

**CEDAR TOWNSHIP
MINUTES
July 19, 2022**

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, Deputy Treasurer Jean Schember, Clerk Shirley Apsey, Deputy Clerk Cindy Gadbois, Trustee Mary Clark, and Trustee Ed Lundborg. Also present was Assessor James and Molly Nienhuis, Tim Schember, Doug Lockhart, Dave Staal, Matt Hemmelgarn, and Alan Gingrich.

Supervisor calls meeting to order. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

- **Motion** to approve June 21, 2022 meeting minutes as presented made by Heather and seconded by Mary as presented. All members voting yes.
- Treasurer's Report presented by Heather; accepted by Mary, seconded by Jean. Report placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS: Discussion was continued on changing the mileage reimbursement costs due to high gas prices.

• **Motion** to change mileage reimbursement rates to .75 per mile effective July, 2022 thru December, 2022 made by Cindy; seconded by Mary. All members vote yes.

Tim Schember gave the board his costs for the higher gas paid for the prior three months, asking for reimbursements for mowing expenses. Board agrees to his fuel adjustment gas expenses costs for April, May and June.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion continued on road work needed on 9 Mile east of 170th. Different ideas and opinions were discussed on the road. Board is still waiting on Road Commission to present options to address the first mile which is the worst section.

Allan Gingrich addressed the Board on his candidacy for re-election to the Osceola County Road Commission.

Ideas were then presented to appoint a road committee from Cedar Township to better monitor local roads and problem areas that the board can address and then make better recommendations on the use of the road account funds. Plus helping to establish time frames for the upkeep on current roads and chip seals/gravel as needed. Chip seal work on 170th Ave needs to be done every 5 years. Last chip seal was done in 2020. There are 3 main roads in our township that will need chip seal work done, 170th, 10 Mile, and 11 Mile. Board asked Trustee Ed Lundborg to be on the township road committee. Tim Schember also requested to join. Board then asked Mr. Hemmelgarn to join. He agreed. Board will establish more guidelines/wages/reimbursements for this committee next month.

Loren informed board that he received call from Lincoln Fire Chief, Mr. Belden, on plans to replace dry fire hydrants in Cedar. They are asking for donations to help fund this. We have several dry hydrants located at various Lake Associations and public

lakes. Board has been told in past that the dry hydrants were not needed any more as fire trucks are capable of drawing water supply directly from the lakes. Loren will get more information before further discussion.

Shirley will order propane fill for the hall.

Bills were presented for approval; moved by Mary, seconded by Cindy, to approve checks 7538 – 7558.

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

Shirley Apsey, Clerk

8:16 pm