, addressed board on signing a contract with them to allow them to install fiber optic lines in select areas of Cedar Township. Contract would allow a 10-year agreement to install fiber optics lines with options for residents to then purchase internet, TV network channels, Mobile and Phone services.

- **Motion** was made to approve the contract with Charter Spectrum for 10 years to install fiber optic lines in specified areas of Cedar Township made by Mary; seconded by Cindy. All members voting yes. Supervisor signed contract.

Mention was made about looking at allowing board members to carry guns at township meetings, after having the required resolutions/necessary licenses to meet all state requirements. Supervisor Stieg contacted our MTA attorney about steps needed to allow this. According to MTA they do not recommend this. It would not be a simple resolution. Multiple steps would be required to get through the red tape needed to process before it could be allowed. Discussion was tabled at this time.

Bills were presented for approval; moved by Mary, seconded by Heather, to approve checks 7827-7842.

•**Motion** to adjourn was made by Heather, seconded by Ed; all members voting yes.

Shirley Apsey, Clerk
8:25 pm