

Speaker Township
 Regular Board Meeting
 May 7, 2024

Meeting at Speaker Township Hall at 7630 Brockway Road, Melvin, Michigan called to order by Maitland at 7:04 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance by all present.

	Maitland	Stevens	Brown	Risdon	Moss
Members Present	√	√	√	√	√

Also Present: Deputy Clerk, Shelley O'Brien, Public, Representative from Burnham and Flowers

Motion	Description	Made By	2 nd By	Disposition	Maitland	Stevens	Brown	Risdon	Moss
24-5-7-1	Motion to Amend the agenda to include Cemetery General items as #11 under New Business	Brown	Stevens	MC	Unanimous				
24-5-7-2	Motion to adopt the amended agenda	Maitland	Risdon	MC	Unanimous				
24-5-7-3	Motion to approve meeting minutes from April 2, 2024	Risdon	Stevens	MC	Unanimous				
24-5-7-4	Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report.	Maitland	Risdon	MC	Unanimous				
24-5-7-5	Large bill from Burnham and Flower for insurance of \$17,100. Representative from Burnham and Flower, Jon Johnson. Board received Proposal of Coverage which include info on grant programs and the breakdown of our current plan. Johnson noted possible concerns with auto coverage for fire department. Perhaps our vehicle coverage is not adequate for replacement values. The amounts	Maitland	Stevens	MC	Unanimous				

	covered for vehicles may need to be updated. Requested breakdown of charges. Motion to pay the May 2024 Township Bills of \$21846.53								
24-5-7-6	One item of note was the check written to Speaker Township to cover November through March split bills for SEMCO and lawn care/snowplowing Motion to pay the May 2024 Fire Department Bills of \$3195.28	Maitland	Risdon	MC	Unanimous				
24-5-7-7	Motion to pay the May 2024 Payroll Bills of \$5844.86	Stevens	Maitland	MC	Unanimous				
24-5-7-8	Motion to pay Townley Engineering \$3087.50	Maitland	Brown	MC	Unanimous				
	Additional Clerk Report We received referendum petitions, of which several were incorrectly completed. We worked with our lawyer to determine that there were not enough errors to warrant invalidating the referendum petitions. We also received a nominating petition that was incorrectly completed and was invalidated.								
24-5-7-9	<u>Fire Report</u> Would like to add John Manier back to the fire department. Priess believes he left in 2017 and would like to return. He is already employed through several other departments. Background check is in process. Motion to approve the hiring of John Manier pending the successful results of	Brown	Maitland	MC	Unanimous				

<p>a background check.</p> <p>6 calls last month.</p> <p>Open House June 22 will be open to the public.</p> <p>Frontline is putting us on the schedule to perform maintenance on all 3 trucks.</p> <p>Being a member of the Sanilac County Fire Association gives a discount.</p> <p>Petty cash – we are still looking for the money in the accounts. We will disburse the amount we can identify as theirs when identified. We are hoping that the audit coming up this summer will find the remainder.</p>								
<p><u>Planning Report</u> Written report provided.</p>								
<p><u>Zoning Report</u> 3 land use permits 4 calls on blight Getting a lot of questions, including on setbacks.</p>								
<p><u>Public Comment</u> John Moody – does the insurance company offer any reimbursements for training? If not, it may be worth shopping around. MMRMA may be worth looking at. District 7 has 2 openings on boards 1. Landfill and Recycle board (meets quarterly) 2. Council on Aging</p> <p>Greg Cheolas - We need to hire an expert to help guide the planning</p>								

	<p>commission through the creation of the ordinance. We are not qualified to do this and will miss the important things.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Relationship to home value and wind turbines. 2. Is there an expected quota for townships based on parameters? 3. Is the green energy that is shipped out of state included in the new state mandate? 4. How can a turbine be held to a specific sound level? 5. New houses normally increase in value over time, while turbines do not. Show the impact of a “house not built” because of building renewable energy sources. 								
	Old Business								
	<p>Update on inquiries into local legal representation MTA said that some entities will appoint a committee to go out and interview for a lawyer. 2 members of Board, a couple of PC members, zoning administrator and then this committee would bring a recommendation to the Board. More information at upcoming meetings.</p>								
	<p>Update on Fire Department Ordinance Sent to lawyer for review will hope to have returned for June meeting.</p>								
24-5-7-10	<p>Update on Hall Rental Fees Moss – a lot of halls do not rent or only to residents. He believes that we should increase the amount that we charge because we are lower than most other</p>	Moss	Risdon	MC	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

