

Caledonia Township Board Of Trustees – Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday June 14th, 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 7:05 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. **Motion Passed**
- V. Public Comment: Phyllis Vander stated all Twp audit will be submitted annually to the state of Michigan per Public Act 202. Concerned about check 7028 made out to the Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union and why we are paying a bank when the bank usually pays her. Tim Gauthier spoke about his concern at the Spruce Baseball Diamond as he has never seen an infield have gravel when most diamonds have sand. Tim also wanted to know how Cyndi became the chair of the local MTA when there had never been one in the past. Pam MacKinnon addressed Tim Gauthiers concerns and stated that the board received professional input on the baseball diamond.
- VI. Supervisor Report: C Apsey would like to thank Jim Farrar and his wife for placing the flags at the cemetery for veterans. Also, a thank you to Nick Myers for doing such a great job mowing at the cemetery.
- VII. Clerk: Gave a heads up that it looks like we will have a special election this year for Alcona schools and that we did not expect an election and we may have to move money into the election line items if this happens. Also, there are rumors that any unspent or unallocated ARPA COVID funds may be asked for back.
- VIII. Meeting Regular Minutes May 10th, 2023: A Sobeck made **motion** to approve minutes as presented. Seconded by T Tice. All in favor – **Motion Passed**
- IX. Bills to be Paid: T Tice made a **motion** to pay the bills as presented. S Roe seconded. All in favor: **Motion Passed**
- X. Correspondence: A letter was received with no phone number and no house address so no way to respond, so no action to take.
- XI. Treasurer Report: Placed on file. She is working on the next set of tax bills and adding an insert from the planning commission.
- XII. Planning Commission Update: A Sobeck gave an update from their last meeting. They also attended a tri township meeting last Monday. There will be a tri township survey going out with the next tax bills.
- XIII. VA Rep: Jim Farrar gave an update that May is burial month with a lot of burials happening. He appreciates Nick Myer job on lawn mowing. After 42 years the last known veteran has a headstone. He is currently working on two new ones recently discovered. June 14th is flag day and explains the history of the flag.
- XIV. Park Ordinance: T Tice made a **Motion** to adopt the park ordinance as presented. Seconded by A Sobeck. Roll Call: C Smith=Yes ; A Sobeck=Yes ; S Roe=Yes ; T Tice= Yes ; C Apsey=Yes All in favor – **Motion Passed**

- XV. Consumers Energy Easement Request: CE Rep available. Awaiting attorney clarification – tabled.
- XVI. Picnic Tables: Lloyd Daggett and Mike Moscow have offered to build picnic tables for our parks for the cost of materials. 120.00 apiece in material is needed. T Tice made a **motion** to pay for 6 picnic table materials from COVID ARPA funds not to exceed 720.00. Seconded by C. Smith All in Favor – **Motion Passed**
- XVII. Kitchen Project: C Smith made a **motion** to approve up to \$10,000.00 of COVID funds for flooring, plumbing, fridge, and misc. Seconded by T Tice All in favor - **Motion Passed** C Smith made a **motion** to increase the AAACU credit card limit to \$5,000.00 and then reduced back to \$2500.00 in August. Seconded by A Sobeck. All in favor - **Motion Passed**
- XVIII. Cemetery Roads/Sledding Hill/Tollson Park Project/Hickey Hill: C Smith made a **motion** to allocate \$25,000.00 for the road projects at the parks with the bids and contracts to be reviewed at next meeting and awarded by motion later. Seconded by T Tice – All in favor - **Motion Passed**
- XIX. Ball Diamond Projects: A Sobeck made a **motion** to spend up to \$1000.00 of COVID funds for posts and materials needed for benches in dugouts and outside of fence and for new chains for swings. Seconded by T Tice. All in favor – **Motion Passed**
- XX. Holcomb Creek Project: Power poles and meters will be installed soon as we have the EGLE permit. Our IT specialist will install cameras and trees will be trimmed. There will be an increase of traffic in and out due to this work being done.
- XXI. NE Park Grant: Grants were awarded pre covid and contractors are hard to get and supply costs have more than doubled. We are not the only ones having issues getting projects completed that were awarded pre covid. We are waiting for approval to hire the one bid we received to finish phase one for shoreline. The biggest issue in Phase 2 work is the pricing for play area equipment.
- XXII. Adopt a grave project: Discussed citizens adopting grave(s) in the original section to help cleanup around graves. Possible giving them a certificate for adopted graves.
- XXIII. Board Comment: A Sobeck says his son plays youth ball and the Greenbush field is that fine gravel like we have. That is what is typically used not sand or limestone. C Apsey wanted to be able to buy cameras to live stream the meetings and post on web page. S Roe made a **motion** to spend up to \$600.00 for cameras for live streaming using ARPA COVID funds. A Sobeck seconded. All in favor – **Motion Passed**
- XXIV. Adjourn: A Sobeck made **Motion** to adjourn at 8:41 pm. Seconded by T Tice. All in favor – **Motion passed**

Recorded by: Cindy K. Smith

Approved by the Board of Trustees on: 07/12/2023