

Interior Township  
Interior Township Hall  
Regular Meeting  
April 18, 2024

Meeting was opened at 6:00 pm by Supervisor O'Sullivan

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members Present: Trustee Fred Johnson, Treasurer Melanie Pelkola, Supervisor Joseph O'Sullivan & Clerk, Mary Koch.

Members Absent: Trustee Paul Besonen. Paul Besonen arrived at 6:09 p.m.

### **Supervisor's Report**

Joe presented a sample of the water/sewer post cards used by McMillan Township as this is what we will aim for with our new software system. Melanie will work with LeeAnn Anderson to meet and review the current system with McMillan Township.

### **Approval of Minutes**

After review of minutes, a motion was made by Joe O'Sullivan to accept the regular scheduled meeting minutes from March 11, 2024 and the minutes from the Budget Public Hearing and Special Appropriations meeting of March 28, 2024 and the motion was seconded by Melanie Pelkola. Motion carried.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's report was presented by Melanie Pelkola and reviewed by all. A motion was made by Paul Besonen to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Joe O'Sullivan. Motion carried.

### **Approval of Expenditures**

Approval of proposed expenditures supported by the Board signing of the Treasurer's report.

### **Public Comments**

Opened at 6:12 p.m. Roger Rydzewski mentioned that he will be purchasing lawn mower blades and grass seed.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Motion was made by Mary Koch to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by Melanie Pelkola. Motion carried.

### **Committee Reports**

- Need 2 Board of Review Members
- Need Cemetery Committee Members
- Need 2 Planning Committee Members
- Planning Committee Report – Melanie summarized the last couple of Planning Committee meetings and stated that a zoning map is near completion.
- Water Report – No report.
- Sewer Report – No report. Supervisor O'Sullivan stated that Bob Rydzewski is renewing his certification for another year while working together with Paul Besonen as Sewer Operators.

### **Unfinished Business**

- Delinquent Water Bills – It was discussed and determined that four letters of delinquent notice will be sent out on 4/19/24.
- Trout Creek sign proposal is still in the works.

- New sewer operator training. Supervisor O’Sullivan reported that Paul Besonen is currently working with Bob Rydzewski and asked Paul if he is willing to continue in this role and Paul said he will but stated that it would not hurt to have an additional person operating in this capacity for a back up.
- With regard to Covid 19 Fund expenditures, the basement repair/remodel is in progress thanks to Paul Besonen. The new file storage room in basement is almost complete. The Board needs to continue to plan for expenditures by end of year.
- The current Clerk’s resignation was addressed with Wade Boan being present as an applicant for the position. A motion was made by Supervisor O’Sullivan to hire Wade Boan as Interior Township Clerk effective immediately and seconded by Mary Koch. The motion carried. The position was offered and accepted by Mr. Boan with the signing of the Oath of Office.

### **New Business**

- Ontonagon County Road Commissioner was present to discuss the repairs to Short Cut Road. Payne and Dolan will be doing the repairs for the County roads this summer. There is no specific time line for the project on Short Cut Road to begin but it will be during the Summer/Early Fall of 2024. He stated that the estimated cost for the project has increased by 20 – 30% more than originally estimated last year. It is now estimated at closer to \$256,000 total with the Township’s 50% contribution at \$128,000. The Township will be billed for their portion of the fees by the County when the project is completed this coming Summer/Fall.
- GEI representative present and explained that the grant they applied for was not accepted. They are now planning to apply for funding through USDA for water system repairs and updates with a zero funding match required. He mentioned that he recently spoke with Bob Stenfors and reviewed where things are at to keep him in the loop as well. The issue of EGLE addressing lead in the water lines was again mentioned and Joe addressed the attempt to obtain the necessary paperwork that would document no lead by multiple options including the date of pipes being installed to when an ordinance may have been put in place or perhaps even a written statement from installer may suffice as proof. Permission to access residents homes to meet the 20% verification requirement was also discussed.
- Need to adopt a Resolution to assign Supervisor Joseph O’Sullivan as designee on behalf of Township Board for USDA grant funding moving forward. The Resolution #04182024-02 was reviewed and a motion was made by Melanie Pelkola and seconded by Joseph O’Sullivan. A Roll Call vote was taken: Fred Johnson, Yes; Paul Besonen, Yes; Melanie Pelkola, Yes; Joseph O’Sullivan, Yes; and Mary Koch, Yes. Motion Carried. Resolution #04182024-02 was adopted designating Joseph O’Sullivan as Interior Township’s authorized application representative for signature and certification purposes with regard to the USDA funding application requirements.
- Resolution #041824-00 and #041824-01 were presented and reviewed as recommended for the Board of Review and a motion was made by Melanie Pelkola to adopt both resolutions and was seconded by Joseph O’Sullivan. A Roll Call Vote was taken: Fred Johnson, Yes; Paul Besonen, Yes; Melanie Pelkola, Yes; Joseph O’Sullivan, Yes; Mary Koch, Yes. Motion Carried.

### **Public Comment**

Opened at 7:11 pm – there were no comments.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned by Supervisor O’Sullivan at 7:11 pm.

Mary Koch, Interior Township Clerk