	rentals. Discussion on giving a discount for those that rent frequently. Motion to raise the hall rental fee by \$25 for both resident and non-resident. The \$50 deposit will remain the same.								
	Update on Smoke Detectors and Fire Extinguishers for Hall Fire Chief - unable to get the free smoke detectors, fire department is looking further to see if they can find some still. Fire extinguishers need to be certified. Fire department will take care of finding someone to have them certified.								
24-5-7-11	Update on purchase of mailboxes for office Mailbox has been ordered. Needs to be installed. Fred Moss has volunteered to install. Continued discussion to purchase a mailbox for the road and get rid of the PO Box because it is challenging to get there because of limited open hours. Looked at several possibilities recommended by the Postmaster. Motion to purchase the Mail Boss 7106 from Home Depot	Moss	Risdon	MC	Unanimous				
	Update on purchase of new locks for office doors. Delivered today. Fred Moss will install.								
	<u>New Business</u>								
24-5-7-12	Purchase of QuickBooks Desktop 2024 Motion to purchase the software from	Maitland	Stevens	MC	Unanimous				

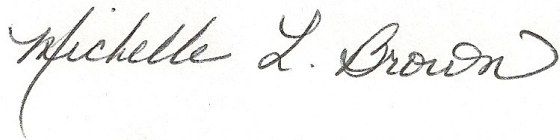
	QuickBooks Desktop 2024 for \$1049								
24-5-7-13	Annual Maintenance Contract with Olds Electric for Generators We need Olds to look at lights while they are here as well. We have had them “fixed” in the past, but they are still not working. Motion to hire Olds Electric to perform annual maintenance on generators and to service the light in the southwest corner and the area light by the sign.	Maitland	Moss	MC	Unanimous				
Resolution 2024-5-1	Ballot Language for Road Millage Renewal Motion to adopt 2 options were written by Foster Swift and read by Brown. Option 1: “Straight” - Straight renewal of our current millage with predicted revenue of \$49,000 for first year. Option 2: “Straight Plus” - Renewal plus additional to bring us to 1 mil with predicted revenue of \$50,000 for first year. Motion to approve option 2 (straight plus) for full mil.	Stevens	Brown	MC	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Nay
Resolution 2024-5-2	Ballot language for referendum on recent zoning moratorium Resolution and ballot language read. Motion to approve the resolution to approve referendum ballot language	Maitland	Stevens	MC	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye
24-5-7-14	METRO Act Permit Extension Motion to sign the agreement extending the existing METRO Permit with AT&T	Brown	Maitland	MC	Unanimous				
Resolution	Resolution to set Mileage	Maitland	Moss	MC	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

2024-5-3	Reimbursement Rate Motion to approve this resolution								
24-5-7-15	Sharon Smerer requesting grave marker on a family members grave which goes against our policy. Motion to allow Sharon Smerer to place a headstone on Castilla Harding's grave.	Brown	Risdon	MC	Unanimous				
	New Expense reimbursement form There will be a new form that will need to be completed and turned in with any receipts for reimbursement.								
	Awaiting quote on new printer and install								
	Public Accuracy Testing will be 7/24/2024 at 6:00pm, Election Commission meeting will be immediately following the June Regular Board Meeting								
24-5-7-16	Cemetery Footings - the person we hired to do footings is no longer able to place footings. Our excavator has someone in mind to replace him and he will bring that person to an upcoming meeting. Grant Burgess will take care of footings in the meantime. Motion to bring a community service work crew out from the sheriff's dept to address some of the issues in the cemetery.	Brown	Maitland	MC	Unanimous				
	Board Comments Moss: the key holder is paid \$35? Yes. Brown: We know that people are								

	questioning what and why we are doing things in the Clerk and Treasurer's office. We would encourage the public to come and talk to us if they have questions. There is someone in the office almost every day of the week and we would be happy to talk to you.								
24-5-7-17	Motion to adjourn at 9:20p	Maitland	Risdon	MC	Unanimous				

MC - Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted,



Michelle L Brown
Speaker Township Clerk

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