

ESCANABA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 18, 2019

The meeting of the Escanaba Township Board was called to order by Ken Brunette at 7:30 pm., followed by the pledge of allegiance and a short prayer.

Roll Call: Supervisor Ken Brunette, Trustee Al Gareau, Trustee Ray Hughes, Treasurer Linda Trombley-Robitaille were present. Clerk Pat Beauchamp was absent.

Approval of the agenda. Please move the solar ordinance to unfinished business. Add Emergency signs. Motion was made by Trustee Ray Hughes to accept the agenda. Seconded by Treasurer Linda Trombley-Robitaille, Motion carried.

Financial Report. Trustee Ray Hughes made a motion to approve the financial report. Trustee Al Gareau seconded the motion, motion carried.

Public Comment. Robert Barron.

Communications. Delta County Landfill explaining about how the recycling has increased.

Unfinished business. The blinking light. We are waiting for a day to put this up. We know the cable will have to be raised as this light is larger.

Cemetery sexton. Clerk Pat Beauchamp will put an ad in the Action Paper. Don't know if it has been done. Treasurer Linda Trombley-Robitaille will check to see if this has been done.

Solar ordinance was presented to the board. Chairman Jack Penegor from the Escanaba Township Planning Commission read the changes made to the solar ordinance to the board and the public. The board had a copy of the ordinance beforehand to read and see if they wanted any changes. There were no more changes to the ordinance. A question came up as to why there is 1081 acres proposed for the solar farm, when it was stated there was only 720 acres in the plan for the solar farm. This was answered by Supervisor Ken Brunette. Once the company puts in how many acres will be used for this farm they can't make a request to add acres to the project. They have to keep in mind there is wet lands, and parcels the owners of the land don't want in the solar farm and are unusable land. A motion was made by Trustee Ray Hughes to accept the solar ordinance as presented. Trustee Al Gareau seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Trustee Al Gareau voted yes. Trustee Ray Hughes voted yes. Supervisor Ken Brunette voted yes. Treasurer Linda Trombley-Robitaille voted yes. Clerk Pat Beauchamp was absent. Copy of the Solar Ordinance is available in the office.

Emergency signs. We need a count of how many signs we need for the project. Kevin Dubord will know this number. The cost for an 18 x 6 sign is \$16.30, the cost of an 18 x 18 sign is \$ 48.65. The cost of the post for either sign is \$6.24 and the installation for each sign is \$9.60. They are 2 sided and will take 60 days to manufacture. The total cost of an 18 x 6 sign is \$32.14 each. The total cost of an 18 x 18 sign is \$64.49 each. We need to order these signs soon as the price will just keep rising. We will table the signs until we get a count.

New Business. Resolution for property transfer. This is a resolution to not collect fines, penalty & interest as authorized by MLC211.27b. The resolution was read by Supervisor Ken Brunette to the board and the public. Motion to accept this resolution # 02-19 as read was made by Treasurer Linda Trombley-Robitaille. Seconded by Trustee Ray Hughes. Roll Call vote. Supervisor Ken Brunette voted yes. Trustee Ray Hughes voted yes. Trustee Al Gareau voted yes. Treasurer Linda Trombley-Robitaille voted yes. Clerk Pat Beauchamp was absent. Resolution # 02-19 was passed.

A copy in in the office for anyone to see.

Board Raises. Raises were discussed and decided to have a 5% raise as there were no raises last year. Motion made was made by Trustee Al Gareau to have a 5% raise as there were no raises last year. Seconded by Treasure Linda Trombley-Robitaille. Voted on and passed.

Small machine to dig graves. Supervisor Ken Brunette had information on three options. A backhoe for the back of the tractor is \$7900. A mini excavator with a thumb to move headstones is \$48,705. A John Deer machine for digging for \$27,300. This was tabled so the board can look at the information on the machines.

Projects for the year. Jody Norman emailed asking about roads to be fixed. O lane seal coat. Fix the cemetery road. Other items to be looked at we need a new roof building addition, hall parking lot, grass truck for the firehall, septic system, ramp roof. These are considered in the new budget.

Public Comment: Robert Barron

Board members. MTA meeting April 1-5 is there anyone else interested in going.

Fire Dept. report. Fire Chief Matt Rian, They had 3 calls. 1 mutual aid for Masonville. 1 roll over, and 1 false alarm. They did a walk thru at Ag Solutions. There is an 18inch dike made for fires. So if there is a fire call for them they want the fire dept to let it burn as spraying water on the fire may spread the fire. Gas meter in truck 6 is not working. There is a meeting for the fire dept. February 19 everyone is welcome.

Delta Country Commissioner David Rivard gave his monthly report. The county has started on their Master Plan. Jail will be opening in 2 ½ months. Want a millage increase for sheriff patrol, and central dispatch.

Pay Bills Motion to pay bills was made by Trustee Al Gareau, seconded by Trustee Ray Hughes. Motion approved

Adjourned at 9:05 pm.