

Caledonia Township Board Of Trustees – Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday August 9th, 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; Absent Tom Tice; Present Cyndi Apsey; Present
 Sarah Roe; Absent Cindy Smith; Present
- IV. Approval of Agenda with additions, deletions, and/or corrections: T Tice made **motion** to approve agenda with additions. C Smith seconded. All in favor. **Motion Passed**
- V. Public Comment: Jan Leaym introduced herself as deputy Clerk. Apologized that her information was not on the website but it is now and she is available if needed. She stated she has a Bachelors in accounting and works for the State of Michigan. She attends almost all meetings and takes minutes, attends election trainings, and works elections. She was concerned that the Deputy Treasurer wasn't at this meeting in the treasurer's absence and wonders why he is getting paid 80.00 a month when he's not showing up in her absence and wasn't available for two weeks when they went on vacation together and neither attended or responded to the email regarding last month's special meeting. She stated the intentions of deputies is in the absence of the clerk or treasurer, is that township business can still get done. However, the treasurer deputy/husband doesn't appear to be available in Sarah's absence. Tom Apsey stated he would like to recognize Jim Farrar for all the work he is doing at the graveyard. He appreciated all he does and thanked Jim personally.
- VI. County Commissioner: In attendance no new updates.
- VII. Supervisor Report: C Apsey stated she was in court today for a Blight Violation in our township. Nick Duby has been working hard on trying to get the property cleaned up. Cyndi would like to thank Jim for his hard work cleaning headstones and would like to thank Lloyd Daggett and Mike Moscow for building the beautiful picnic tables now at Holcomb Creek.
- VIII. Clerk: Noted the will be a Special Election on 11/07/23 for school millage. Cost of election will be paid for by the township and the school will reimburse us for the costs. State tax returns were done yearly and now need to be qrtly that is why there are two payments this month. Just notified. Voided checks was due to clerk getting new computer and printer setting were not correct and messed them up. Letter from Stability Auth stating they over paid us last time and next check will reflect that overpayment being taken out.
- IX. Meeting Regular Minutes July 12th, 2023: T Tice made **motion** to approve minutes as presented. Seconded by C Smith. All in favor – **Motion Passed**
- X. Special Meeting Minutes June 21th, 2023: T Tice made **motion** to approve minutes as presented. Seconded by C Smith. All in favor – **Motion Passed**
- XI. Bills to be Paid: T Tice made a **motion** to pay the bills as presented. Seconded by C Smith. All in favor: **Motion Passed**
- XII. Correspondence: None
- XIII. Treasurer Report: Absent sent via email to be placed on file.
- XIV. Planning Commission Update: A Sobeck absent.
- XV. VA Rep: Jim Farrar gave an update on what happened this date many years ago. He presented Adopt a grave certificate's he ordered.

- XVI. Federal Suit Update - Mockinridge: C Apsey gave an update that the Attorney Magistrate gave the judge a recommendation to dismiss the allegations against the township, C Apsey and K Gibson as not sustained allegations. We will have to wait to see if the judge takes the recommendation and Mockinridge has a chance to appeal.
- XVII. Holcomb Creek/Internet: Treasurer is still working on ordering the internet equipment for the cameras at Holcomb Creek so the board will have access to the pictures without running down to the physical cameras. Also, finding it hard to identify gold carts since they aren't required to have a license plate or any identifying numbers on them. Also, the township board does not need a site plan for a fence at Holcomb Creek per NEMCOG Denise Kline.
- XVIII. Fence at Holcomb Creek: Two quotes were presented. C Smith made a motion to use ARPA COVID funds up to \$8,950.00 with 50% down check to be cut within 3 days prior to the work to be starting for C Apsey to give the contractor the day work starts to put up an 8-foot fence with privacy slats at the Holcomb Creek Property. T Tice seconded. All in favor - **Motion Passed**. Roll call: C Smith=Yes, C Apsey=Yes, T Tice=Yes, S Roe=Absent, A Sobeck=Absent. - **Motion Passed**
- XIX. Re-Zoning Savage: C Smith made a **motion** to approved re-zoning request from Savage effective immediately. T Tice Seconded. All in favor – **Motion Passed**
- XX. Re-Zoning Reynolds: C Smith made a **motion** to approved re-zoning request from Reynolds effective immediately. T Tice Seconded. All in favor – **Motion Passed**
- XXI. Grave Adoption: T Tice made a **motion** to approve the Adopt-A-Grave Policy as presented. Seconded by C Smith. Roll Call; A Sobeck=Absent, C Smith=Yes, C Apsey=Yes, T Tice=Yes, S Roe=Absent. All in favor – **Motion Passed**
- XXII. November Meeting Date: We have an election 11/07/23 and having the meeting the day after will be hard. T Tice made a **motion** to move the regular meeting date to 11/13/23 at 7pm. at the Caledonia Twp Hall. Seconded by C Smith. All in favor – **Motion Approved**
- XXIII. Snow Plowing: Myers Lawn care will keep their charges the same as last year. C Smith made a **motion** to hire Myers Lawn Care for plowing for the 2023-2024 with season. T Tice seconded. All in favor – **Motion Passed**
- XXIV. Bar in the Hall: T Tice made a **motion** to spend up to \$2,500.00 using COVID funds for labor, stone siding, foot rails, ect to finish the bar area. Seconded by C Smith. All in favor – **Motion Passed**
- XXV. Tree trimming: C Smith made a **motion** to have Myers Lawn Care to clean up property lines at hall property not to exceed \$100.00. Seconded by T Tice. All in favor – **Motion Passed**.
- XXVI. Ken Gibson Mileage: C Smith made reimburse Ken Gibson mileage to go to court for lawsuit from when he was acting on the township behalf at the current board approved rate. T Tice. All in favor – **Motion Passed**
- XXVII. Board Comment: None
- XXVIII. Adjourn: T Tice made **Motion** to adjourn at 8:08 pm. Seconded by C Smith. All in favor – **Motion passed**

Recorded by: Cindy K. Smith

Approved by the Board of Trustees on: 09/13/2023