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**Calvin Township Regular Board meeting**

**WM. J. Robinson Community Center**

**18727 Mt. Zion St.**

**PO Box 305**

**Cassopolis, MI 49031**

**January 9, 2024**

**Minutes of December 12, 2023**

Supervisor Adrienne Glover called the Calvin Township Board Meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Trustee Rebecca Mitchell gave the opening prayer, the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Board members present were as follows, Adrienne Glover-Supervisor, Rosemary Gillam-Treasurer, Michelle Anderson- Clerk, Keith Carter- Trustee and Rebecca Mitchell-Trustee.

**Agenda:** Approval of regular meeting agenda, motion by Trustee Keith Carter, 2nd by Trustee Rebecca Mitchell. Motion carried.

**Visitors:** Eleven visitors were present.

**Public comments:**

Question asked if the township has Ambulance service? Yes, we have service being provided by SMACAS. It is located on Brick Church Rd.

**Minutes:** Approval of November minutes, motion by Treasurer Rosemary Gillam , 2nd by Trustee Keith Carter . Motion Carried.

**Treasurer Report:** Motion by Trustee Rebecca Mitchell , 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trustee Keith Carter to approve general fund checks 10270-10292 and receipts 245344-245352. December 1st Winter tax bills were mailed if you have not received it please let Rosemary know. Motion Carried.

**Reports:**

**Ambulance-** Meeting was held on Dec. 2nd. Ambulance service will cost \$17,000 a week and will be distributed among townships. We will have advanced life support out of Niles. Although we have Ambulance Services, it's still a work in process.

**Assessor:** No report

**Fire:** Trustee Keith Carter read the report-report available upon request.

**Commissioner:** RJ Lee reported: The Wildlife Stewart Award was granted to Bianca May. County has new IT ransom ware. Christmas with the animals over 200 visitors 1/3 of funds

needed were received. Discussion of seven days early voting and townships wanting to participate.

**Inspectors or Zoning Administrator:** Trustee Keith Carter read the report-report available upon request.

**CAUA:** Dyes reported: A study will be conducted over the next couple of years. A company such as a smartpark to make sure there is enough capacity to grow toward Dowagiac. Heritage ISD would like to have a Tech Center at the smartpark.

**Planning Commission** - No report

**Enforcement/Blight** – Trustee Keith Carter read the report-report available upon request.

**Road Committee** – Trustee Keith Carter reported: Calvin Hill, half of Cassopolis St. Process has begun on Wade Rd. (double chip and seal) \$140,00 - \$150,000 if funds are available Stewart road.

**Other reports:** None

Motion by Treasurer Rosemary Gillam, 2nd by Trustee Rebecca Mitchell, to approve reports as given. Motion Carried.

**Old Business:**

-Sale of Land on Paradise Lake - need to be turned over to the attorney because one of the two pieces is landlocked. Property is located off of Chicago rd. and the other is landlocked. Trustee Keith Carter will contact the realtors.

-Cell Tower, per an email it was recommended that we approve the tower. Other companies can use it and we would receive funds. Motion by Treasurer Rosemary Gillam, 2nd by Trustee Rebecca Mitchell. Motion Carried.

-Concerns of Ms. Millers of Diamond Lake from the last meeting were addressed with our attorney.

**New Business:**

-Election Worker approvals: Precinct Chair: Jenice Cloud, Election Inspectors: Michael Anderson, Elsie Randle, Sharon Haithcox, Brandon Anderson and Beth James and any certified election workers as needed. Motion by Trustee Rebecca Mitchell ,2nd by Treasurer Rosemary Gillam, Motion Carried.

-AV drop box, not required for our size township. Was able to receive it for free. It may be placed outside the township hall office, where surveillance is already in place.

-February 27th is the Presidential Primary Election. More information on early voting to come.

- Proposed 2024 Fire Agreement of \$25,000 (same as last year) total paid by June. Motion by Clerk Michelle Anderson, 2nd by Trustee Rebecca Mitchell, opposed by Trustee Keith Carter. Motion Carried.

**Bills/Obligations:**

Electrical Inspector \$681.30  
Plumbing/Mechanical \$1024.00

HAAS Alarm \$99.00

Motion by Trustee Rebecca Mitchell, 2nd by Treasure Rosemary Gillam to pay said obligations and any standing obligations due before the next board meeting. Motion Carried.

Remarks: A resident shared after waiting four months a letter was finally received from the zoning administrator regarding why he's not able to split his property. The Letter shared with the resident it's ,because of preserving farmland. Resident does not feel this is the case and would like to meet with the zoning administrator. Another resident shared they would like to meet with the zoning administrator as well. Trustee Keith Carter will set up the meetings.

There being no other business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Adrienne Glover, Supervisor  
Michelle Anderson, Clerk