

Escanaba Township meeting held February 8, 2021, thru ZOOM Telcom.

Supervisor Tom Rymkos called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members in attendance: Clerk Patricia Beauchamp (Lake County, Florida), 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). Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff led in a short prayer.

Agenda approval for February 8, 2021 had changes to it. It should have been a regular meeting not a Special Meeting as typed. The Firemen Report had to be added as well as the Delta County Commissioners Report. Trustee Gareau moved to approve the Agenda with corrections, seconded by Trustee Chenier. Roll Call Votes: Clerk Beauchamp-yes, Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff-yes, Trustee Gareau-yes, Trustee Chenier-yes and Supervisor Rymkos-yes. Motion approved.

Trustee Gareau moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting on January 25, 2021 with the correction of Ag on Section 13 on Minor vs William's land. This is seconded by Trustee Chenier. Roll Call Votes: Clerk Beauchamp-yes, Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff-yes, Trustee Gareau-yes, Trustee Chenier-yes, and Supervisor Rymkos-yes. Motion carried.

Public Comments (agenda items only): None.

Old Business: The Budget was discussed fully as reprinted.

Supervisor requested a raise from \$14,059.50 to \$54,000 a year.

The Fire Department requested to receive \$44,000 this fiscal year for supplies. Fire Chief Ledesma submitted a list of all supplies they will need. The fire chief also mentioned that they will need to reset fire bottles a year at \$1,200. each. The NFPA Standards are high and have to be up to date each year. He also stated to replace the #5 grass truck would cost \$105,000 and the cost is increasing each year.

New Business: Barry King is on the Agenda but didn't respond to his page.

Two openings were open for the Planning Commission. Greg Faust, and Theresa Norton put their resumes in to the Supervisor. Roll Call votes to swear them in: Clerk Beauchamp-yes, Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff-yes, Trustee Gareau-yes, Trustee Chenier-yes, and Supervisor Rymkos-yes. So, approved.

The Board of Review Board have to attend a schooling for 4 hours on a Webinar through MTA. The three members are Cathy Flagstadt, Robert Tourangeau, Vickie Gobert, and the alternate is Linda Trombley-Robitaille.

Public Comments: Warren Bovin wanted to hear more about the Moratorium.

Barry King called during the meeting and asked "why the Special Meeting was not posted in the Daily Press when it was only posted a short time on the website"? He mentioned when he was on the Board, "they were scolded for not putting it in the Daily Press and the audience walked all over the Planning Commissions Board". He also mentioned that "some of that audience are now on the Planning Commission Board, they do what they want". Trustee Chenier mentioned they were posted on the Township Website and on the Township Hall doors. Supervisor

Rymkos mentioned it was posted 18 hours before the meeting.

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Board member comments:

Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff mentioned that Ness Glass replaced a key for the glass case on the outside of the hall so now it will be updated each month. The last day to pay the winter taxes is February 16, 2021 from 9-5 p.m. The Treasurer will be open every Wednesday from 9-5 p.m. She would also like to thank the silent donor for the Twenty-five thousand dollars toward the new fire truck. She also mentioned that people are complaining that the Amish buggies do not have lights when they are out at night. The buggies are to have reflective tape on the back of them so they can be seen in the dark

Trustee Chenier mentioned that they have to appoint a lawyer for the Planning Commission for the LaBumbard case and the Planning Commission wants to be compensated for the long hours it will take them.

Clerk Beauchamp also would like to thank the donor for the silent gift of money for the fire truck.

County Board Commissioner was not present to give his report.

Trustee Gareau moved to pay bills, seconded by Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff. Roll call votes: Clerk Beauchamp-yes, Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff-yes, Trustee Gareau-yes, Trustee Chenier-yes, and Supervisor Rymkos-yes. Motion carried.

Treasurer Knauf-Wyckoff moved to adjourn at 9:55 p.m., seconded by Trustee Gareau. Motion carried.

Patricia J. Beauchamp

Escanaba Township Clerk