

Caledonia Township Board Of Trustees – Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday September 13th, 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: A Sobeck made **motion** to approve agenda with additions. S Roe seconded. All in favor. **Motion Passed**
- V. Public Comment: Dale, a Cedar Dr. resident, stated they are not part of lawsuit, yet are affected by it without a say. Stated they are not in favor of the fence, asked off to hold off. If this is going to be a launch will there be signage. Stated if we continue with it we will be sorry.
- VI. Dan O’Connor Alcona Schools: Presented information for the Special Election 11/07/23 for a new school bond proposal. Stated its for \$20 mil for 20 year bond. 90% of the money will be spent on repairing what the school already has. It is a new tax. A home value of \$200,000.00 or SEV value of \$100,000.00 will see an additional \$220.00 yearly on their tax bill. If the proposal passed work would start right away and be completed in 3-4 years. A complete 2023 Bond Proposal and effect and scope of work can be found on Alcona website.
- VII. County Commissioner: Dave Jagst reported the have a jail project where they can hold people until lunch. They are currently in negotiations with sheriff as dept is under paid and they keep loosing employees due to it. Broadband is 3 years out and will start with PIE&G customers first. Septic tank legislation may pass as they have the votes to pass it. Every home will have to be inspected every 6 years and will cost the h9omeowner \$600.00 to have it done. If it doesn’t pass inspection you will have 6 months to fix it then be fined \$1000.00 each month it isn’t fixed. Alcona commissioners are against this but they have the votes to pass it. Also, they have the votes for Solar legislation being taken over by the state since some townships are trying to stop it.
- VIII. Supervisor Report: None
- IX. Clerk: C Smith noted we need an Election Committee meeting before the 11/07/23 election. It was agreed upon the election committee will meet Oct 11th at 6:30 prior to the Regular Meeting.
- X. Meeting Regular Minutes Aug 9th, 2023: T Tice made **motion** to approve minutes as presented. Seconded by S Roe. All in favor – **Motion Passed**
- XI. Special Meeting Minutes August 23rd, 2023: T Tice made **motion** to approve minutes as presented. Seconded by C Smith. All in favor – **Motion Passed**
- XII. Bills to be Paid: S Roe stated she had contacted MTA about the board reimbursing Jim Farrar the \$400.00 he paid for last veteran headstone and that they stated the township can’t pay that. A Sobeck made a **motion** to pay the bills as presented while voiding check 7194. Seconded by T Tice. All in favor: **Motion Passed**
- XIII. Correspondence: None
- XIV. Treasurer Report: Placed on file.
- XV. Planning Commission Update: A Sobeck stated they hadn’t met this month yet so no update.

- XVI. VA Rep: Jim Farrar gave an update on what happened this date many years ago with flag history. He stated his concern over last vault burial and how it was left.
- XVII. Insurance Risk Finding: C Smith completed with risk assessment for insurance. They didn't have all township properties listed – information was updated. We did good on Roof maintenance/cemetery ordinance/Hall Generator/ and camera at properties. We do not have smoke and carbon monoxide detectors at the hall. 4 have been ordered and will be in place this month. We did well on risk findings.
- XVIII. State Tax Audit –C Apsey gave an update that the Assessor did a great job and we passed the Audit. Only finding was the Assessor didn't have his hours on the taxes. It has been fixed.
- XIX. Mockenridge Update: Magistrate made recommendation there is no valid claim and we are awaiting further update.
- XX. Rec Plan: Needs some updates and once completed we will have a public hearing.
- XXI. Fence at Holcomb Creek: C Smith, C Apsey, and Nick Duby meet with the homeowner of the private part of Cedar Drive. C Smith gave an update that they do not want the fence. C Smith stated that it was agreed upon in the court order and wondered why they agreed to it if they didn't want it – no answer given. They will accept a black fence with no privacy slats and only 4 foot tall. Nick Duby stated our ordinance is a minimum of 6 foot and they court order stated "privacy fence" in the order. C Apsey stated we will not always be on the board and they made not always be the homeowners and the decision was made for the future to protect the township and give privacy to the homeowners. C Smith stated she is not changing her previous motion and gave everyone on the board a chance to make a new one. No changes or motions were made. C Apsey reported that Mike Brady stated he did call and speak to our vendor for the fence and asked them not to come and do it. The vendor is stating he no longer wants the job. It was approved at cost of \$8950.00 and now that he won't do it we are looking at a cost of \$20,000.00. Asked the homeowners to not harass the board and not call the vendors to impede the court order. He stated they were desperate so they had to in order to stop it.
- XXII. Northend Park Grant: The proposal was approved by the State for the contract for work to be completed at NE Park. The contract will be signed this week. C Apsey stated RS Scott has been wonderful to work with and went above and beyond to see this through. Work to be completed by 06/2024.
- XXIII. Donor Funds: C Apsey wanted update from C Smith and S Roe on access the donor funds for Grant 1. C Smith stated it was an easy process and she made a phone call and sent 1 email requesting the funds and it was received within a week. The check for \$50,000.00 from the donor was given to S Roe to deposit. C Apsey reported an additional \$31,000.00 was gifted by the same donor to make this project complete.
- XXIV. Dead Oaks: Alpena tree service will remove 9 dead trees in the island park of the NE Park for \$4500.00. Tabled to next meeting to assess where in the budget the funds will come from.
- XXV. Crowd Funding Possibility: C Apsey would like board permission to start a Crowd funding to raise money for the Veteran Memorial. Tabled to next meeting for more information.
- XXVI. Paint Building: The sexton shed at the cemetery was cleaned by fire dept. Steve will help us get it painted with a generator and paint sprayer since we don't have electric there. C Smith made a **motion** to spend up to \$500.00 for paint, solar light, and cabinet for the cemetery. Seconded by A Sobeck. All in favor – **Motion Passed**
- XXVII. New Sign at Cemetery: C Smith made a **motion** to order a sign to match the other township signs for the cemetery not to exceed \$700.00. Seconded by A Sobeck. All in favor – **Motion Passed.**
- XXVIII. Grave Digging: C Smith to follow up with vault digger.
- XXIX. Hall Clean up: The hall needs a deep clean with all the rentals and construction going on. C Apsey proposed hiring our hall cleaner to deep clean the basement, hall and upstairs. C Smith made a **motion** to hire Hall Custodian to deep clean all 3 levels for \$500.00. Seconded by T Tice. All in favor – **Motion Passed.**

XXX. Board Comment: None

XXXI. Adjourn: T Tice made **Motion** to adjourn at 8:38 pm. Seconded by A Sobeck. All in favor – **Motion passed**

Recorded by: Cindy K. Smith

Approved by the Board of Trustees on: 10/11/2023