

Minutes of
August 14, 2023
INDIANFIELDS TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
1633 Mertz Rd., Caro, MI 48723

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM by Twsp. Supervisor William Campbell. Present were Treasurer Kristine King, Trustee Eric King, Trustee Ron Woloshen, and Clerk Robert Keilitz.

Guests: Scott Czasak, City Mgr., City of Caro; Mark Putnam, "Billy" Putman and family, Vate Tinas and two associates, Mark and Laura Strezelewicz, and Russ Sauvageau.

Public Comment: Local Historian Mark Putman presented background on a new project centered in Indianfields Township that may result in investment by the Economic Development Commission at some point within the year. "Billy" Putman presented an update on the success and accomplishments of his partnership with McLaren Medical and their facility located with the township. He gave special recognition to members of the previous Township Board as well as the current Board for their support of the project.

Approval of Agenda: Supervisor Campbell added the review of the assessor's contract for the ensuing year. Clerk Keilitz added a request for the purchase and installation of protective steel posts in front of the electronic sign, and for the installation of an anchor behind the township building for securing landscaping equipment. Moved and supported (Woloshen/K. King) to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes of 7/11/23 Regular Meeting: Moved and supported (Woloshen/E. King) to approve the minutes as written. Motion passed.

Reports of Officials:

The Supervisor reported that he had met with the Road Commission and that the "Chip/Seal" resurfacing of roads within the township would begin before the end of August. Three (3) "No Parking" signs will be relocated from Gun Club Road to one of the cemeteries. A portion of Gun Club Road was not mowed, and Cemetery/Park Maintenance crewpersons were dispatched to remedy that. A piece of park playground equipment was broken and will be repaired.

The Treasurer's report was submitted and accepted by motion (Keilitz/E. King).

The Clerk provided the check register and reported that he had survived the August 8th Special Election. He also asked for Board permission to purchase two (2) Dominion (Yes! Those guys!) Tabulators for the upcoming Presidential Primary. Said election will be the first to include nine (9) day early voting. A separate tabulator is required to tabulate the votes received during those nine days, in addition to a separate tabulator for Election Day. ARPA funds are to be used. Moved and supported (Keilitz/Woloshen) to authorize six to seven thousand (\$6,000-\$7,000) for the purchase of each machine. Motion approved.

The Enforcement Officer was not present.

CTA Board Liaison (Secretary Keilitz) to the Caro Transit Authority provided a written report.

The Planning Commission Secretary (Clerk Keilitz) provided a written report of the August 1, 2023 meeting.

Committee Reports:

The Personnel Committee met and discussed providing Accident and Health Insurance to Cemetery and Park workers. It was decided that it was cost prohibitive to a body the size of the township.

The Cemetery Committee report was submitted and accepted.

The Parks Committee report was submitted and accepted.

Unfinished Business:

The Policies and Procedures Manual of the Township was again discussed. The Clerk is to provide an updated copy of the document to the Supervisor for review. Hopefully this document can be adopted at the September meeting.

Four (4) Marijuana Permit Applications have been received by the Township Board: Two (2) Cultivation (Grower Class C), one (1) Processor, and one (1) Retailer/Dispensary. These will be the subject of a Public Hearing on Wednesday, August 16th, 2023, beginning at 6:30 PM, at the Indianfields Township Hall. Following the closure of the Hearing, it is expected that the approval of the Applications will be voted on by the Board.

New Business:

Road Work- As indicated earlier in this meeting by the Supervisor, road improvements are expected to begin later in August.

New copiers/printers- The Clerk will compile a list of prices, of various brands, from various retailers for presentation at the September meeting.

Golf Cart- The cemetery Sexton has requested the township purchase a golf cart to use while guiding or chaperoning mourners and family members to gravesites when the use of a truck or tractor may be inappropriate. A quote of four thousand and five hundred dollars (\$4,500) was provided to the board for consideration. The Clerk volunteered to research alternatives at Titan Golf Carts in Linwood and report at the September meeting.

Putman Tax Abatement- The request for an abatement was forwarded to the Township Assessor, who reported that the township does not have the legal authority to grant such a request. The Supervisor then reached out to the township's attorney and is awaiting his response.

County Ordinance- Tabled until the September meeting due to the individual requesting the ordinance being unable to attend this meeting.

Guard Posts- Clerk Keilitz requested that the board authorize the installation of metal guard posts in front of the electronic sign at the edge of the parking area in front of the township office building. He

recommended four (4) inches square and eight (8) feet in length, at least three (3) to be buried on the ground for stability. The Supervisor indicated he would instruct the cemetery Sexton to undertake this project.

Anchor for Lawn Equipment- Clerk Keilitz asked that a metal anchor be installed behind the office building for securing lawn equipment that may from time to time be left on premises overnight. Again, the Cemetery Sexton will be assigned this task.

Approval of Check Register Report: Moved and supported (E. King/Woloshen) to approve the check register as submitted. Motion passed.

Public Comment: Township residents Mark and Laura Strzelewicz voiced concern and disappointment on several aspects of the township's management of the park, including a lack of wood chips on muddy trails, run-off of chemical defoliants into water features, and what they feel is the unnecessary cutting of healthy trees. Trustee King suggested the development of a comprehensive park management plan, to be developed and approved by the board.

Announcements and Correspondence: None.

There being nothing further to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM.

William Campbell, Township Supervisor

Robert Keilitz, Township Clerk