

Escanaba Township meeting held, December 11, 2017, at the township hall.

Township Clerk Patricia Beauchamp called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance and a short prayer. Board members present: Clerk Patricia Beauchamp, Deputy Clerk Carol King, Treasurer Linda Trombley-Robitaille, Trustee Alfred Gareau, and Trustee Raymond Hughes. Absent: Supervisor Kenneth Brunette.

Trustee Gareau moved to accept the Agenda as presented, seconded by Treasurer Trombley-Robitaille. Motion carried.

Treasurer Trombley-Robitaille made a motion to accept the November 2017 minutes, seconded by Trustee Gareau. Motion carried.

Treasurer Trombley-Robitaille presented the Financial Report:

Mead Checking (19151)	2,075.65
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Mead Checking (12978)	930.24
Building Fund C/D	115,497.69
Water Fund C/D	42,401.28
Cemetery Fund	6,357.86
Cemetery C/D	10,824.32
Liquor Law Fund	6,902.35
Liquor Law C/D	16,355.54
State Bank Special Assessment	435.35
Jaws Equipment Fund	804.73
FD Ladder Truck	153,326.83
T & A Fund	343.68
Summer tax checking	3.40
Summer Tax Saving	26,978.32
Winter Tax Checking	251.69
Winter Tax Saving	621,753.02

Money was taken out of the Jaws of Life Equipment Fund to pay for new boots and ladder truck fund for insurance and supplies. Motion to accept the Financial Report was made by Trustee Hughes, seconded by Trustee Gareau. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Bob Barron

Jody Norman from the Delta County Road Commission said it will cost \$300,000 to do County Road 416 J Road. The road commission is asking the township to consider paying 30% of this bill. Not sure when this project will happen.

Mike Carey gave a short talk. He is running for State Senate in the August Primary.

Unfinished Business: Roof for the hall is tabled until January's meeting.

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Wayne Samson blight issue he mentioned that the clippings are gone, cars on the land all have vehicle plates on them and the house is livable. Trustee Gareau stated the lot is still a mess. Trustee Gareau moved to turn this matter over to the prosecutor. Trustee Hughes seconded this motion. Motion carried.

The bathroom windows are in at Astro UP and just waiting for a warmer day to install them.

The Marijuana issue the Township opted out of it and a letter will be sent to the State informing them of it.

New Business: Barry King mentioned we need to look into the price of a Public Hearing. What we charge does not even cover the advertising. This will be discussed at the Budget Hearing.

The trash container is being used by numerous people. Someone deposited a television and it cost the Township an extra \$20.

Next monthly meeting is, January 8, 2018.

Public Comments: Bob Barron

Board comments: Trustee Hughes will have a written decision on the Public Hearing, which will be at the next hearing for the Planning & Zoning Commission on Thursday, January 4th at 7:30 p.m.

Fire Chief Matt Rian gave his monthly report. He mentioned it was a slow month with no call outs. We had a truck in the Gladstone Parade. There will be Jaws of Life training. A food drive from 5-8 on December 17th in Gladstone to help the pantries. There will also be a Fire Chief meeting Wednesday, December 13th. Question was asked do we pay for gas when you assist in mutual aide calls for other departments. Chief Rian said yes Escanaba Township pays for the cost in the mutual aide to other departments.

Delta County Commissioner Dave Rivard was absent.

Trustee Gareau made a motion to pay bills, seconded by Trustee Hughes. Motion carried.

Trustee Hughes moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m., seconded by Trustee Gareau. Motion carried.

Patricia J Beauchamp, Clerk

Carol King, Deputy Clerk