

# Caledonia Township Board Of Trustees – Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday June 12<sup>th</sup>, 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 7:03 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 as presented. T Tice seconded. All in favor - **Motion Passed**
- V. Alpena Power: Attorney Dan Florip and President Ken Dragiewicz were at the meeting to explain the Resolution and Ordinance presented was a renewal from the one that passed 30 years ago to service customers in our Township. The previous one will expire at the end of this year. The change is that it needs to be on the ballot as this one is irrevocable so they don't have to renew every 30 years. Anthony Sobeck made a **motion** to approve Ordinance 01-24 as presented. Tom Tice seconded. Roll call: C Apsey Yes; A Sobeck Yes; C Smith Yes; T Tice Yes; H Rondeau Yes All in favor – **Motion Passed**. T Tice made a **motion** to approve Resolution 03-24 as presented. A Sobeck seconded. Roll call: H Rondeau Yes; T Tice Yes; C Apsey Yes; C Smith Yes; A Sobeck Yes. All in favor – **Motion Passed**.
- VI. Public Comment: Phyllis VanderVlucht stated she would like to see the rules for township properties on the website. Not all properties are listed on website. Thanked Cindy Smith for the personal copies of the bills to be paid. Kerry Scott stated that all ordinances must be read out loud before approving. Julie Grubbs stated she has a utility contract not a solar contract. She asked Cindy Smith how many acres she has. Rich Gillipse from Alpena Septic stated loans are now available for septic and he has information left on the back table. Tom Renney stated we need to fire Nick Duby since he has a civil matter in court and is not doing his job. Stated Nick Duby has a keyhole development on his property. Complaints are being ignored. Lloyd Daggett requested a copy of what Tom Renney was reading from. Janet Renney stated a conflict of interest was files and handed to Cyndi Apsey. Karen Brancheau criticized the grammar in the prior month meeting minutes and stated each one aloud. Also stated Cyndi Apsey previously thanked Bessie, Jason, and Keith Krentz for plowing Holcomb Creek for free and then there was a check cut to Keith Krentz. Bessie stated that she did do it for free and that they all plowed Holcomb Creek for free, the charge was for Cedar Drive plowing and only Keith was paid. O'Dea wanted to know what was going on at 7000 Hubert Road, then Hanson road, then 700 Hubert. She stated she knew but did we.
- VII. County Commissioner: Dave Jagst that the new building for the Health Dept in Harrisville will be having an open house. Alcona broadband Cherry Capital is possibly our last chance to get high speed internet and they are applying for grants.
- VIII. Supervisor Report: Cyndi reported our full audit started today and will be completed very soon. Trent stated Haylee and Cindy have done great and he's impressed how quickly Haylee has caught on. Cyndi stated road projects have begun in our township. July board of review will be July 16<sup>th</sup> and there will be no appeals for evaluation at that meeting. Thanked everyone who showed up for the Cemetery work and Linda Souva for feeding and bringing drinks for everyone. Cyndi also reported we are very close to closing on the purchase of the Spruce Baseball Diamond for 1.00.
- IX. Regular Meeting Minutes May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024: T Tice made **motion** to approve minutes with corrections. Seconded by A Sobeck. All in favor – **Motion Passed**
- X. Elector Meeting: C Smith made a **motion** to approve the creation of the July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Elector Meeting at 6:30pm before the regular meeting in July. A Sobeck seconded. All in favor – **Motion Passed**

- XI. Election application, training, and updated: C Smith stated that early voting will be in Harrisville again and our township workers will cover one day. Stephany Eller is working on the ballot proof. Caledonia will host an election worker training that is required on 06/27/24 at 4:00pm.
- XII. Treasurer Report: Haylee reported that she is done with the Tax Roll for 2024.
- XIII. Planning Commission Update: A Sobeck stated next meeting will be in July.
- XIV. VA Rep: Jim Farrar received two bronze Civil War flag holders. He ordered and received 2 more gallons of headstone cleaning supplies. He repaired some flag holders. June 14<sup>th</sup> is flag day. Today, 06/12, is women Veterans Day.
- XV. Fire Truck: Caledonia half of the firetruck is \$277,390.00 from the Fire millage and the other half is being covered by Ossineke Township. Mike Eller will be picking up the fire truck in South Dakota this week. Our last motion to approve the purchase was for \$275,000.00 so we need a motion to approve the final correct amount. A Sobeck made a **motion** to purchase our half of the fire truck from the fire fund for \$277,390.00. T Tice seconded. Roll call: C Apsey Yes; A Sobeck Yes; H Rondeau Yes; T Tice Yes; C Smith-yes All in favor – **Motion Passed**
- XVI. Fire Contract Sanborn Twp Annual Renewal: T Tice made a **motion** to approve the Fire Contract at \$2,800.00. A Sobeck seconded. All in favor - **Motion Passed.**
- XVII. North End Park: A. Water Fountain: It is being installed and mini drain field started. Will need multiple water tests before we can start using it. B. Celebration: There will be a celebration of completed grants on July 20<sup>th</sup> from 11 am-2pm. The firemen will be grilling, kid's activities, and no tax dollars will be spent. 100% volunteered. C. Other: The bottom if flag pole is hallowed out and is a safety hazard. C Smith made a **motion** to hire Nick Meyer up to \$350.00 to fix the base of the flag pole and add stones at the NE Park. T Tice seconded. All in favor – **Motion Passed.**
- XVIII. Site Plan Review Training: C Apsey reported that we can have unlimited people in the training for \$730.00. T Tice made a **motion** to approved site plan review training at \$730.00. A Sobeck seconded. All in favor - **Motion Passed**
- XIX. Liquor License Request: T Tice made a **motion** to approved the liquor license request for a Banquet Facility Permit for the Mountain Inn. C Smith seconded. All in favor – **Motion Passed.**
- XX. Bills to be Paid: A Sobeck made a **motion** to approve the bills to be paid as presented. T Tice seconded. All in favor. **Motion Passed.**
- XXI. Board Comments: Cyndi Apsey received an unknown text about a forensic audit coming and to get ready for prison. Cyndi stated she welcomes an audit. Cyndi let Tom and Janet Renney know the attorneys are looking at the keyhole complaint. Cyndi clarified Keith Krentz was paid for ½ the plowing of Cedar Drive which is different from Holcomb Creek property that they did for free. She stated Bessie and Jason did not get a penny from the township – all free. Cindy Smith stated she is in a solar contract and has never hid that fact, she made sure every board member knew and they all confirmed they've always known. She stated how many acres she has is not Julie Grubbs business; she can figure that out herself.
- XXII. Adjourn: A Sobeck made **Motion** to adjourn at 8:13 pm. Seconded by T Tice. All in favor – **Motion passed**

Recorded by: Cindy K. Smith

Approved by the Board of Trustees on: 07/10/2024