

Caledonia Township Board Of Trustees – Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday March 8th, 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
 Sarah Roe; Present Cindy Smith; Present
- IV. Approval of Agenda with additions, deletions, and/or corrections: A Sobeck made **motion** to approve agenda with additions. T Tice seconded. All in favor. **Motion Passed**
- V. Public Comment: Ann Gossler spoke regarding the Hubbard Lake Community Center. Stated they have raised 112,000 last year. They are focusing on the library first in the community center. They are hoping the township board will donate some of their AARPS COVID funds to them, asking the board to please consider it. Tim Gauthier spoke his concern with the bill to be paid to RS Scott and stated the township board need a Rec plan in order to apply for DNR Grants. Lloyd Daggett asked if there was any decision on the court case with Cedar Drive.
- VI. Supervisor Report: NE Park grants have submitted documents for DNR to approve for bidding. Stated Tim Gauthier and others may have hurt our chances on the Sparks Grant due to them going to County Commissioners meeting and asking them not to support the Caledonia Twp Board in their application for the Spark Grants.
- VII. Clerk: None
- VIII. Minutes Feb 8th, 2023 Budget Workshop Meeting: A Sobeck made **motion** to approved minutes as presented. Seconded by S Roe. All in favor – **Motion Passed**
- IX. Minutes Feb 8th, 2023 Regular Meeting: A Sobeck made **motion** to approved minutes as presented. Seconded by T Tice. All in favor – **Motion Passed**
- X. Bills to be Paid: C Smith made a **motion** to pay the bills with additions of ZA Supplies, ZA digitalized records, hall cancellation, and DHB upon approved completion. T Tice seconded. All in favor: **Motion Passed**
- XI. Treasurer Report: Placed on file.
- XII. Budget transfers: C Smith made a **motion** to approve transfers as presented to the Board. S Roe Seconded All in favor **Motion Passed**
- XIII. Planning Commission Update: Verbal update from Anthony Sobeck that the PC met this month and will be making a final draft of Ordinances. New member Kenny Lalonde needs an email set up for the township.
- XIV. VA Rep: Jim Farrar stated the last Veteran headstone was denied as he did not meet the requirements. Jim talked to Tony from the local VA and the found another resource and got the headstone ordered even though the government won't purchase it.

- XV. Budget: A. Sobeck made a **Motion** to approve the budget with changes. Seconded by T Tice. Roll Call: C Smith=Yes; S Roe=Yes; C Apsey=Yes; T Tice=Yes: A Sobeck=Yes All in favor – **Motion Passed**
- XVI. Spark Grants: We did not receive any and the only awarded 5% of the money. Almost all were downstate in big cities.
- XVII. New Citizen Complaint form: A new complaint form was presented for use. S Roe made a **motion** to approve form as presented. T Tice seconded. All in favor – **Motion Passed**
- XVIII. FOIA Policy: A new policy written by attorney was presented. C Smith made a **motion** to approve form as presented. T Tice seconded. All in favor – **Motion Passed**
- XIX. Lawn Mowing: Two sealed bids were received for the Township lawn mowing. Cyndi will post to FB in hopes of getting more bids. Tabled to next meeting.
- XX. Zoning Board of Appeals Member: C Smith made a **motion** to appoint Dan LeClair to the ZBA pending eligibility approval. Seconded by S Roe – **Motion Passed**
- XXI. Spruce Park/Ball Diamond: Roger Gillard has offered Caledonia Township to purchase the Ball Diamond/Spruce Park for \$1.00 with the stipulation that we pay for the division and survey and that the property has to remain a park. Also, Township to pay \$300.00 for a title search. Township attorney will draft up the purchase agreement. C Smith made a **motion** to approve the purchase of the Ball diamond/Spruce Park for \$1.00 to for the township to pay for the land division, survey, title search, and attorney to draft the agreement. A Sobeck seconded. ROLL CALL: C Smith=Yes, S Roe=Yes, T Tice=Yes, A. Sobeck=Yes, C Apsey=Yes – **Motion Passed**
- XXII. Township Projects: Discussion of railing outside hall needs repairs. C Smith made a **motion** to hire Craig Kubbe to fix the metal railing and brackets not to exceed \$500.00. Seconded by S Roe. All in favor – **Motion Passed**
- XXIII. Fire Contracts: Fire Protection contracts were presented. C Smith made a **motion** to sign and pay the Fire Contract our portion of 42% which is \$52,265.40. Seconded by A. Sobeck All in favor – **Motion Passed**
- XXIV. Additional Board Comments: C Smith clarified that the check to RS Scott is for their work in the NE Parks Grant and that the money is funded through the grant and not out of general funds. C Apsey stated the when the board applied for the Grants through the DNR there was a rec plan in place and that we have started a new one. Also that Holcomb Creek court case is not finalized yet and waiting to sign the court order and final decision. We will comment on it as soon as it is completed.
- XXV. T Tice made **Motion** to adjourn at 8:03 pm. Seconded by S Roe. All in favor – **Motion passed**

Recorded by: Cindy K. Smith

Approved by the Board of Trustees on: 04/12/2023