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Calvin Township Regular Board meeting

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February 13, 2024

Minutes of January 9, 2024

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

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

Agenda: Approval of regular meeting agenda, motion by Trustee Keith Carter, 2nd by Clerk Michelle Anderson. Motion carried.

Visitors: Nine visitors were present.

Public comments:

- How many years are we paying for the roads? Currently 3 years but looking at extending it. If the property is landlocked you should not be paying road tax.
- Why are ambulance and fire taxes so much on a vacant lot? Those are special assessments and it is a percentage of total cost to the township.
- What is going on with our ambulance service? Yes, we have service through SMACAS out of Niles and on Brick Church road. They do offer an annual membership at SMACAS for \$40 a month.
- Is the water bill a forever payment? Yes, additional questions contact CAUA.

Minutes: Approval of December minutes, motion by Trustee Keith Carter , 2nd by Supervisor Adrienne Glover. Motion Carried.

Treasurer Report: NONE - Treasurer Rosemary Gillam absent

Reports:

Ambulance- Meeting was held on Dec. 2nd. Ambulance service will cost \$17,000 a week and will be distributed among townships. Among nine municipalities and another in Dowagiac it will cost \$901,000 a year. Calvin is the third lowest paying municipality based on population and tax value. Propose that the board approve agreement with the ambulance survive at \$85,919.77, motioned by Adrienne Glover Supervisor, 2nd Michelle Anderson Clerk

Assessor: No report

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

Commissioner: RJ Lee reported: December 4, 2023 re-elected Jerimiah Jones and new vice chair Samuel Barrera, of Milton Township. 1.5 mil was approved last month and furniture is being ordered for the restored courthouse. Hope to open in October-November of 2024. Question was asked: Why is the drug millage more than 1 mil? It can be used for law and medical, that mil. Is being looked at to be reduced. Large amount came from a lawsuit with medical companies. It can be used for anything associated with drugs.

Inspectors or Zoning Administrator: No report

CAUA: Dyes reported: Met on December 21st and studied the capacity of the smart Park. It is good for now. Will begin looking into companies that will help in the process of the expansion.

Planning Commission - No report

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

Road Committee – Trustee Keith Carter reported: Waiting on cost of contracts hope to have them by the end of next month.

Other reports: None

Motion by Clerk Michelle Anderson, 2nd by Trustee Kieth Carter, to approve reports as given. Motion Carried.

Old Business:

- Assessor? Put on hold until confirmation from Rosemary.
- Cass County Public Notice regarding EARLY VOTING postcards were delivered from the county
- Hayden Loux will post the sale of Land on Paradise Lake. One property of the two pieces is landlocked, wil contact surrounding property owners. Jason Pompey may be able to assist us with a contract.

New Business:

- Approval of McKenna Park and Recreation Plan for Calvin Township:
Rebecca Mitchell, Trustee - Absent, Michelle Anderson, Clerk - Yes, Adrienne Glover, Supervisor - Yes, Rosemary Gillam, Treasurer - absent, Keith Carter, Trustee - Yes. Motion Carried.

Bills/Obligations:

Electrical Inspector \$384.30
Plumbing/Mechanical \$1244.80

Zoning Solutions \$1367.50
HAAS Alarm \$99.00

McKenna \$2737.50
I & M Electric \$4.86
MEC Electric - office 112.59
MEC Electric - Com Cnt \$327.04

MEC ph & internet - office \$49.68
MEC ph & internet - Com Cnt \$70.28
Republic Trash \$412.20
Election Source \$615.00

Motion by Trustee Keith Carter, 2nd by Clerk Michelle Anderson to pay said obligations and any standing obligations due before the next board meeting. Motion Carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Adrienne Glover, Supervisor
Michelle Anderson, Clerk