

# **CEDAR TOWNSHIP MINUTES**

## **JANUARY 24, 2023**

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, Clerk Shirley Apsey, Trustee Mary Clark, and Trustee Ed Lundborg. Absent was Deputy Clerk, Cindy Gadboise and Deputy Treasurer, Jean Schember. Also Present was Dale Stieg, Scott Stieg, and James Nienhuis, Assessor. Supervisor calls meeting to order. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

- Motion to approve December 20, 2022 meeting minutes as presented made by Ed and seconded by Heather. All members voting yes.
- Treasurer's Report presented by Heather; accepted by Mary, seconded by Ed. Report placed on file.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Shirley received copy of the Fire Contract from Lincoln Township Fire Chief, Dave Belden. Contract was signed and mailed, along with check. Copy placed on file.

Past FOIA request from MichiganOps, Yehuda Miller, was stopped due to no response following a cost itemization form that was sent. A 50% down payment was due before January 19, 2023 before any attempt is made to fulfil their request. This FOIA is fully denied.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Following last month's meeting, Ms Katrina Wanner decided she was not interested in being on the Board of Review as an alternate. Thus, Mr. Dale Stieg, has agreed to fulfil that position, instead.

- Motion to appoint Dale Stieg as Cedar Township Board of Review, Alternate made by Ed, seconded by Mary. All members voting yes.

### Poverty Guidelines for 2023.

**RESOLUTION:** WHEREAS, pursuant to PA 253, 2020 Cedar Township, Osceola County adopts guidelines for the assessor and/or Supervisor and Board of Review to implement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Supervisor and Board of Review shall follow the stated policy (attached) and federal guidelines in granting or denying an exemption. Foregoing resolution offered by Heather; and supported by Mary. Upon roll call vote:      5 ayes      0 Naves Resolution adopted.

### Fiscal Year 2023-2024 wage and salary resolutions.

**RESOLUTION:** WHEREAS, according to MCL 41.95(3), in a township that does not hold an annual meeting, the salary for officers composing the township board shall be determined by the township board; and WHEREAS, the township board deems that an

adjustment in the salary of the office of supervisor, clerk, treasurer, trustee is warranted.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that as of January 24, 2023, the salary of the offices of supervisor, clerk, treasurer, trustee shall be increased by 4% each based on the cost-of-living rates for 2023. Following offices also are increased by a 4% cost of living raise: Zoning Administrator, Cemetery Sexton, Planning Board members/chairman, Lawn Care/Maintenance workers, Hall Cleaning & Snow plowing, Board of Review members/chairman, Assessor, Election workers/chairperson, Zoning Board of Appeals, The Foregoing resolutions was offered by Board member Loren, seconded by Board member Mary.

Upon roll call vote:     5 ayes       0 nays  
Resolutions Adopted.

**New rates for mileage reimbursements for 2023:**

- **MOTION** to establish new mileage reimbursement rates for 2023 was set at 65.5 cents/mile made by Heather, seconded by Ed. All in favor.

**Budget totals.**

- **MOTION** to amend budget for Assessor for fiscal year 2022-2023 by \$3,000.00 to cover costs, made by Mary and seconded by Heather. All in favor.

Osceola County District 6 County Commissioner, Scott Stieg, addressed Board with county issues/updates, that he hopes to address. Mr Stieg was welcomed by the board and asked to return anytime with further updates and issues that are happening in our county.

Bills were presented for approval; moved by Mary, seconded by Heather, to approve checks 7641-7649.

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

Shirley Apsey, Clerk  
7:40 pm