Caledonia Township Board Of Trustees – Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday Dec. 13th, 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 7:03 pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance Completed

III. Roll Call – Anthony Sobeck; Present Tom Tice; Present Cyndi Apsey; Present

Halley Rondeau; Present Cindy Smith; Present

- IV. Approval of Agenda with additions, deletions, and/or corrections: T Tice made **motion** to approve agenda as presented. A Sobeck seconded. All in favor. **Motion Passed**
- V. Public Comment: None
- VI. County Commissioner: Not in attendance
- VII. Supervisor Report: Cyndi Apsey reported that her and Nick Duby our Zoning Admin met with Consumers Energy regarding Solar Farms coming to Spruce. Consumers rep stated that even though the State of Michigan has taken over permits, they intend to try to stick with our Ordinances. They plan to meet with property owners next. They project to be fully operational by 2027. In regards to the Spruce ball diamond we are waiting on Attorneys. Cyndi reported we did get our first draw from the State of Michigan for the NE Park grant. Cyndi also thanked Haylee for her hard work and commended her on doing a great job.
- VIII. Clerk Gave update on County wide clean up letter she received. 15 vehicles from our township took advantage of the clean-up day. Cindy also reported the Special election check to reimburse the township was received for \$3603.33.
- IX. Regular Meeting Minutes Nov 13th, 2023: A Sobeck made **motion** to approve minutes with corrections. Seconded by T Tice. All in favor **Motion Passed**
- X. Bills to be Paid: A Sobeck made a **motion** to pay the bills as presented with the overpayment to T Tice to be adjusted in next month pay. Seconded by H Rondeau. All in favor: **Motion Passed**
- XI. Election report: Cindy Smith thanked the election workers for all their hard work and the great job they did. Reported Alcona school bond had failed with all townships reporting 662 in favor and 1137 against. Also, the billing for the special election will be going out soon and we are near the \$3,100.00 mark.
- XII. Treasurer Report: Treasurer report placed on file.
- XIII. Planning Commission Update: A Sobeck updated the board that the Planning Commission voted down the Tower request from AT&T. The Planning Commission is hoping to have the new ordinance book completed next month.
- XIV. VA Rep: Jim Farrar gave an update that today is the 307th Birthday of the National Guard. Jim gave an update on medical VA services to our Veterans.
- XV. Blight Clean-up: The Board now has a court order to clean up a Blight property on Spruce road and the cost the township incurs will be added to the homeowner's tax bill. Discussions with the homeowner went well and he is fully aware and agrees to is being done since he is not able to clean it up himself. Two quotes were received and presented to the board. The cheapest option was considered as to make the bill as lowest as possible for the resident. C Smith made a **motion** to hire Meyer Lawncare for labor to clean up the property for \$2,200.00. and no pay no more than \$3,600.00 for dumpsters to remove the blight. A. Sobeck seconded. All in favor **Motion Passed.**

- XVI. Credit Card: C Smith made a **motion** to get Haylee Rondeau a credit card in her name for the tonewhisp.as her treasurer roll. T Tice seconded. All in favor **Motion Passed.** Also noted Sarah Rowe credit card was destroyed.
- XVII. Ordinance Amendment: C Smith made a **motion** to approve Ordinance 23-02 for the Planning Commission as presented. T Tice seconded. Roll Call Haylee Rondeau Yes; Cindy Smith Yes; Tom Tice Yes; Cyndi Apsey Yes; Anthony Sobeck Yes **Motion Passed.**
- XVIII. Planning Commission Appointment: Madison Donovan sent a letter of resignation. Barb Halzon requested and interest in the position and her name was brought to the board for consideration via supervisor. C Smith made a **motion** to appoint Barb Halzon effective immediately. H Rondeau seconded. All in favor **Motion Passed.**
- XIX. Hall Rentals: Clarification from Attorney was received. C Smith made a motion to change Hall rental contract to reflect a hall rental rate for deceased citizens who own property in Caledonia Township to be able to rent the hall for the day for 1.00 for the day for funeral services and or luncheons if available. T Tice seconded. All in favor **Motion Passed.**
- XX. Bids for work in the Hall: Tabled until 01/2024 Meeting.
- XXI. Driveway/Parking Areas: C Apsey reported the new cemetery sign will be installed 12/28/23. C Apsey is still trying to get the driveways and parking area at sledding hill and cemetery done this year since weather is holding out.
- XXII. Fence at Holcomb Creek: Fence has been installed and to show good graces the township installed and fence two feet shorter as requested by people names in the lawsuit. The township requested permission to be on neighbor's property to install and land owners declined. Now, after installation, the township received a letter from Vicki Deliott and Mike Brady as they were upset the fence wasn't smooth side out. This would have been impossible without access to their property. The ordinance states to the best extent possible and we tried. The township has no other choices left since access was denied. Also it was noted the previous fence was installed the same way so this was not a change.
- XXIII. Board Comments: C Apsey received and email from Karen Brancheau regarding how the board appointed Madison Donovan to planning commission. Per latest ordinance we can fil and vacancy in the planning commission for the unexpired term.

XXIV. Adjourn: A Sobeck made Motion to adjourn at 7:50 pm. Seconded by H Rondeau. All in favor – Motion passed

Recorded by: Cindy K. Sm	rith	
Approved by the Board of Trustees on:	01/10/2024	