

The Board Members of Caledonia Twp. met on Wednesday September 11, 2019, with Supervisor Apsey presiding. The board meeting was held at the Twp. Hall, 6461 Gillard Rd. in Spruce. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm. With the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence in honor of all that we lost from 911 (9-11)

Roll Call: Roe, Smith, Scott, Apsey & Kerry.

Motion by Kerry, Support Scott to approve the agenda with additions. Motion carried.

Public Comment from the Floor Agenda Items – individual wanted to know if there will be public comment at the end of the meeting because it was not on the agenda.

Supervisor Apsey – thanked people for coming to the meeting.

Motion by Smith; Support Roe to approve to pay bills as presented. Motion carried. Ck# 5667 – Ck# 5700.

Reminder: All invoices to be paid need to be turned in to the clerk by the Saturday before the Twp. meeting.

Motion by Smith; Support Roe to accept the minutes of August 14, 2019, regular meeting with corrections. Motion carried.

Motion by Roe; Support Smith to accept the Special Meeting minutes of August 23, 2019 as presented. Roll call: Roe yes, Scott no, Smith yes, Kerry no, Apsey yes. Motion carried.

Clerk Kerry Scott stated from the Special Meeting minutes of August 23, 2019: Supervisor Apsey called a “Special Meeting” on the weekend without proper advanced notice to all board members. Treasurer Roe stated since Clerk Kerry Scott did not attend the “Special Meeting” therefore, she could not comment on the minutes. Clerk Kerry Scott again stated the proper paperwork from two vendors was not complete when warrants were being prepared. Supervisor Apsey was requesting a special payment for these two vendors. Proper procedures must be in place otherwise; this could put the Twp. at risk. At the “Special Meeting” some board members took advantage of Clerk Kerry Scott’s absence to attack her in public with false accusations and would not let her respond to correct the errors and false statements. Clerk Kerry Scott also stated the purpose of the board is to work for all the citizens of the Twp. and with all these last minute “Special Meetings” you’re cheating the tax payers of full representation, when it is not mutually convenient for all board members to attend. Plus, these frequent “Special Meetings” can be perceived by the public as an attempt to circumvent the attendance which is a violation of the Open Meetings Act. In closing, Clerk Kerry Scott stated each member on this board has their own responsibilities, it’s important we each do the jobs we were elected to do. *TRUSTEE SMITH STATED MTA SPECIAL MEETINGS CAN BE CALLED FOR PRACTIALLY ANYTHING READ EMAIL FROM MTA.*

Motion by Roe; Support Smith to accept the Special Meeting minutes of September 3, 2019. Roll call: Smith yes, Scott no, Roe yes, Kerry no, Apsey yes. Motion carried.

Clerk Kerry stated it was not necessary to have a “Special Meeting” to accept the ZA’s resignation when there was only a week before the regular scheduled meeting. *TRUSEE SMITH – CLAIRIFED MTA STATED THE BOARD DOES NOT HAVE TO ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS ONLY ELECTED OFFICIALS. SPECIAL MEETING WAS ALSO TO APPOINT AN INTERM FOR ZA.*

Budget Report – check contingency fund to cemetery fund – Dust control is over budget.

Correspondence – Complaint letter on too many “Special Meetings” - NEMCOG 2020 Appropriations.

Motion by Kerry; Support Smith to place the treasures report on file subject to audit. Motion carried

Reports were turned in from the Hall & NE Park custodian, ZA, Sexton and PC.

Old Business

Trenching Oak Wilt trees at the NE Park was completed - dead trees will be removed in the Spring with bids.

Supervisor Apsey contacted the DEQ about cutting the grass at Holcomb Creek, was informed by Treasa at DEQ to mow the grass. DEQ will take a look at Holcomb Creek when they're in the area.

Vendors – *KERRY STATED* - Alpena Tree Service and Alcona Land Survey = proper paper work was not complete when warrants were being prepared.

Blight and Zoning issues – Lakeview and Mt. Maria are being looked into.

Motion by Smith; Support Roe to have Cyndi Apsey get paid effective today until someone is hired at \$350.00 a month prorated if longer or shorter. Roll call: Roe yes, Scott no, Smith yes, Kerry no. Apsey abstain. Motion failed.

Ad for ZA Position was put in the paper and on the Twp. website. Clerk Kerry stated all correspondence needs to be sent to the official Twp. mailing address at P.O. Box 7, Spruce, MI 48762.

Motion by Smith: Support Kerry to get estimates from two places and hire the lower of the two to fix the valves in the kitchen to comply with the Insurance Risk findings and bring both estimates to the meeting. Motion carried.

Signs for the Parks are ready to be posted – final wording was approved by the Twp. Attorney.

Tollson Park bike rack donated by Sarah R. – Volunteer work for the parks by Dan A.

New Business

Supervisor Apsey stated, the Twp. Attorney noted, people have legal access to Holcomb Creek using the private drive according to the Deed.

Holcomb Creek – Dale H. – wanted to know if the property is considered a park – has DEQ done an actual inspection on the property to see what portions are wetlands and what portions are not – wants to know if the Twp. is playing fair with the home owners on the private road – homeowners have not been contacted on what's going on with the private road access to the public – wants to know if the Twp. is going to help maintain the private road – concerned about the safety with a one lane road with the additional traffic – would like the board to give this a sincere look to the geographic area as to any plans the might be implemented in the future and the impact to the 7 owners how live on the private road – the road is posted private drive – Dale H. thanked the board for their time.

Assessor's printer– need printer cord

Closing the bathrooms at the NE Park – September 30,2019

Removing Porta John at the Cemetery & Tollson Park – September 30,2019

Motion by Roe; Support Smith to allow Cyndi Apsey to get a crew together of volunteers to work on the picnic tables to place on Twp. property with the money coming out of the park fund not to exceed \$200.00. Roll call: Scott yes, Smith yes, Roe yes, Kerry yes, Apsey yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Scott; Support Roe That Caledonia Township hereby prohibits all marihuana establishments within the boundaries of the Township pursuant to Initiated Law 1 of 2018, MCL 333.27951 et seq., as may be amended. Roll call: Scott yes, Apsey yes, Smith yes, Roe yes, Kerry yes. Motion carried. Effective 9/12/2019.

Clerk Kerry will be going back to a land line phone for the Twp. – constant problems with Verizon wireless.

Public comment – Harry H. from the Road Commission introduced himself – deals with 11 Twps. – getting a new mower and truck - talked about spraying the road side for the evasive species – suggested the Supervisor's get together and possibly have one zoning administrator for the county.

Motion by Roe; Support K Scott to adjourn at 9:14pm. Motion carried. Next Regular meeting October 9th at 7 pm

Kerry Scott Caledonia Twp. Clerk