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Regular Meeting
Monday, February 12, 2024 – 7:00 PM

1. Supervisor Ogea called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
 - MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jeff Ogea, Betty Grund, Sarah Etelamaki, Chris Grund
 - MEMBERS ABSENT:** Pete Koski
 - STAFF PRESENT:** Jim Kippola
 - STAFF ABSENT:** None
 - PUBLIC PRESENT:** Bob Brandt, Bryant Lazenby
4. Approval of Agenda
 - MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented.**
 - Chris Grund, Moved; Betty Grund, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.**
5. Approval of Minutes
 - MOTION: To approve the January 8, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes.**
 - Chris Grund, Moved; Sarah Etelamaki, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.**
6. Approval of Treasurer's Report:
 - MOTION: To approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Total Assets are as follows:**

General Fund: \$2,515,660.94	Road Fund: \$215,266.54
Sanitation Fund: \$564,243.48	Rail Fund: \$475,920.04
Fire/EMS Fund: \$507,469.01	Trust & Agency Fund: \$7,565.56

 - Jeff Ogea, Moved; Betty Grund, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.**
7. Approval of Bills:
 - MOTION: To approve the bills as presented.**
 - Jeff Ogea, Moved; Sarah Etelamaki, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.**
 - MOTION: To add Wex bank to monthly pre-approved payments to avoid finance fees.**
 - Betty Grund, Moved; Sarah Etelamaki, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.**
8. Reports
 - a. **BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** Jeff Ogea attended the WETESA meeting.
Betty Grund attended the MCTA meeting.
 - b. **PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:** Chairman Kippola provided a summary of current action items within the PC. Full minutes are on file.
 - c. **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** No one to report.
 - d. **ASSESOR REPORT:** None
9. Correspondence
 - a. PC Minutes- January 22, 2024
 - b. WETESA Minutes- On File
 - c. Jenn Hill Letter
10. Public Comment: Bob Brandt elaborated on a solar farm article handout he provided.

11. Old Business:

- a. None

12. New Business:

- a. **Marquette County Planner-Sven Gonstead:** No show.
- b. **2024 Mileage Rate:** The IRS has raised the 2024 mileage rate.
MOTION: To raise the township mileage rate to meet the IRS rate of 67 cents per mile. Jeff Ogea, Moved; Betty Grund, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.
- c. **Clancey Electric-Fire Department Lights:** An estimate was received from Clancey Electric to replace the lighting in the Fire Department garage. Discussion took place and it was decided to get a few more quotes to compare and put it on the work session agenda.
- d. **Forestry Plan:** The Board received the forestry plan from Jim Ferris. It was decided to turn it over to the PC for review and comment. We will also wait for the presentation from Mr. Ferris before taking any action so we can ask questions if necessary.
- e. **Tree Order:** Supervisor Ogea would like to order 12 more apple trees to plant between the hall and cemetery.
MOTION: To approve the purchase of additional apple trees. Betty Grund, Moved; Chris Grund, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays; 1 Absent; Motion Carried.
- f. **Set Budget Work Session Date:** It is time for the annual budget work session to go over the 2023/2025 budget before the budget hearing. The date of March 4th at 6:00pm was set.

13. Public Comment: None

14. Board Member Comments: Trustee Grund commented on how nice the assembly hall looks with the new paint job. Clerk Etelamaki reminded members there is election candidate paperwork available for the upcoming elections. She also stated the Recreation Plan was approved by the DNR.

15. Adjournment:

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 7:57pm.

Chris Grund, Moved; Sarah Etelamaki, Supported; 4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent; Motion Carried.

Sarah Etelamaki, Clerk