



TOWNSHIP OF FLYNN
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 11, 2023

8:00 P.M. – Regular Monthly Board Meeting at the Flynn Township Senior Center

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Grant Burgess, Clerk Robert Vinande, Treasurer Brent Banks and Trustee Jeff Keesler

MEMBERS ABSENT: Trustee Bob Alexander

OTHERS: Assessor Thomas Lupo, Deputy Supervisor Gene Burgess, Commissioner Christine Lee

REGULAR AGENDA:

- **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- **REGULAR BOARD MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY** Supervisor Grant Burgess at 8:00 p.m.
- **ASSESSOR’S REPORT**
 - SOM is requiring Assessors to have an Assistant
 - Training is required for this position
 - Assessor mentioned he would work with Clerk Robert Vinande to fulfill the assistant role; this was news to Clerk Vinande; details yet to be worked out.
 - Q3 Board of Review Meeting to be held July 18th at 9 a.m.
- **COMMISSIONER’S REPORT**
 - Commissioner Christine Lee’s Report is attached starting on page 4 of this document.
- **PUBLIC COMMENT**
 - None
- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A motion made by Trustee Jeff Keesler and seconded by Treasurer Brent Banks to approve the June 13th minutes as presented. **MOTION CARRIED**
- **APPROVAL OF TOWNSHIP TREASURER’S REPORT**
 - A motion made by Clerk Robert Vinande and seconded by Trustee Jeff Keesler to accept Treasurer’s Balance Sheet as presented on July 11th. **MOTION CARRIED**
- **APPROVAL OF TOWNSHIP EXPENSES:**
 - A motion made by Trustee Jeff Keesler and seconded by Treasurer Brent Banks to accept the June bills as presented for a total of \$15,409.11. **MOTION CARRIED**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **ACTION ITEMS**
 - Clerk Robert Vinande reviewed the current Open Action Items and updated them.
 - Discussed the purchase of a new kitchen stove for the Senior Center.
 - A motion made by Trustee Jeff Keesler and seconded by Clerk Robert Vinande to purchase a new kitchen stove with a budget of \$800-\$1,000 and to use ARPA funds. **MOTION CARRIED**
 - **ACTION ITEM** – Treasurer Brent Banks for purchase a new stove and have the old one removed.
- **SENIOR CENTER / PARK**
 - No discussion.
- **NATURE CENTER**
 - No discussion.
- **ROADS**
 - The culvert on Peck Road is now open with additional paving work yet to be done.
- **CLERK'S ITEMS**
 - 2023 Scrap Tire Recycling Event will be Wednesday, July 12, 8 a.m. - Noon
 - **ACTION ITEM** - Supervisor Burgess to ensure equipment and a tire counter is there for the event.
 - **ACTION ITEM** - Clerk Vinande to get tire count from Supervisor Burgess and submit to Environmental Rubber Recycling which takes care of filing the grant paperwork with the SOM this year.
 - The 2022 Election Security Grant reimbursement has been approved and will be sent to the township this month.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **SENIOR CENTER / PARK**
 - No discussion.
- **NATURE CENTER**
 - No discussion.
- **ROADS**
 - The board discussed gravel needs for the township and decided to not purchase any additional gravel at this time.
 - **ACTION ITEM** – Clerk Vinande to information the Road Commission of the board's decision.
- **CLERK'S ITEMS**
 - PA116 applications received and forwarded to the Sanilac County Planning Commission.

OTHER:

- Upcoming Meetings were reviewed by Clerk Robert Vinande:
 - Scrap Tire Recycling
 - Wed. July 12, 8 a.m.-Noon
 - Sanilac County MTA Meeting
 - July 19, 6 p.m. @ Liberty Lanes
 - August Flynn Township Board Meeting
 - Tue. August 8, 8 p.m.
 - Sanilac County MTA Meeting
 - July 19, 6 p.m. @ Liberty Lanes
- Brown City Fire Authority
 - No update.
- Clerk Robert Vinande reviewed the New Action Items from the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

- A motion was made by Clerk Robert Vinande and seconded by Trustee Jeff Keesler to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED**

NEXT MEETING:

- The Flynn Township Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 8th 8:00 p.m. at the Flynn Township Senior Center.

Commissioner's Report – District 5 City/Village/Townships

June 7, 2023

LEPC Committee/Emergency Management: CAM Search and Rescue did a demonstration. There are 20 members located in Michigan with 6 being in the Thumb area. Everyone needs to fill out their Mutual Aid Maps.

June 20, 2023

Health Board

Senior Fair is this Friday; Health Department are doing shots (Shingles etc.). For all Senior Citizens and Care Givers. Regular exercise may boost pain tolerance. Anything is better than nothing. Remember to always to update your computer, 85% who don't update the chances are higher that you will be hack.

Board of Commissioner

Jerry Johson is stepping down from MSU Extension.

Phil Kaatz, Michigan State University Extension Forages/Field Crops Educator, provided a statewide report from the Field Crop Team highlighting programs provided, to include, the Virtual Breakfast Series. Mr. Kaatz further provided a handout of the 2022 Soybean On-Farm Trial locations within in the state. Additionally, a Grain Bin Rescue TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2023 111 (UNOFFICIAL MINUTES) Training will take place on July 25, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Michigan Agricultural Commodities, 7115 Maple Valley Rd., Brown City, Michigan. Interested participants should register at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/RescueProgram/> or by calling Charles Gould at 616-834-2812 by July 1st. There is no registration fee, but the class will be limited to 30 participants.

