

Caledonia Township Board Of Trustees – Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday Feb. 14th, 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 7:00 pm
- II. Pledge of Allegiance – Completed
- III. Roll Call – Anthony Sobeck; Present Tom Tice; Present Cyndi Apsey; Present
 Halley Rondeau; 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: None
- VI. County Commissioner: Stated septic tank legislation is being worked on and the want to add plumbing to it. State is considering starting a state agency for it. If approved and if you refuse, there will be a 250.00 fine per month up to \$15,000.00. They are looking to bring the solar on the ballot to give it back to the local government to enforce. Axe the tax group is trying to get on the ballot that no one pays property taxes. If this happens it will be devastating to local authorities and schools. Alcona got a grant that if you make \$40,000.00 a year or less you can get up to \$10,000.00 to have certain house items fixed (windows, doors, roofs, etc). Requirements is taxes paid up to date and have house insurance. Call county to apply, first come first serve. Recycle programs are being discussed at the county level.
- VII. Supervisor Report: Cyndi Apsey spoke with road commission regarding road improvements for this spring/summer. She met with Consumers Energy regarding the Caledonia Solar Farm Project. They can follow the state rules but they choose to stick to our ordinance as much as possible. They explained the next steps and will be doing soil samples soon. They will be talking to neighbors of the project soon. You will start seeing more of Consumers presence in the area. She is still working on a budget and hope to have in out in the next week or two.
- VIII. Regular Meeting Minutes Jan 10th, 2024: A Sobeck made **motion** to approve minutes as presented. Seconded by T Tice. All in favor – **Motion Passed**
- IX. Special Meeting Minutes Jan 24th, 2024: T Tice made **motion** to approve minutes as presented. Seconded by H Rondeau. All in favor – **Motion Passed**
- X. Bills to be Paid: A Sobeck made a **motion** to pay the bills as presented. Seconded by T Tice. All in favor: **Motion Passed**
- XI. Treasurer Report: Treasurer report placed on file. Haylee reported that the interest received from township accounts in last year was \$25,415.95. She reported tax bills are due today but she can continue to collect until 02/29/24 then they go to the county.
- XII. Planning Commission Update: No meeting this month.
- XIII. VA Rep: Jim Farrar gave an update that VA has been disparaged from helping migrants vs. veterans and their families. Detained migrants are receiving millions of dollars while veterans can't receive basics services.
- XIV. Letter of Support for PIE&G Fiber to Home Project: C Smith made a **motion** to approving signing the letter of support. A Sobeck seconded. All in favor – **Motion Passed**.
- XV. Set budget and Truth and Taxation Hearing Date & Time: T Tice made a **motion** to set date and time for 03/13/24 at 6:30pm. Seconded by H Rondeau. All in favor – **Motion Passed**.

- XVI. Lawn Mowing: Myers Lawn care requested an increase for mowing at NE Park with extra trimming and spring clean-up by 75.00 each mow. Also increase is mowing the cemetery by 75.00 per mow and an extra 75.00 for spring clean-up. C Smith made a **motion** to hire Myer Lawn care with the increase for the 2024-2025 season. Seconded by T Tice. All in favor – **Motion Passed.**
- XVII. Bids for Hall Work: C Smith made a **motion** to hire JCR construction for hall and closet work with check to be cut for all supplies and 50% labor up to \$1200.00 and to hire JDR construction for stair support work with all supplies and 50% labor at quoted price to be paid right away so he can get started not to exceed \$1000.00. The balance can be paid upon completion. T Tice seconded. All in favor – **Motion Passed.**
- XVIII. Millage: Fire Dept millage is up for renewal. C Apsey requested permission to work on it and present to board. All agreed.
- XIX. Library: C Apsey reported she received a letter to meet with Community Center and Library to talk about moving the library to the community center. This is the first time a number was discussed to move rental to the community center. They were requesting \$1,200.00 a month for rent. The township is currently paying \$350.00 a month. Board discussed that we can't afford that much and even though the property we are renting is for sale, a potential owner may want to keep us there as renters. Concerns about the library part being completed after the center is built and the rent will essential pay for them to finish the building. The board has many concerns and not in favor of moving it with such high rent. Utilities are currently being paid for by the board and moving it will still have to pay utilities.
- XX. Board Comments: T Tice asked if we had money in the budget for salting the entry and ramp at the hall. C Apsey stated she is wanting to ask Nick Myer to salt and shovel the entry way at the same time as plowing. She will get ahold of him. Board agrees. C Apsey commented that the PC has worked 3 years working on the zoning revisions and their main focus is Caledonia Twp. This is not a blanket ordinance. Also, the planning commission is not hiding anything from the public nor is any board in our township.
- XXI. Adjourn: A Sobeck made **Motion** to adjourn at 7:47 pm. Seconded by T Tice. All in favor – **Motion passed**

Recorded by: *Cindy K. Smith*

Approved by the Board of Trustees on: 03/13/2024