

# CEDAR TOWNSHIP

## MINUTES

**August 16, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at Cedar Township Hall at 7:00 p.m., 9115 170<sup>th</sup> 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 Ed Lundborg and Trustee Mary Clark. Also present, residents Bob and Sandra Leyrer, Roxanne Brower and Doug Lockhart.

Supervisor calls meeting to order. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:** Outside front door mercury light is still not working. Mr. Warner was contracted to fix both outside entrance door lights but front light is still not working. Shirley would like it addressed and fixed before the November election. Loren will contact Mr. Warner and see what needs to be done.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Department of Treasury Tax Management Associates Audit of Minimum Assessing Requirements (AMAR) was conducted this spring and our poverty exemption guidelines needed to be corrected to meet their requirements.

**RESOLUTION:** WHEREAS, the adoption of guidelines for poverty exemptions is within the purview of the township board, and

WHEREAS, the homestead of persons who in the judgement of the supervisor and board of review, by reason of poverty, are unable to contribute to the public charges is eligible for exemption in whole or part from taxation under Public Act 253, 2020 (MCL 211.7u); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to PA 253, 2020 Cedar Township, Osceola County adopts the guidelines for the Assessor and/or Supervisor and Board of Review to implement. The guidelines shall include but not be limited to the specific income and asset levels of the claimant all persons residing in the household including any property tax credit returns, filed in the current or immediately preceding year.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Supervisor and Board of Review shall follow the above stated policy and federal guidelines in granting or denying an exemption.

The foregoing resolution offered by: Board Member Mary Clark, and supported by Board Member Cindy Gadbois.

Upon roll call vote:           Aye – 7                   Nay - 0

Township Clerk declared the resolution adopted August, 2022.

New fire contract from Lincoln Township Fire Department was received but Shirley was reluctant to have board sign contract due to issues. Township insurance, Par Plan, has recommended that the contract needs a "Hold Harmless" clause added, plus, a yearly copy of their proof of insurance. Shirley called Lincoln Township Clerk, Sherry Blackrick, several times and left messages with no response. Loren will try to contact the Lincoln Fire Chief and hopefully get these requests addressed before Board agrees to sign contract.

Hall parking lot is in need of work. Estimates will be needed to determine if blacktop needs to be removed completely then redone or just cover with a chip seal coating.

Mr. Mattzela, Osceola County Road Commissioner, sent email for recommendations on current township roads; 9 Mile, 10 Mile, 11 Mile, and Cedar Road, 10 Mile will need a chip seal coating in 2023, 11 Mile, a chip seal coating in 2027, and Cedar Road will get chip seal coating, also, in 2027. Plus, Board has been discussing options for work on a one mile stretch on 9 Mile Road, east from 170<sup>th</sup> Ave corner, based on funds available in our Township Road Account.

Cedar Township Board has established a Cedar Road Committee that will travel township roads and make recommendations back to the Board on repairs and/or work needed to be addressed in future road repairs. Board hopes this will help in addressing the roads that need work and to better help establish where road account funds should be used.

**RESOLUTION: NOW, THEREFORE, be it established that at a regular meeting of the Cedar Township Board the following resolution was adopted for a Cedar Township Road Committee. It will consist of 3 members with Chair appointed by Board. They will meet during early spring thru fall months and travel local roads and make recommendations back to the Board on their findings. They are required to meet at least quarterly and/or as needed. The following people were appointed by the Board:**

**Mr. Ed Lundborg, Chairman, Mr. Matt Hemmelgarn, Mr. Tim Schember**

The following pay established: Chairman \$66.72/meeting  
Members \$45.54/meeting

with reimbursements for mileage, supplies, as items Board deems necessary.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Board Member Cindy Gadbois

And supported by Board Member Heather Battle.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted Ayes 7 Nays 0

Township Clerk declares this resolution adopted; August 16, 2022

Ed informed Board about concerns addressed at the Planning Board meeting. Cedar has a resolution on record against any marijuana growing facilities in our township, but Ed reported some townships are having issues even with their resolutions in place. More information is needed and our resolution looked at more closely.

Bills approved by Mary, seconded by Heather. Voucher #s 7559-7576 All in favor

Meeting adjourned by Ed, seconded by Mary. All in favor

Shirley Apsey, Clerk

8:16 pm