Mary Gilbert, Michigan State University Extension Community Nutrition Instructor, gave an overview of programs provided within the county, and agreed to pass on information to the Board regarding the same.

FA-087-23 - APPROVED THE PAYMENT OF CURRENT CLAIMS FOR 2023 IDENTIFIED ON THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT DATED JUNE 13, 2023, FOR THE GENERAL BANK ACCOUNT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$186,416.95.

FA-089-23 - APPROVED THE PAYMENT OF ADDITIONAL GENERAL FUND BANK ACCOUNT CHECKS CHARGED TO MAY, 2023, AS FOLLOWS: TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2023 113 (UNOFFICIAL MINUTES) ADDITIONAL GENERAL FUND BANK ACCOUNT CHARGES FOR MAY 2023 \$718,962.21 ACH PAYMENTS \$50,581.03 ONLINE BILL PAY \$707,582.33 CHECKS \$1,477,125.57 TOTAL.

FA-090-23 - ADOPTED THE 2023 TAXABLE VALUE REPORT OF \$1,862,708,827 FOR SANILAC COUNTY, AS PRESENTED.

FA-091-23 - AUTHORIZED THE PROBATE COURT POST AND FILL A COURT CLERK VACANCY AT A PAYGRADE 5, STEP 1.

FA-092-23 - AUTHORIZED THE DISPOSAL OF ONE (1) 2017 FORD EXPLORER, VIN# ENDING IN 93135, WITH 125,000 MILES THROUGH ALBRECHT AUCTION SERVICE OF VASSAR. FURTHER AUTHORIZES ALL PROCEEDS OF THE SALE TO BE DEPOSITED INTO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE VEHICLE LINE.

FA-093-23 - AWARDED AND AUTHORIZED RAPSON REFRIGERATION THE BID TO REPLACE THE HVAC UNITS WITH THE AAON BRAND, AT THE 171 DAWSON STREET BUILDING AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$311,640, WITH FUNDING FROM ARPA FUNDS.

FA-094-23 - APPROVED THE TITLE IV-D COOPERATIVE REIMBURSEMENT CONTRACT RENEWAL WITH THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, FOR THE FRIEND OF THE COURT, EFFECTIVE 2024 THROUGH 2028.

FA-095-23 - APPROVED THE RENEWAL OF THE TITLE IV-D COOPERATIVE REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, FOR PATERNITY AND CHILD SUPPORT, EFFECTIVE 2024 THROUGH 2028.

Public Comments: Scott Westbrook, Fremont Township Resident, inquired as to how the County Master Plan will be distributed once it is ready. Chairman Block stated that it will go in front of the Sanilac County Planning Commission and then ultimately in front of the Sanilac County Board of Commissioners for final approval. Commissioner Heberling further stated that copies may be provided to each of the township supervisors as well.

Diane Ferguson, Sanilac County Resident, wished to clarify the acronym of S.M.A.R.T (Sustainable Monitoring Analyses Reporting Technology) cities. Ms. Ferguson further urges the reading of “The Emperor Wears No Clothes” by Jack Herer. Also, Ms. Ferguson stated that she attended a seminar regarding CBDC; she may be reached at 810- 712-6645 with questions regarding the same.

July 5, 2023

Letter from the State of Michigan, Department of Agriculture and Rural Development to Zimba Farms regarding farm operation’s manure management practices.

APPOINTED DONALD MAURY TO THE VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE FOR A FOUR (4) YEAR TERM, EXPIRING 7/1/2027.

FA-096-23 - APPROVED THE PAYMENT OF CURRENT CLAIMS FOR 2023 IDENTIFIED ON THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT DATED JUNE 27, 2023, FOR THE GENERAL BANK ACCOUNT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$125,574.99.

FA-098-23 - AUTHORIZED THE DRUG TASK FORCE DISPOSE OF A 2009 DODGE CHARGER, WITH 200,000 PLUS MILES AND VIN NUMBER ENDING IN 75794 AT ALBRECHT AUCTION OF VASSAR AND FURTHER ALL PROCEEDS OF THE SALE BE DEPOSITED INTO THE DRUG TASK FORCE FORFEITURE FUND.

FA-099-23 - AWARDS AND AUTHORIZED STRINGER CONSTRUCTION, LLC THE BID FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING A CONCRETE FLOOR TO THE FORESTER PARK MAINTENANCE BUILDING ADDITION FOR IMMEDIATE APPROVAL, AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$4,992.00, WITH FUNDING FROM THE PARKS MILLAGE.

FA-100-23 - ACCEPTS THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR / CONTROLLER NATHAN ROSKEY’S 2022- 2023 PERFORMANCE EVALUATION, SET AS HIGHLY EFFECTIVE AND APPROVES A ONE (1) WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2023 119 (UNOFFICIAL MINUTES) YEAR EXTENSION TO THE FOLLOWING EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT, EXPIRING MAY 30, 2026.

Denise Jones read an article from the May 11, 2023 edition of the Calgary News regarding Canada’s bat species becoming endangered largely due to wind turbines.

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