

TOWNSHIP OF HERSEY

Regular Board Meeting

October 18, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Township Supervisor, Russ Wayne at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Russ Wayne, Township Supervisor, Jenny Garzka, Clerk, Chastity Cartier, Township Treasurer, Diane Leichty, Trustee, Jason Daday, Trustee, Jack Boden, Township Fire Chief.

Opening prayer was provided by Russ Wayne, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Brief Public Comment - None

Additions or Deletions to the agenda - None

Approval of the Minutes from September 20, 2022: Motion by Jason Daday, seconded by Diane Leichty, to approve the minutes with one change as Jack Boden was no present. Motion carried with voice vote.

Payment of Bills

Motion by Diane Leichty, seconded by Chastity Cartier, to approve the payment of the bills in the amount of \$22,498.69 which includes payroll and the pre-paid bills. Motion carried with voice vote.

Old Business

New Business

a. Blight Report:

Update on blight properties:

Craft Rd & 160th

Residents are still working on it, but it seems they take two steps forward and one step back.

Will continue to monitor the property.

3887 170th Ave.

Supervisor found owner with the help of the assessor and sent a letter on September 22, 2022, with no response so he dropped a letter off at the residence on October 4, 2022. He did call me and said he did not want any trouble with his neighbors so he would start cleaning it up. He is not fast but is working on it.

Will continue to monitor.

If the Craft Rd. property doesn't get any better, we will need to turn it over to the blight officer.

Supervisor's Report

Russ has found out that there are other companies that offer that type of insurance, MMRMA and MML are a couple. Jenny will get Russ a copy of the Burhams & Flowers policy as well as the MML Workmen's Comp policy. This winter he will work on an RFP to get new quotes for our Liability and Work Comp insurance. Trying to get our cost lower.

Treasurer's Report

Chastity Cartier stated that our investment accounts are earning very good interest. County says no newsletter this winter. They said we only have two lines available. She is putting the Disposal Date on it.

Clerk's Report

Jenny Garska informed us that our Accuracy Test is scheduled for October 24, 2022, at 11:00 am but the Public Portion of it will start at 1:00 p.m. She posted a public notice in the box at the Hall. You are all welcome to come and see the process. She thanked the board for approving the extra training for the Election Inspectors and that will be October 29, 2022, at 9:00 – Noon. So far all of them have been open to coming in. Gloria and Jenny will be working together to put all of the pieces together that they will need to know and get a game plan down and hopefully the next election will go smooth and less stressful for our election workers.

The Clerk's mandatory hours to be at the hall is Saturday, November 5, 2022, from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm and that's when we register new voters or make changes to their voter records or hand in Absentee Ballots. They will also be doing Election Day Set Up. As of Monday, I have processed 215 outbound AV Ballots and 76 have been returned so far. Getting new applications everyday so our numbers will be pretty good this year for that.

Zack from Baird Cotter and Bishop sorted out that Social Security issue. It ended up being an error in the 2020 4th Quarter reporting and I sent everything in that the auditor gave us back to Social Security and they will owe us \$451.88. Would you guys prefer a credit toward our tax account or a refund? There was discussion and it was decided to do whatever is easiest for the clerk to keep track of.

She noticed food thrown out behind the Township Hall and she wasn't sure what to do about it. Discussion was held and it was decided that at this point we will just monitor it. Russ will check it when he comes to town. Jenny said it looks like someone is feeding a dog. Several board members have seen a big dog through the window.

Fire Department Report

Jack Boden said that the fire department had 5 medical runs and a downed power line.

Reed City Glass wants \$500.00 to replace the window on the door at the Fire Hall. Our deductible is either \$500 or \$1000 so we are going to pay for it one way or another. He was told to go ahead and get it done,

Got some testing coming up for the pumps on our trucks and some maintenance tests done on the trucks also so there will be some bills coming in for that.

The truck that is getting replaced as a garden hose in unit to keep it topped off otherwise it will leak, and we could lose a quarter of that tank. That test will also be tested. The tests are expensive but the liability of not doing it is more of a liability.

The new truck is not expected until March of 2023 now and the feeling of the supervisor and the fire chief is that we won't see it until next summer because there was not guarantee from the last e-mail received from the company.

On-line training is working out well. Next bill for renewal will be in March.

Extended Public Comment – None.

Adjournment

Motion by Chastity Cartier, seconded by Diane Leichty, to adjourn at 7:22 pm. Motion carried.

Jenny Garska, Hersey Township Clerk