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Calvin Township Regular Board meeting

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June 11, 2024

Minutes of May 14, 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 and Rosemary Gillam-Treasurer. Absent: Rebecca Mitchell-Trustee, arrived at 6:20

Agenda: Approval of regular meeting agenda, motion by Trustee Keith Carter, 2nd by Treasurer Rosemary Gillam. Motion carried.

Visitors: Nine visitors were present.

Public comments:

- Undersheriff Clint Roach - update on law enforcement: two new recruits male and female will begin this week in the FTO 3 month program. Four new recruits from different local towns are currently going to Lake Michigan's Academy. This in National Police Officer week there will be a ceremony on the 15th at 12:00 all are welcome to attend.
- Question regarding blight. Last meeting it was stated that a barn on Williamsville St. was approved then people were told it was denied. Clerk Anderson stated it was because the blight monies did not cover trailers without a deed or barns.

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

Treasurer Report: Treasurer report as approved Motion by Trustee Keith Carter, 2nd by Clerk Michelle Anderson with change to Haithcox check was for BOR not election and to approve general fund checks 10382-10401 and receipts 245395-245400.

Reports:

Ambulance- Meet Thursday with SMACAS. Currently only 12 hr. service is still not 24hrs.

Assessor: NA

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

Commissioner: RJ Lee reported: Hazard waste recycle was a success. Tornado damaged Twin Lake area commissioners are donating \$2,500 to help with clean up. First application was received and approved for opioid funds, going to jail. The Conflict of interest policy agreement is finalized. Yes, there will be a walking trail around the smart park.

Inspectors or Zoning Administrator: Trustee Keith Carter read the report-report available upon request. No report from the zoning administrator, this was a concern among residents.

CAUA: NA

Planning Commission - None

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

Road Committee – Trustee Keith Carter reported: Stewart road will be turned into dirt and may be that way for the next 2 years. Union road should be completed in June. Wade road has the first coat of chip and seal should be complete by the end of summer. Things may be behind because of the tornado and storms that came through.

Other reports: None

Residents feel the assessor and zoning administrator should be at the meeting or at least give a report. Neither seem to return calls. Both positions are independent contractors. Krys is our new assessor this is the first the board is hearing of this and Supervisor Glover will contact Krys.

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

Old Business:

-Resolution to amend the Annual township budget.

- Approve fiscal year annual budget \$465,938. Motion by Treasurer Rosemary Gillam , 2nd by Trustee, Rebecca Mitchell
Rebecca Mitchell, yes - Michelle Anderson, yes - Adrienne Glover, yes - Rosemary Gillam, yes - Keith Carter, yes Motion carried. Resolution #05-24B
- Amend April 2024 minutes, amending the fiscal year annual budget information from reporting \$449,000 to what the actual budget is \$465,938. Motion by Trustee, Rebecca Mitchell, 2nd by Trustee Keith Carter
Rebecca Mitchell, yes - Michelle Anderson, yes - Adrienne Glover, yes - Rosemary Gillam, yes - Keith Carter, yes Motion carried. Resolution #05-24A

-Property on Paradise Lake, not getting anywhere with current reality will need to check into another agency. Asked for any suggestions. The property is located on the northside of Chicago Blvd. one of the pieces in land locked. We were advised by our attorney to go through a realtor.

-Cell tower - Still in the process of getting it approved. Waiting on legal language the tower would generate about \$600. Some of many concerns: 90 year contract, no increase in pay, maintenance of the tower, etc.

New Business:

-Appoint James Hershberger to the Planning Commission Committee. Motion by Trustee Keith Carter, 2nd by Treasurer Rosemary Gillam, to appoint James Herberger. Motion Carried. He will replace Ken Bradfield who retired.

-Review bid from Mr. Wilbur Minisee to farm the 2.5 acres of land next to the Township office. A resident suggested he communicates with the board on what he will plant each year. Motion by Trustee Rebecca Mitchell, 2nd by Trustee Keith Carter , to approve bid from W. Minisee. Motion Carried

-Park-Playground equipment. We need to update and would like a committee. May need to take out a loan to get the process started and can later get grants through McKenna. Two people would like to be on the committee: Ed Ramsey and Michelle Anderson.

Bills/Obligations:

MEC WIFI & Phone Office \$150.76	Zoning Solutions \$1,299.79
MEC WIFI & Phone Com Ctr \$120.76	HAAS Alarm \$99.99
MEC Electric Office \$113.04	McKenna \$1,350.00
MEC Electric Com Cnt \$321.86	Annual Quickbook Subscription \$649.00
Electrical Inspector \$432.00	HAAS Alarm \$99.00
Plumbing/Mechanical \$1,356.80	Republic Trash \$475.20
I & M \$10.80	

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

Correspondence:

- Can hall renters use bounce houses etc. Yes, they should sign a waiver and will check if this is in the hall agreement.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Adrienne Glover, Supervisor
Michelle Anderson, Clerk