

Caledonia Township Board Of Trustees – Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday December 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 7:03 pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance – Completed
- III. Roll Call – Anthony Sobeck; Present Tom Tice; Present Cyndi Apsey; Present
Haylee Rondeau; Present Cindy Smith; Present
- IV. Approval of Agenda with additions, deletions, and/or corrections: T Tice made **motion** to approve agenda with additions. H Rondeau seconded. All in favor- **Motion Passed**
- V. Public Comment: (3 minutes uninterrupted): Phyllis Vander Vlucht stated that her MTA book states the minutes have to be made available within 5 business days for inspection and they were not posted to website until December 6th. Ann Gossler from the HLCC stated the new building has windows and doors done and heat coming this week. She stated she won the Golden Goose award for most money raised on Giving Tuesday for \$38,790.00. She would like to thank the community for their support and donations. Joe Ryan stated he would like the board to support the library being moved to the community center.
- VI. County Commissioner: Dave Jacqst was in attendance and thanked HCC for all their hard work. Stated the SOM went into lame duck session and they are unsure of that will or won't be passed. The septic tank inspection was on the list of possibilities. The state mandated the recycle initiative and now doesn't have funds to support it. There are several items on the list and not sure which ones will be passed or picked, we will see.
- VII. Supervisor Report: None
- VIII. Clerk: C Smith stated now that payroll for December is done she will be working on W2's and 1099 and year-end tax filings.
- IX. Special Meeting Minutes November 13th, 2024: A Sobeck made **motion** to approve minutes with corrections. Seconded by T Tice. All in favor – **Motion Passed**
- X. Treasurer Report: Haylee sent out summer reminder bills. KCI will send out winter tax bills soon.
- XI. Planning Commission Update: A Sobeck reported no meeting in December to report on. Next meeting is 01/06/24 and they will have the public hearing at that time for the updated ordinance book.
- XII. VA Rep: Jim Farrar stated on this day in history Dec 7th was Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day and flags were half-staff. Dec 20th is the anniversary of the inception of the Space Force being established. Jim is asking if anyone knows the family of Frince Allen to please have them reach out to Jim or Cindy Smith.
- XIII. Poverty Exemption: C Smith made a **motion** to approve Poverty Resolution 24-06 as presented. Seconded by T Tice. Roll call: A Sobeck Yes; C Smith Yes; H Rondeau Yes; C Apsey Yes; T Tice Yes. All in favor **Motion Passed.**
- XIV. Balance of Covid funds: Road commission can't find a blinking light for Spruce, can't find the one we owned. The speed limit signs are needed for Spruce. Cyndi suggested we buy directional road side signs for the parks, Ball Diamond sign once purchase is complete. Sleds for sledding hill and will store in hall basement. Rugs for kitchen and towels and vacuum.

There is \$4,157.96 in funds left. C Smith made a **motion** to approve expenditure not to exceed \$4,157.96 of COVID funds. T Tice seconded. Roll call: T Tice Yes; C Apsey Yes; H Rondeau Yes; C Smith Yes; A Sobeck Yes. **Motion Passed.**

- XV. 2025 Meeting Dates: Meetings will change to second Tuesday of every month at 7pm. T Tice made a **motion** to approved the calendar as presented. A Sobeck seconded. All in favor - **Motion Passed**
- XVI. Points on Credit card: The township has accumulated points with the credit card use at AAACU. Per MTA they can be redeemed for township benefit only.
- XVII. Snowplowing: Myer lawn care has not raised their rates in 6 years. They are asking for an increase by \$5.00 for the hall and by \$30.00 at the NE Park. C Smith made a **motion** to hire Myer Lawn care for snowplowing at the new rates for the 2024-2025 season. T Tice seconded. All in favor – **Motion Passed.**
- XVIII. Library rent: It was presented that the township who is currently paying \$350.00 a month plus utilities move the library to the new Hubbard Lake Community Center. The rent for 2025 will be \$1,000.00 a month and in 2026 \$1050.00 a month with utilities included. The cost for Caledonia will be split with the Alcona Library Board. Out costs will be 500.00 a month for 2025 and 525.00 a month in 2026. C Smith mentioned months ago that the HLCC ask for a millage on the 2024 elections and let the citizens decide and support it. The library choosen not to. Cindy also stated that we need to give John Abbott 3 months’ notice to find renters as he and his wife kept the rent low for years for this township. Haylee Rondeau stated there are other townships that benefit and asked why the HLCC didn’t ask the neighboring townships to help with this. That’s money the HLCC could be seeking. Cyndi Apsey stated that the library name needs to stay the same as the Calvin Will Library. The board agreed to write up an agreement with the HLCC stating our portion of the rent with the stipulations that the name stay the same, they apply for a millage in 2026 and that we have at least 3 months’ notice to John Abbott to fund replacement renters. Cyndi Apsey will write it up for the HLCC to present to their board and sign and will come back to Caledonia Twp Board in 01/2024.
- XIX. Appointment of Board & Commissions: A Sobeck made a **motion** to reappoint the expiring termed positions. ZBA- Tom Tice Planning Commission Anthony Sobeck, Kenny LaLonde, and Dan LeClaire. Board of Review members: Craig Klemens, Donald Sparks, and John Preston. T Tice seconded. All in favor – **Motion Passed.**
- XX. Bills to be Paid: A Sobeck made a **motion** to approve the bills to be paid as presented. T Tice seconded. All in favor. **Motion Passed.**
- XXI. Board Comments: C Apsey addressed Phyllis concern in public comment that the minutes were available just not on the website yet and all she had to do was ask for them. C Smith added that per MTA book they have to be available OR on the website. They were available on request. They were sent out the same night as the meeting to be posted on website and out IT guy had a family emergency and got them up as soon as possible. We are all doing our best by Mr Suitor was with his family and he was where he needed to be. We met the requirements and they were available on request and on the website as soon as possible.
- XXII. Adjourn: T Tice made **Motion** to adjourn at 8:00 pm. Seconded by A Sobeck. All in favor – **Motion passed**

Recorded by: _____

Approved by the Board of Trustees on: _____