

**CEDAR TOWNSHIP
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 16, 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, Clerk Shirley Apsey, Deputy Treasurer Jean Schember, Deputy Clerk Cindy Gadbois, Trustee Mary Clark, and Trustee Ed Lundborg. Also present were, standing room only, many residents, see attached sign-in sheet. Supervisor calls meeting to order. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

- **Motion** to approve October 18, 2022 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: Board received contract from Road Commission on project to work on portion of 9 Mile Rd. Road Commission would place approximately 2,500 tons of crushed concrete gravel on 9 Mile from 170th Ave to one mile west. Estimated cost to Township is \$30,000.

- **MOTION** made by Heather, seconded by Ed, to accept contract, all members voting yes.

Board members signed contract and Heather will return the contract with check payment for full amount quoted.

Shirley updated board on new law for election drop boxes. Need to have some outside security camera on the drop box at all times it is outside hall. Discussion will continue on options/ideas.

NEW BUSINESS: Clerk's office received FOIA request on November 3, 2022 asking for digital copies of (1) past 2020 presidential election ballots, (2) in-person viewing of same ballots, (3) copies of all emails from clerk's office, sent and received, from January 1, 2010 through November 1, 2022. Shirley has started to address this FOIA request. She has emailed the 10-day extension request and will put together estimate on times/costs involved to fulfill the FOIA. Payment of 50% of the estimated costs must be received before any attempt is made to fulfill the FOIA. If no payment is received within 45 days from email estimating the cost itemization breakdown, that FOIA request becomes void.

New meeting dates was presented for consideration. Final approval of all dates for Township Board meetings, Board of Review meetings, Planning Board meetings will be set at December Board meeting.

Shirley gave board members dates for the MTA Annual Conference, to be held in Traverse City, next April 17-20, 2023. All members interested in attending need to let her know at the December board meeting. Registration needs to be done January 4, 2023.

RESIDENT DISCUSSION: Per past meetings, Renee Cubitt and Craig Thompson, have requested a Zoning Change on 80-acre property on 10 Mile, east that they want to purchase so they can put in a “diverse motorsports park” Ms. Cubitt was present to address the residents about their request to open this park. She answered many questions and what the motorsports park would entail. Many residents were strongly opposed to this in Cedar Township. Issues included that the property in question is a wetland, thus the DNR would need to get involved; area residents opposed to the noise it would generate, and the wear on 10-mile road itself. Many neighbors around the property presented signatures strongly opposing the Motorsports Park. Response from the township and residents urged the board to deny the zoning request change and the establishment of this motorsports park. Resident’s signatures opposed to this are attached.

●**MOTION:** Cedar Township opposes the request for a zoning change on 80 acres property located on west 10 Mile road as proposed by Renee Cubitt and Craig Thompson for the request to establish a motorsports park, made by Mary, seconded by Heather, All members voting yes.

Bills were presented for approval; moved by Mary, seconded by Ed, to approve checks 7608– 7620.

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

Shirley Apsey, Clerk
8:03 pm