

Caledonia Township Board Of Trustees – Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday Jan 11th, 2023 @ 7:00 pm

Caledonia Township Hall 6461 Gillard Rd. Spruce, MI 48762

- I. Call to order: C. Apsey presiding and called to order at 7:06 pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance – Completed
- III. Roll Call – Anthony Sobeck; Present Tom Tice; Present Cyndi Apsey; Present
 Sarah Roe; Present Cindy Smith; Present
- IV. Approval of Agenda with additions, deletions, and/or corrections: S Roe made **motion** to approve agenda with additions. T Tice seconded. All in favor. **Passed**
- V. Public Comment: Betsy Lehndorff stated Senior Center is close to losing 13.5-million-dollar grant. Biggest grant ever and they are holding a meeting 01/24/23 at 10:00am and people should attend. Pam Timm stated the senior center grant is actually 12.5million and she should do some research if she is trying to educate people. Tim Gauthier requested that the minutes don't include names in public comment. Pam MacKinnon stated to Tim Gauthier that the board can and should.
- VI. County Commissioner: Absent
- VII. Supervisor Report: Working with RS Scott regarding NE Park. Gave thanks to Cindy Smith as accountant stated she has the cleanest and well-kept QuickBooks she's seen.
- VIII. Clerk: Reported all employee W-2 and business 1099 were completed a mailed out a week ago. If you don't receive or have questions, please reach out as soon as possible.
- IX. Minutes December 14th, 2022 Regular Meeting: T Tice made **motion** to approved minutes as presented. Seconded by S. Roe. All in favor – **Motion passed**
- X. Bills to be Paid: A. Sobeck made a **motion** to pay the bills with check 6837 to be voided. Add a check to Verizon for \$64.92 and add a check for \$ 43,500.01. T Tice seconded. All in favor: **Motion passed**
- XI. Treasurer Report: Placed on file.
- XII. Planning Commission Update: Verbal update from Anthony Sobeck that the PC met 01/09/23. Stated the had zoning public hearings, they need to do more research before moving forward.
- XIII. VA Rep: Jim Farrar stated May 7th flags are to be half-staff. Also, having issues with obtaining last VA Stone for our cemetery. He has contacted state reps and anyone possible to help get this completed.
- XIV. FOIA Appeal: Appeal from FOIA 122022 is considered received tonight on 01/11/23. Tim Gauthier is appealing the cost of his FOIA of \$6.25, claiming it to be excessive. Tim Gauthier was given 3 minutes to speak to the board on his behalf before a decision would be made. Tim Gauthier stated he has had 3 FOIA requests, that the first one was withdrawn, that the second one (12/13/22) he believed was available on the web page, and that we can use the money from the second one to pay this third (12/20/22) one. C Smith, the FOIA Coordinator, explained that the only FOIA action he appealed was his third one, and only with respect to the fee charged, so we will not discuss any of the previous. C Smith explained that FOIA charges are \$25.00 an hour, or \$6.25 for 0-15 minutes. His FOIA required less than 15min to fulfill,

and per the email packet given to the Board, he clearly accepted the Good Faith estimate of \$6.25 and was only charged \$6.25. At this time, donors came forward to pay the \$6.25 for Tim Gauthier in order to simply put the matter to rest. The Board accepted the payment with the understanding that it would be applied to Tim Gauthier's delinquent FOIA account balance. C Smith made a **Motion** to approve Gauthier's request to be relieved from payment since payment from an outside source was accepted on his behalf, thus satisfying his debt. A. Sobeck Seconded – ROLL CALL: A Sobeck=Yes C Smith=Yes S Roe=Yes T Tice=Yes C Apsey=Yes. **Motion Passed**

- XV. FOIA Policy: Tabled
- XVI. Zoning Complaint: ZA received a complaint from Tim Gauthier for the Sledding Hill that he believes the Board was in violation of their own ordinance. C Apsey explained that the park ordinance he thought the board was in violation of at the sledding hill does not apply to the board improving or maintaining properties. Twp Attorney agreed no violation.
- XVII. Grant Filed: all three Spark Grants were filed by deadline and waiting to hear.
- XVIII. Estimate for Electrical work: Two companies were contacted only one responded. Omega bid for outdoor light of Hall and for a motion sensor light on top of hall stairs. C Smith made a **motion** to hire Omega for the outside light and upstairs light. T Tice seconded. All in Favor – **Motion passed**
- XIX. NE Park Damage: C Apsey reported at court that the responsible party for damage at NE Park was sentenced to \$2250.00 to the Caledonia Twp and has to complete 25 hours of community service.
- XX. Budget Workshop: C Smith made a **motion** to hold a Budget workshop 02/08/23 at 6:00pm and a Budget Public Hearing meeting 03/08/23 at 6:30pm. T Tice seconded. All in favor – **Motion Passed**
- XXI. Holcomb Creek: Almost done and awaiting for final agreement to be signed.
- XXII. Blight Removal Grant: C Apsey attended a County Meeting and there are funds available for Blight in townships. No cost to apply. Deadline 01/23/23. Board of Review required training is coming up. C Smith made a **motion** to approve BOR training for 4 people at 128.00 each. Seconded by A. Sobeck – **Motion passed**
- XXIII. Public comment: Don Sparks commented BOR will not need new books, they have them. Don Sparks also wanted to know why Hubbard Lake is 45MPH and Spruce with one post office is 35 MPH, he would like to see it increased to 45MPH. Tim Gauthier states MCL says No Contracts shall be given without bidding and without Board Approval. Tim Gauthier stated Holcomb Creek is at court and still not signed so we shouldn't comment. Tim Gauthier stated he got internet at his house so the hall should be able to also. Tim Gauthier stated Kenny Timm said when he was on the Board, he agreed that Holcomb Creek was to be left in pristine condition. Mark Hansen stated he would like to see people go to the podium with microphone to comment in public comment. Julie Centella thanks the board for using microphones tonight. Cyndi Apsey thanked Ben for fixing them.
- XXIV. A Sobeck made **Motion** to adjourn at 8:10 pm. Seconded by T Tice. All in favor – **Motion passed**

Recorded by: _____

Approved by the Board of Trustees on: _____