

Escanaba Township meeting held, July 13, 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 short prayer. Other Board members present: Clerk Patricia Beauchamp, Treasurer Linda Trombley-Robitaille, Trustee Alfred Gareau, and Trustee Raymond Hughes.

Trustee Hughes moved to approve the July agenda, seconded by Trustee Gareau. Motion carried.

The audience asked if masks are required by law why Bob Barron doesn't have one on. He claimed the first amendment.

Trustee Gareau moved to accept the June 2020 minutes, seconded by Trustee Hughes. Motion carried.

The Financial Report was presented with one correction, the Ladder truck should be \$40,425.48 not \$46,425.48.

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| Mead Checking 19151          | 13,390.82  |
| Mead Savings 19151           | 307,409.31 |
| Mead Savings                 | 45,311.91  |
| Building Fund CD             | 118,032.64 |
| Water Fund C/D               | 44,075.28  |
| Cemetery Fund                | 15,407.00  |
| Cemetery C/D                 | 10,849.19  |
| Liquor Law Fund              | 8,746.53   |
| Liquor Law C/D               | 16,548.81  |
| Jaws Equipment Fund          | 14,883.02  |
| Fire Department Ladder Truck | 46,425.48  |
| T & A Fund                   | 235.53     |
| Fire Department C/D          | 103,303.87 |
| Summer Tax Checking          | 559.23     |
| Summer Tax Saving            | 15.26      |
| Winter Tax Checking          | 412.42     |
| Winter Tax Savings           | 226.88     |
| Jaws C/D                     | 10,259.93  |

Trustee Gareau moved to accept the Financial Report as presented with the correction,

seconded by Trustee Hughes. Motion carried.

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Communications: A letter was sent through E-mail from Orion that Supervisor Brunette read to the Board and the Public.

Public Comments: Barry King

Unfinished Business: Gary Johnson gave an estimate of \$3,500 to fix the Township Road on 0.8 Road so the plows and etc. can turn around on it. Trustee Gareau moved to have Gary Johnson fixed this road for the appx. cost of \$3,500, seconded by Trustee Hughes. Motion carried.

Jim Murtha was present to discuss the Cross Country Ski course. It will no longer be at the Beauchamp Farm. Dale Richer was talked to and he mentioned that they could have it in his field. This course will be called Gladstone Farm House Cross Country Ski area. There will only be two meets, October 8<sup>th</sup> and October 19<sup>th</sup>. Parking will be where they park for the tractor pulls and the team buses can be parked at the township hall. Trustee Gareau moved to accept this offer of Dale Richer, seconded by Treasurer Trombley-Robitaille. Motion carried. A Public Hearing will be scheduled for the race track in the near future.

New Business: Soper's Farm on 21<sup>st</sup> Road has a tree in their yard that is 101 years old. The Soper's would like to save this tree as a Heritage Land Mark. The Township is the only one that can declare this tree as a Heritage Land Mark. Trustee Gareau moved to accept this tree as a Heritage Tree that is 101 years old, seconded by Treasurer Trombley-Robitaille. Motion carried. The Treasurer will take care of the paper work for this tree.

We have one vacancy seat for the Planning Commission. Supervisor Brunette received one resume for the opening of this seat from Kim Knauf-Wyckoff. Kim is also running for the position of Treasurer on the Primary and General election. The subject came up that a person on the Planning Commission and running for office has to give up the Planning Commission seat. This is not true. She can be appointed for the Planning Commission seat and if she wins for the Treasurer position she will have to give her seat up. Trustee Gareau moved to appoint Kim Knauf-Wyckoff to the Planning Commission, seconded by Clerk Beauchamp. Motion carried.

The By-Laws for the Planning Commission will be given to the Planning Commission to be reviewed from October 8<sup>th</sup> 2008, and years 2015-2016 amended the proposed By Laws that were not signed. Then the Planning Commission will send it back to the Township Board to be signed for approval. The reason why these By Laws were not signed in 2015-2016 is because the Supervisor then sent the Clerk an e-mail saying he was out of the Country for 12 months and the Board did not receive the papers for the changes.

25% of Escanaba Township people that didn't return the questions that the Census Bureau sent out should do it soon for this is very important for the Townships income from the State. It only takes about 15 minutes to do it on line.

The township basement walls have to be covered so the water can run away from the building

so it doesn't go in the basement. We received on bid from Eli Strutzman. The Board tabled this item until the August meeting.

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Public Comments: Bob Barron, Theresa Norton, Cathy Culliton, Theresa Chenier, Dan Robitaille, and Therese Pietch.

Board Member Comments: Treasurer mentioned that the By-Laws were never turned in in 2015-2016 to be signed for approval. We lost a lot of Revenue Sharing (lost 1/3) these past few months so we have to pull together and only certain people can call our Attorney. It will be the Township Board and the Planning Commission Chair.

Trustee Hughes mentioned the next Planning Commission meeting will be outside held in the Pavilion.

Trustee Gareau and Clerk Beauchamp have no comments.

Supervisor Brunette said we appreciate the Planning Commission members and all they do. We should pull together for our meeting with the Planning Commission. The Revenue Sharing we lost quite a bit and we are hoping it will grow again.

Our next Monthly meeting will be August 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall.

Trustee Hughes gave a fire report of no calls for June. They are still working on the ISO report which is 160 pages and it is almost completed.

Delta County Commissioner was not present for his report.

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

Trustee Gareau moved to adjourn at 8:45 p.m., seconded by Clerk Beauchamp. Motion carried.

Patricia J Beauchamp

Escanaba Township Clerk