

Escanaba Township meeting held March 16, 2020, at the township hall.

Supervisor Ken Brunette called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance and a small prayer. Other Board members present: Clerk Patricia Beauchamp, Treasurer Linda Trombley-Robitaille, Trustee Alfred Gareau and Trustee Raymond Hughes.

Supervisor Brunette mentioned with the virus in an up roar we are going to cancel our meetings until further notice.

Trustee Gareau moved to accept the February minutes taken by Carol King. Treasurer Trombley-Robitaille seconded this motion. Motion carried.

The Financial Report was not presented for all is at the auditors.

Communications: Supervisor has the landfill minutes. The MTA Conference in Traverse City has been cancelled due to this virus.

Public Comments: A request was made by the Planning Commission to order new books at \$35 each for each member. There is also two classes that they would like to do that is on line in April. Treasurer Trombley-Robitaille moved to get the books requested for each member but they will stay in the township not with the person receiving them, Trustee Hughes seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer Trombley-Robitaille moved to close the regular meeting at 7:40 p.m. and go into the Budget Hearing, Trustee Gareau seconded this motion. Motion carried.

Supervisor Brunette resumed the regular meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Supervisor Brunette mentioned we will not have a meeting for two months until it is clear of the virus. The Trustees and Supervisor will get a list of the bills and they will sign the list and give them back to the ones making out the checks.

Trustee Hughes moved to postpone the Planning Commission meetings, the Board of Appeals meetings, Board of Review meetings will stay open, the fire department will still go on calls. This motion is seconded by Treasurer Trombley-Robitaille. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Robert Barron and Warren Bovin.

If anyone is running for the Board seats that will be opening up for nominations the deadline is April 21st.

Board Members: Trustee Hughes mentioned that the Variance for the gun club was looked into by the Board of Appeals and went to the Planning Commission.

Fire Chief Matt Rian gave his fire report. One barn fire which the Fire Marshall was called just for clarification on it not being suspicious. He also would like to take a truck to a funeral in Marquette Twp. A fire fighter lost his life at a fire and he was 23 years old. Trustee Gareau moved to take truck #5 to this funeral, seconded by Trustee Hughes. Motion carried.

Trustee Gareau moved to pay bills, seconded by Clerk Beauchamp. Motion carried.

Trustee Hughes moved to adjourn at 8:53 p.m., seconded by Trustee Gareau. Motion carried.

Patricia J Beauchamp, Clerk