

Caledonia Township Board Of Trustees – DRAFT Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday September 11th, 2024 @ 7:00 pm

Caledonia Township Hall 6461 Gillard Rd. Spruce, MI 48762

- I. Call to order: C. Apsey presiding and called to order at 7:07 pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance – Completed
- III. Roll Call – Anthony Sobeck; Present Tom Tice; Present Cyndi Apsey; Present
 Halley Rondeau; Absent (deputy in attendance) 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: (3 minutes interrupted) Phyllis Vander Vlucht stated while review out audit online she wondered why numbers didn't match. Also stated she found 2 deceased voters in the system when she was sending out her mailers. She wishes they would update the system. Karen Brancheau stated she did not want to be videotaped. Asked why Cyndi was getting reimbursed in bills to be paid for Starlink? Asked why we are paying Haylee phone? Asked why Cindy and Haylee get 40.00 wifi reimbursement. (Answers in board comment at end of minutes, we don't answer here as to not waste their limited time).
- VI. County Commissioner: Dave Jagst present – nothing new to update.
- VII. Supervisor Report: Cyndi thanked Tom Tice for his donation to the township for the Starlink equipment so it was free to the township. Cyndi stated the reimbursement was for the start up fee for Starlink and since it was under 500.00 she did not need board approval. Cyndi also extended another olive branch to Julie Grubbs and says her offer to work with her still stands but she hasn't gotten a response yet. She is extended the offer to all resident who may not like her, she stated she is still willing to work with them. She would like to move forward positively with them.
- VIII. Regular Meeting Minutes August 14th, 2024: A Sobeck made **motion** to approve minutes with corrections. Seconded by T Tice. All in favor – **Motion Passed**
- IX. Clerk: Cindy sated public accuracy testing will be 10/24/24 at 11:30am and encourages everyone to come witness.
- X. Treasurer Report: Haylee not available but her deputy Cyndil stated Haylee wanted people to know that the last day to pay taxes is 09/16/24 without penalty. Cyndil also was able to sign checks after they were approved.
- XI. Planning Commission Update: A Sobeck reported they met last Monday and there was discussion on the previous ZBA meeting. Laos reported there is a tri township meeting with NEMCOG coming up. The updated zoning map is done and only had two changes. Keep in mind this is a map for ordinances NOT taxes. Taxes are not based off this map. They will be having a special meeting 10/07/24.
- XII. ZBA Update: T Tice stated the ZBA members met 08/12/24 for their annual meeting and then met again 08/15/24 for a hearing. They granted the request.
- XIII. VA Rep: Jim Farrar received updated on history for this date 09/11/24. Jim stated in his travels today he noticed a lot of local business and some outside our township and in Alpena that did not lower their flag today. If you are going to have a flag you have the responsibility of lowering it and raising it. He was sad to see the Hubbard Lake post office did not lower their flag today nor Ossineke. He will be attending their meeting.

- XIV. Recount: C Apsey stated she attended the recount requested by Frank Grubbs and Julie Grubbs. The recount was the same. It proved we have an awesome election crew. I wanted to say the election workers made me proud. C Smith stated it did cost the township 386.42. She enjoyed attending and seeing the process as it's rare to have a recount. It was a great learning experience.
- XV. Veterans Memorial: We are ordering bronze plaques and should have them by November and working on a donor. We will have an event at the cemetery on Veterans day. Time coming soon.
- XVI. Electrical at NE Park: Lights on the sidewalk were stolen some time ago. They have been replaced but aren't working. Cyndi is working on an electrician to look at it. Cindy Smith notes to have them also look at the hall as breakers trip when people are renting and roasters are plugged in.
- XVII. Back Deck of Hall: There is someone who needs to perform community service hours and Cyndi would like for him to stain the deck on back of hall. Will only cost the township the cost of stain. Everyone agreed, no motion needed since cost is so little and money in budget.
- XVIII. Bills to be Paid: C Smith stated there were more checks cut since the bills to be paid spreadsheet went out. Offered a print out to anyone who wanted it. We have to pay canvassers and election workers for recount and didn't know the amount until Tuesday evening after the recount was completed. A Sobeck made a **motion** to approve the bills to be paid as presented. T Tice seconded. All in favor. **Motion Passed.**
- XIX. Board Comments: C Smith stated Haylee's phone reimbursement is currently \$29.37 and it was and (has been for years) aprox \$50.00 a month. Apsey explained that the previous treasurer phone did not work with her AT&T plan. This saves the township a lot of money. She is not required to use her personal phone and she has the money in her line item budgets to do so. The wifi is reimbursed as employees use a lot of their personal supplies such as paper, printers, computers from home and donate that and don't charge for it. Elected officials work all day and into the evening, we can't run up to the hall every time there is a call. \$40.00 wifi reimburse is nothing compared to what they give back to the township. C Apsey stated the reimburse on her check for Starlink was the connect fee she personally paid for on her credit card because only Treasurer and Clerk has a credit card. So she has to submit it.
- XX. Adjourn: T Tice made **Motion** to adjourn at 7:50 pm. Seconded by A Sobeck. All in favor – **Motion passed**

Recorded by: _____

Approved by the Board of Trustees on: _____