

**CEDAR TOWNSHIP
MINUTES
September 19, 2023**

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 and Deputy Treasurer Jean Schember. Also present was residents Roxanne Brower, Dee Steig, Bob & Sandra Leyrer, Osceola County Sheriff Mark Cool, Chris Nygaard, Mr. and Mrs. Kinder, and assessor James Neinhuis.

Supervisor calls meeting to order. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

- **Motion** to approve August, 2023 meeting minutes as presented made by Jean and seconded by Heather. All members voting yes.
- Treasurer's Report presented by Heather; accepted by Mary, seconded by Cindy. Report placed on file.

OLD BUSINESS: Heather reports on interest rates for opening new Township money market CDs. Suggestion is made to open in the Huntington Bank with a 3-month, 6-month, 9-month, 12-month CDs with \$70 thousand in each due to the higher interest rates.

- **MOTION** to open a 3-month, 6-month, 9-month, and a 12-month CD with a \$70 thousand balance in each in the Huntington Bank in Reed City. Motion made by Mary; seconded by Jean. All members voting in favor.

Board discusses the resolution that was presented to the board in last month's Township meeting on the Marihuana Regulations prohibiting the establishment of Recreational Marihuana Establishments in Cedar Township.

RESOLUTION: Now, Therefore, be it resolved that at a regular meeting of the Cedar Township Board the following resolution was adopted to decline to adopt an Ordinance authorizing any of the five types of Recreational Marihuana Establishments within Cedar Township authorized by PA 2814 of 2016.

Foregoing resolution was offered by board member Trustee Mary Clark

And supported by board member Trustee Ed Lundborg.

Upon roll call vote: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

Supervisor declares this resolution adopted.

Copy of the "Opt Out" resolution is attached.

NEW BUSINESS: Amended resolution for township poverty guidelines is required by assessor to meet the State's requirements.

RESOLUTION: WHEREAS, pursuant to General property Tax Act, MCL 211.7u, Cedar Township, Osceola County, adopts amended guidelines to include the Asset Test 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 with Asset Test in granting or denying an exemption.

Foregoing resolution offered by Board Member, Treasurer Heather Battle

And supported by Board Member, Trustee Mary Clark.

Upon roll call vote: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

Supervisor declares amended resolution adopted.

Board discussion continues on how to address some RB&Bs being posted on township resident's property. Is this something that needs to be regulated? And if so, how and who is responsible to monitor and address this issue? Board feels that maybe this is on the homeowner's property and the board does not feel it warrants their involvement to try and make rules/regulations concerning this, at this time.

Shirley gave board update on how the County Clerk's office is going to handle the new 9-day early voting process. For the next upcoming election in March, 2024, the county will establish an early voting agreement for any of Osceola County Townships that want to join. Shirley asks that the Election Commission meet following this meeting to cover the agreement and approve joining with the county to handle the early voting for Cedar Township.

Osceola County Sheriff, Mark Cool, addressed board on items that pertain to Cedar Township. He gave updates on some of the 661 calls that were responded to and addressed by the Sheriff's office.

Public Input: Mr. Keith Kinder asked board to allow a variance on their seasonal property in Cedar Township. He wants to put in a newer modular home on their property but because it does not meet the permanent housing zoning requirements, he is asking for the board to allow him a variance before he buys the new modular. Board has no issue with granting this variance for Mr. and Mrs. Kinder.

Bills were presented for approval; moved by Mary, seconded by Heather, to approve checks 7770-7789.

● **Motion** to adjourn was made by Ed; seconded by Heather. All members voting yes.

Shirley Apsey, Clerk
8:26 pm