



TOWNSHIP OF FLYNN
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 9, 2021

7:00 P.M. – Regular Monthly Board Meeting at the Flynn Township Senior Center

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Grant Burgess, Clerk Rob Vinande, Treasurer Brent Banks, Trustee Bob Alexander, Trustee Jeff Keesler

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Deputy Supervisor Gene Burgess, Assessor Thomas Lupo, District 4 Commissioner Roger Ballard, Deputy Treasurer Tracy Banks, Deputy Clerk Katherine Wilson and John Griffin

REGULAR AGENDA:

- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY** Deputy Supervisor Gene Burgess
- **ASSESSOR’S REPORT**
 - December Board of Review (BOR) will be held Tuesday, Dec. 14 @ 9 a.m. at the Senior Center; Assessor will ensure the members of the BOR are aware of the meeting.
 - Discussed Poverty Exemption Limits for property taxes; changes are being made at both the federal and state level. The State of Michigan has changed it so the BOR is the only entity that can grant a Poverty Exemption (removed capability of Township Supervisor to also do so).
 - Attended a class on the assessor management of marijuana growers at the township level.
- **COMMISSIONER’S REPORT**
 - Discussed Board of Commissioners going from 5 to 7 members with the new redistricting plan effective Jan. 1, 2023.
 - Commissioner Ballard shared with the board about current legislation moving through the State House and Senate regarding further regulation of Marijuana growers.
 - Commissioner Ballard’s Report attached as page 4 of this document.
- **PUBLIC COMMENT**
 - John Griffin discussed with the board his concern for the state of our nation and that change needs to start at the local level.
- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A motion made by Trustee Bob Alexander seconded by Trustee Jeff Keesler to approve the October 12th minutes as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**

- **APPROVAL OF TOWNSHIP TREASURER’S REPORT**

- A motion made by Trustee Jeff Keesler and seconded by Trustee Bob Alexander to accept the Treasurer’s Balance Sheet as presented on November 9th. **MOTION CARRIED**

- **APPROVAL OF TOWNSHIP EXPENSES:**

- A motion made by Trustee Bob Alexander seconded by Trustee Jeff Keesler to approve the new bills as presented for a total of \$27,725.86 on November 9th. **MOTION CARRIED**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **SENIOR CENTER / PARK**

- No discussion.

- **NATURE CENTER**

- No discussion.

- **ROADS**

- Discussed progress being made on the approaches from paved roads to corresponding gravel roads and the need to lengthen the slopes. The county is taking action.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **ROADS**

- Clerk Robert Vinande discussed the amount of dust on Bailey Road and the unsafe speed of trucks traveling the road right behind one another (the second truck being blinded by the dust of the first truck); second truck is unable to see oncoming traffic and near misses result. Discussed multiple applications of dust control for next year.

- **CLERK’S ITEMS**

- Accreditation for Election Officials
 - Discussed accreditation for Clerk Robert Vinande as an Election Official. Online and in-person training and accreditation testing options will be reviewed and perused.
- American Rescue Plan (ARPA) / Covid-19 Relief Funding
 - Clerk Robert Vinande updated the board regarding the American Rescue Plan (ARP) / Covid-19 Relief Funding
 - 50% of the funds were received in October with the other 50% being received in 2022.
 - Activities continue in determining what type of projects are allowed to utilize the funds. Clerk Robert Vinande and Carol Vinande attended a working session on Oct. 19 between Sanilac County ARP Committee and iParametrics (consultants hired by the county) for purpose of ARPA oversight and compliance services. Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 11 a.m. in the Board of Commissioners meeting room at the Sanilac County Building. The meetings are open to all township board members.
- Solar Farm Ordinance
 - Draft copies of the Flynn Township Solar Farm Ordinance were distributed to all board members for review; discussion and voting will be held at the December 14th meeting.
- November 10th Blood Drive at the Senior Center has been cancelled due to staff shortages.

- Small Claims Court for Unpaid Fire Runs
 - There are currently three Unpaid Fire Runs from the last two years after multiple mailings to collect.
 - Board discussed next steps for perusing payment.
 - A motion made by Treasurer Brent Banks and seconded by Trustee Bob Alexander for Clerk Robert Vinande to file Small Claims proceedings for the Unpaid Fire Runs. **MOTION CARRIED**
- Flynn Township Senior Center Propane Tank
 - Clerk Robert Vinande shared with the board a concern raised by a resident regarding the visual condition of the tank. Board discussed the need to power wash it.
- Clerk Robert Vinande shared with the board the current Budget vs. Actual spend for the current fiscal year.
- Discussed location of the December Board Meeting; decision was made to conduct it as normal at the Flynn Township Senior Center on Tuesday, December 14th at 7 p.m..

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Trustee Bob Alexander and seconded by Trustee Jeff Keesler to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED**

NEXT MEETING: The next Flynn Township Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 14th, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m. at the Flynn Township Senior Center.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT – DISTRICT 4
ROGER C. BALLARD
CITY / VILLAGE / TOWNSHIPS REPORT

October 19, 2021

MSU Dist. 10 Director Jerry Johnson presented a report, introduced new staff and heard a report from Program Coordinator Colleen Wallace.

Appointed Chad Partaka as Township Representative to the Central Dispatch Advisory Board, term expiring 12/31/22.

Adopted the 2021 San. Co. Appropriations Report Resolution stating that various Township, City and Village Financial Officers have certified that their tax rates comply.

Adopted a resolution supporting the Sanilac County Parks 5 year plan, 2022-2026.

Adopted a resolution supporting the ARP State matching funds program. Approximately 5.9 billion dollars will be distributed to Townships, Cities and Villages to provide matching funds for their ARP funds.

November 2, 2021

Appointed Charles Bush as the City/Village Government representative to the Central Dispatch Advisory Board for a partial 2 year term expiring 12/31/22.

Appointed Frederick Buchner to the Veteran's Affairs Committee for a 4 year term expiring 11/1/25.

Passed a Resolution honoring Michael Patterson for 6 years of service on the Central Dispatch Advisory Board. Mike has also served as Elk Township Supervisor for 18 years.

Passed a Resolution supporting HB5026 increasing the prepaid device user fee 1%, from 5 to 6%, to support 911.

Gave approval to post and fill the Evergreen Park Manager position and the Circuit Court Administrative Assistant positions.

County ARPA Consultant meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. in room 105 at the Courthouse. City, Village and Township Officials are welcome to attend.

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