

MIDDLE BRANCH TOWNSHIP MINUTES
Budget & Regular Business
Monday, February 12, 2024 7:00 pm
Budget Working

Glenn opened with Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call: Peggy, Patty, Sarah, Bruce & Glenn present.

Guests: Bob Hoard, Lisa Johnson, Vance Edwards, Derek Wing, Eric Abbey, Tim Michell, Jean Orvis, Kathy Riedel and Douglas Elliott

Bruce made a motion to accept the Agenda with the additions, Sarah 2nd, motion carried.

Peggy reported a stipend could not be given to the clerk for additional election duties and therefor requested a \$900.00 raise during election years. Bruce made a motion to reverse the January motion for a stipend, Sarah 2nd, motion carried.

Eric Abbey, Grounds Keeper, presented a detailed chart of his work in 2023 and requested he be on salary for 2024 with the extra work on an hourly wage.

Bruce made a motion to close the working budget meeting at 7:44 and open the General Business meeting, Sarah 2nd, motion carried.

General Meeting

Bruce made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Glenn 2nd, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: \$253,428.70

Bruce made a motion to pay the bills, Sarah 2nd, motion carried.

Old Business:

Vance Edwards, President of Silent Observer gave a presentation on the program and need for funding. They are asking townships to sponsor \$250.00 per year to help offset the operation costs. Bruce made a motion to sponsor Silent Observer at \$250.00 per year, Glenn 2nd, motion carried.

Derek Wing discussed how he conducts Ordinance Officer and what his charges are. Bruce made a motion to hire Derek Wing as Middle Branch Township Ordinance Officer to enforce the Townships Ordinances at \$50.00 per hour and supplies, Glenn 2nd, Vote: (Ayes) Peggy, Patty, Sarah, Bruce and Glenn. (Nays) None. Motion carried.

New Business:

Marion Library was discussed. The Library would like the township to place a millage request on the August ballot. Much discussion followed with it being tabled until the March meeting.

Peggy distributed the election petitions to those who wish to run for a township position in 2024.

Road millage was discussed, wording approved for the August Primary ballot.

Tim announced there would be a meeting Wednesday, March 20 2024 at the community building at the Evert fair grounds beginning at 7:00 pm to discuss sustainable energy.

Douglas Elliott presented a contract for the new flooring. The contract was signed by Glenn and Douglas. Half the cost is to be paid now and the remaining when the job is completed.

Peggy gave Eric the information on the annual Michigan Association of Municipal Cemeteries conference. He will let the Board know if he can attend.

Glenn mentioned the Road Committee is due to assess the roads.

Bruce made a motion to adjourn at 9:00, Sarah 2nd, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peggy A. Hoard, Clerk