

Escanaba Township meeting held on January 11, 2021, on ZOOM.

Supervisor Tom Rymkos called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m., and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Clerk Beauchamp asked for a prayer before the start of our meet. The full Board agreed on a prayer so Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff led us in a short prayer.

Trustee Gareau moved to approve the Agenda with the additions of Application of the Planning Commission. This motion is seconded by Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff. Motion carried.

Supervisor mentioned that Trustee Chenier is now the liaison for the Planning Commission.

Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff moved to have the correction of on the minutes, seconded by Trustee Gareau. Motion carried.

Clerk Beauchamp moved to accept the Financial Report as presented. Supervisor Rymkos asked a few questions on the water fund and the Treasurer answered them. This motion was seconded by Trustee Gareau. Motion carried.

Communications: None.

Unfinished Business: Linda Trombley-Robitaille became the Clerks deputy and was sworn in. Cathy Culliton became the Treasurers deputy and was sworn in. Both ladies will go to the bank and sign our signature cards. Supervisor Rymkos asked if they were bonded and the answer is yes. Treasurer Kim moved to accept these two ladies to become deputies seconded by Trustee Gareau. Motion carried.

There is some Planning Commission Ordinance changes and that will take place in February.

The Supervisor received a letter from the Road Commission and a letter was supposed to be attached with the roads they thought needed to be repaired. The list was not included in the envelope.

Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff discussed the emergency signs that the Delta County Townships Association had us sign up to get. Escanaba Township will be getting their new signs soon.

Another resume came in for the Planning Commission. Greg Faust lives in Weswood Subdivision and has many qualifications to being on the Board. This will be decided in February and hope many more people sign up for this position.

Supervisor Rymkos discussed the building permits and how they are to be handled. Trustee Gareau said they will be ready for the Planning Commission the first Monday of the month. The Supervisor mentioned a copy will be going to the Assessor and the Treasurer will send them to the Assessor each month.

Supervisor Rymkos discussed the Building Fund and to put another line item for the Fire Department and Township Hall for maintenance. The Clerk mentioned there is already a line item for the Township Hall but not for the Fire Department. This will be done in the future. The ceiling fans at Besse's Fire Hall are not working.

A new municipal Lawyer is being looked at. We have two applications, one from Foster Swift and one from Bauckham, Sparks, Thall, Seeber & Kaufman P.C. The Board discussed them both and a representative (Laura Genovich) from Foster Swift was on the line and discussed what her

firm does.

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Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff moved to approve Foster Swift as our municipal lawyer, seconded by Trustee Chenier. Motion carried.

John King and Dan Marenger are our Tavern Inspectors. They alternate a year at a time and give a monthly report on all our liquor retailers

Fire Department 1 in Flat Rock requested a dehumidifier for their hall. This request was given in the past so they will now look for a good one and get back to the Board.

Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff mentioned our fax machine is not working and she will be looking for one.

The FOIA for Minor vs Williams is all caught up and is sent to Minors lawyer. This dispute is zoning. Our new FOIA Administer is Cathy Cullition.

Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff will be calling Benoit Glass & Lock to put new locks on the glass bulletin boards inside and outside of the building. A Service call will be \$65 and each lock is \$48. We will need 3 locks outside and 2 locks inside. Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff moved to get this completed so things can be changed, seconded by Trustee Gareau. Motion carried.

Trustee Chenier asked if the lock in the office can be changed as well being so many people have a key.

People are complaining about the Amish buggies and not being lit up in the evening and they are very hard to see them unless you are on top of them. A semi driver said it is very hard to stop his rig that fast when he did see them.

Trustee Chenier moved to list the regular meetings on the website. This is seconded by Trustee Gareau. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Warren Bovin, Peter from Orion, Amanda Hoffman from Orian, and Fred Minor.

Board member comments: The Clerk requested anything that should be on the Agenda should be called into her the Wednesday before the meeting by 5 p.m.

Delta County Commissioner Bob Barron discussed his first meeting for the County Board. Pat Johnson is the Chairperson, Dave Moyle is the Vice Chair. He discussed wind mills that 21 went up out of 40 and not sure if anymore will be going up. The Covid has hurt many businesses Camel Riders and Wildwood will be closing permanently and tourism will be slowing down in the U.P.

Trustee Gareau moved to pay bills, seconded by Clerk Beauchamp. Motion carried. The bill folder will be on the Treasurers desk.

Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff moved to adjourn at 9:10 p.m., seconded by Clerk Beauchamp.

Motion carried.

Patricia J Beauchamp

Escanaba Township Clerk