

Escanaba Township meeting March 15, 2021, Telecommunication Zoom Supervisor Thomas Rymkos called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., and a short prayer was said.

Board attendance: Clerk Patricia Beauchamp (Delta County, Michigan), Treasurer Kim Knauf-Wyckoff (Delta County, Michigan), Trustee Alfred Gareau (Delta County, Michigan), Trustee Theresa Chenier (Delta County, Michigan), and Supervisor Thomas Rymkos (Delta County, Michigan).

Corrections to the February meeting: No Ag was discussed on Section 13, and the Supervisor asked for \$5,400 more a year not \$54,000. Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff moved to accept the February minutes with the corrections, seconded by Trustee Gareau. Motion carried.

The Planning Commission wants to be compensated for the long hours it takes them for the meetings. This will be addressed at the Budget Hearing. Roll call votes: Trustee Gareau-yes, Trustee Chenier-yes, Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff, Clerk Beauchamp-yes and Supervisor Rymkos-Yes.

Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff gave the Financial Report and said it was reconciled with the bank statement. Trustee Gareau moved to accept the financial report as reported, seconded by Trustee Chenier. With all yes votes the motion was passed.

Communications: CUPPAD, MSU flyer on Solar and Wind webinars coming up soon.

Public Comments: Barry King.

Unfinished Business: Roads to be completed this year. D-38 will be \$14, 923.37 double prime & seal. 2. D-9 Paquin's black top \$67,624.85. 3. Airport Road D-5 \$36,570.20. Triple Creek Road will be held back to see what the terms are of the Annexation to Cornell. That road would cost the township \$38,600.00. There are other roads to consider for Escanaba Township this year.

Trustee Chenier discussed the membership chart for the Planning Commission as follows: Dean VanLoon a one-year term, Ray Hughes a one-year term, Norm Fleury a two-year term, Renee Richer a two-year term, Theresa Norton a three-year term, Greg Faust a three-year term and Theresa Chenier a four-year term. Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff moved to approve these appointments as of March 15, 2021, seconded by Trustee Chenier. With all yes votes the motion was approved.

Trustee Chenier, Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff, and Cathy Culliton put together a FOIA Procedures and Guide lines. They also created a new fee schedule. With all voting yes, the procedures were approved and passed.

Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff prepared a Preparation and Response Plan to the Covid-19. She would like this to be posted on the Website and outside cabinets. Trustee Chenier moved to approve this plan, seconded by Trustee Gareau. With all yes votes the Plan is approved.

Resolution of Salaries. This Resolution has been a policy in Escanaba Township for many years.

A Post Audit Policy was presented and stated that the bills should be paid on time. The only one that charges a late fee is City of Gladstone for utilities. Trustee Chenier moved to except this policy, seconded by Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff. This policy was passed in 2000. With all yes

votes this Policy is renewed.

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Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff needs a new computer and would like to sell the one she has (a DelCom) for \$230. It has word and excel on it.

The four computers that were taken were given to us by the state. The Treasurer called the County Clerk and asked if there was a receipt for these lost computers. The County Clerk will look to see if they have a Purchase Order to fall back on. These computers were five years old. She is waiting to hear from the County Clerk.

The Board refused to approve the March 2020 Budget Hearing Minutes.

Clerk Beauchamp moved to adjourn our regular meeting to enter into the Budget Hearing at 8:15 p.m., seconded by Trustee Gareau. Motion carried.

The Treasurer and Trustee Chenier didn't think that the Planning Commission and Board of Appeals should get mileage. Trustee Chenier will call MTA for clarification.

Clerk Beauchamp went over the Income Statement and Supervisor Rymkos went over the Budget. A special meeting will be March 22, 2021 for the Budget Hearing. Trustee Gareau moved to close the Budget Hearing at 9:44 p.m. Seconded by Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff. With all yes votes the Budget Hearing was closed.

The Board resumed the Regular meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Old Business:

Clerk Beauchamp was told that the wrong Moratorium was put into the Daily Press. She had only one that was sent to her so she put that in. Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff had the new one or corrected one put into the paper again.

New Business: A Depository of Money, investments and Depository Designation Resolution was discussed. This Resolution also discussed C/Ds. The Treasurer also mentioned that five C/Ds were coming due. Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff moved to accept this Depository of money Resolution, seconded by Trustee Chenier (Resolution 31521A with changes underlined. Motion carried with all yes votes.

Trustee Chenier and Treasurer Knauf asked that the office door lock be replaced for many have keys to the office and things are being turned around and out of order.

Kay Maynard asked for a refund on a cemetery lot she purchased for Richard Marenger and herself. The Sexton could not find the lot she said was theirs so she picked out another lot. While she knew they paid for one years back she found the original purchase receipt. This lot will be repaid to her at full price of \$400 and the other one will be resold to the public.

Supervisor mentioned that from the well room in the basement of the township hall you can

see right outside. The water in the basement is three inches deep and has to be pumped out each day. The hall has no gutters so they will be installed. The shrubs by the township hall should also be cut down so

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the gutters can do their job. The septic was neglected on the hall and should be fixed. The Supervisor has no idea of the cost, but we have a carpeted conference room in the basement and that was also flooded.

The Fire Department asked to transfer money from Training of \$1000 and \$1925. To equipment and Supplies. So, they can purchase helmets. The Department would also like to take the \$1000 from training and put it on supplies. Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff moved to make these changes for the Fire Department and transfer this to supplies, Seconded by Trustee Gareau. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Barry King.

Fire Department Report by Matt Rian: Five call outs since January. They are looking at an Ambridge Truck 3/3 ton for \$1.00 which has a slide out in the back. They would like to use it for a rescue truck. Belford Company would like to visit in September to help them out but they are looking for places to stay.

Delta County Commissioner was not present on the phone to give his monthly report.

Trustee Gareau moved to pay bills, seconded by Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff. With all yes votes the motion carried.

The treasurer will have the budget to be reviewed from 9-5 on Wednesday. She will have office hours on March 24th from 9-2 and none for the first week of April.

Trustee Chenier mentioned that the Secretary for the Planning Commission is Renee Richer.

Supervisor mentioned that the Solar Ordinance will be arriving shortly from Laura from Foster Swift.

Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff moved to adjourn at 10:33 p.m., seconded by Trustee Gareau. With all voting yes, the motion was carried.

Patricia J Beauchamp

Escanaba Township Clerk