

**Calvin Township Regular Board Meeting  
WM. J. Robinson Community Center  
18727 Mount Zion St.  
P O Box 305  
Cassopolis, MI 49031**

May 11, 2021

**Minutes of May 11, 2021**

Supervisor Adrienne Glover called the Calvin Township Regular 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, Michelle Anderson-Clerk, Rosemary Gillam-Treasurer, Keith Carter- Trustee and Rebecca Mitchell-Trustee.

**Approval of Board Meeting Agenda**

Treasurer Rosemary Gillam, motion supported by Trustee Keith Carter to approve the May 11th meeting agenda adding the text amendment, motion carried.

**Visitors/Public Comments**

Two visitors were present.

Helga Richards notified the board that she will be placing flags up in the cemeteries.

A resident George Linder was concerned about a private road being put in alongside his property as it is cutting into his fence line and affecting a water stream in the woods. He feels it is in violation of county standards. He submitted a pursuant to the freedom of information act.

Trustee Keith Carter was aware of this situation and read the report that was given by Doug Kuhlman stating nothing should be taking place on said property until proper reports and permits allow.

## **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Treasure Rosemary Gillam motioned supported by Trustee Keith Carter to approve minutes of the previous meeting (April 2021), motion carried.

### **Treasurer Report: March & April**

Treasure Rosemary Gillam read previous reports. Treasurer report motion by Trustee, Rebecca Mitchell, supported by Trustee, Keith Carter.

### **Reports**

**Ambulance:** Report given by Trustee Keith Carter

**Assessor:** No report.

**Fire:** 1 run for Calvin, report given, available upon request.

**Commissioner Dyes:** Report given by Supervisor Adrienne Glover that Cass county received \$10 million not sure how the money will be distributed, a committee will be formed to help with the distribution of the funds. Hazard waste at the road commission Saturday, May 15th.

**Inspectors or zoning Administrator:**No report.

**CAUA-** No report

**Planning Commission:** Meeting scheduled for May 13, at 6:30 PM.

**Blight/enforcement:** Trustee Carter read the blight report, available upon request.

**Road Committee-**Trustee Carter gave a report on roads to be fixed this year. Plan on moving forward in the special assessment, \$75 per parcel for 3 years, 1st meeting will take place June 15th.

**Other Reports:** None

Clerk Michelle Anderson motioned, supported by Treasure Rosemary Gillam, to approve all reports as given. Motion carried.

### **Old Business**

Recreation Plan update - Contact has been made and will need to come together to decide how to move forward. DNR to send a proposal on helping to update the township rec plan.

- Text amendments to the township ordinance for accessory buildings and adjacent property and setbacks, motion by Treasurer Rosemary Gillam supported by Trustee Keith Carter to approve text amendment as given. Motion carried.

Alarm system - Clerk will notify ADT to terminate the contract by June 30, 2021.

Credit card machine is in place and ready to use.

Clean up week going on this week 5/10 thru 5/14 a voucher is needed and there is no cost to township residents.

Attorney has checked into the Woodland Park land on Paradise Lake and this is a public not a private park within the Plated land due to the land not being removed from the land purchases at time of the selling of the land. It's the recommendation of the attorney that the Township do the necessary paperwork to make the park a public park. This would also make the township responsible for the upkeep or the township can do nothing and the residents within the plate would need to keep up the park. This decision and discussion is tabled for now and it is recommended that the board visit the property to see exactly where it is located and what the property looks like.

### **New Business**

Looking for information to put in the newsletter to send out to our township residents.

There is one Property up for back property tax within the township and the county has asked if the township is interested in the property. Motion by Trustee Carter and 2nd by Treasurer Gillam that at this time the township is not interested in the property. Motion Carried.

Check from: Wagner \$225.00 open and closing of a cremation.

Check from Comcast \$139.36 & \$369.91

Bike path- Jean Schultz contacted the road commission and would like to know if Calvin Township would collect funds acting as the fiduciary for a bike path sign. Treasurer Gillam requested additional information before agreeing to handling the money and she will follow-up with Ms. Schultz and the road commission.

Resolution to approve refunding contract: surety bond. Trustee Keith Carter motioned supported by Rosemary Gillam

Roll Call Vote:

- Michell Anderson – yes
- Rebecca Mitchell –yes
- Adrienne Glover – yes
- Keith Carter - yes
- Rosemary Gillam - yes

Motion Carried.

Quantum, ACD will no longer host theTownship emails as of October 31, 2021. The township is having problems receiving and sending emails. Quantum to be contacted that as of May 31, 2021 the township will end services and their bill will be prorated. The new township email is: calvintwpmi@gmail.com

**Bills/Obligations:**

Attorney Firm	MidWest Energy Electric \$305.85
ADT \$	Midwest Energy WiFi & Phone \$
I & M Electric \$17.76	J & H Oil \$
<b>Inspectors:</b>	Franger Gas
Electrical\$1,622.70	BSA Software \$700.00
Plumbing/Mechanical \$851.20	Republic Trash \$95.00 CR
Building \$	Kruggell & Lawton-Auditor \$
Ambulance \$	Kerry Collins IT \$
Waste Management \$	Rose Pest Control \$67.00
Leader publication \$126.60	American Waste \$
Zoning Solutions \$	Sewer Bill \$
Preferred printing	Election Source \$
Green Mark \$	
Accident Fund \$	Intuit \$
Zoom \$	US Postal \$56.00

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

Correspondence: Frontier filed bankruptcy-reorganization. Information read from Gibson Edge with Southwest Michigan First and the Clerk will contact and have them come before the township board for a presentation.

There being no other business to come before the board, this meeting stands adjourned.  
Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
*Adrienne Glover, Supervisor*  
*Michelle Anderson, Clerk*