

Minutes of
August 12, 2024
INDIANFIELDS TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
1633 Mertz Rd., Caro, MI 48723

Meeting called to order at 6:31 PM by Twsp. Supervisor William Campbell. Also present were Trustees Ronald Woloshen and Eric King, Treasurer Kristine King, and Clerk Robert Keilitz.

Approval of Agenda: Trustee Woloshen asked that a discussion of the upcoming Public Hearing on a proposal for the Caro Dam. Moved and supported (E. King/Woloshen) to approve the agenda as amended. The motion passed.

Approval of Minutes of 7/8/2024 Meeting: Moved and supported (Woloshen/K. King) to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Public Comment: None.

Reports of Officials: The Supervisor provided an update on the proposed Boy Scout Road project, indicating that while it had been approved by the House Appropriations Committee, the Senate had chosen to not take the project to committee, and the project was "dead." (Note: a few days after this meeting, Supervisor Campbell had another telephone discussion with Representative McClain, during which it was explained that the House had passed a "packet" of appropriations Bills, and the Senate will vote on the entire packet, and NOT on individual requests. Thus, the Boy Scout Road project still has a possibility of being approved.)

The Clerk's and the Treasurer's Reports were provided. The Enforcement Officer provided a written report. A written CTA Report was provided. The Planning Commission did not meet.

Committee Reports: The Supervisor stated that, upon taking office, he formed these committees to aid him in getting information about... and disseminating information to... the various arms of township governance. As he will no longer be supervisor after November 20th, he is disbanding these committees.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Wages- During the July meeting a four percent (4%) increase for all hourly employees, to take effect in August, and repeat every two (2) years, was approved. Supervisor Campbell indicated at tonight's meeting that this did not have enough of an immediate effect on wages. Moved and supported (Campbell/Woloshen) to increase all hourly wages by two dollars per hour (\$2.00/hr), again to take effect with the first August payroll. (The four percent increase and the two-year renewal remain in place.) Motion passed.

Moved and supported (Woloshen/E. King) that Board members yearly salaries be increased as follows:
Treasurer and Clerk- One Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars per year (\$18,000/yr), Supervisor- One

Thousand Five Hundred Dollars per year (\$15,000/yr), Trustees- Four Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars per year (\$4,800/yr). This increase will also begin with the August payroll.

Moved and supported (Campbell/Woloshen) to purchase a new Kubota tractor and mower. The cost of the equipment is Sixty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Forty Seven Dollars (\$66,247), less Twenty seven Thousand Dollars (\$27,000) trade in for the township's current tractor, leaving a cost to the township of Thirty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Forty Seven Dollars (\$39,247). This amount is to be withdrawn from ARPA Funds. Motion passed.

Caro Dam- Trustee Wolosen asked that he be allowed to "represent" the township at the "Public Input Session" to be hosted by the Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation on August 26th. No Board action necessary.

The Check Register Report was presented and accepted (Woloshen/E. King).

Public Comment: None.

Announcements and Correspondence: The Clerk read three notices of upcoming "virtual" hearings before a judge regarding proposed DTE rate increases.

There being nothing further to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM. (A record!)

William Campbell, Township Supervisor

Robert Keilitz, Township Clerk