

The Board Members of Caledonia Twp. met on Wednesday October 9, 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 7:06 pm. With the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Roe; Support K Scott to approve to the agenda with additions. Motion carried.

~~Public Comment from the floor—Julie U. stated comments are based on my observations. Tollson Park and Holcomb Creek, have become controversial topics for residents and the Board over the past 4 months. Tollson Park in June, area residents became aware of the Board's intent to transition the property. Tollson Park neighbors appeared at the July 10<sup>th</sup> meeting to ask questions regarding our concerns. These questions were submitted in writing to the Supervisor which included parking, liability, and neighborhood security and what are the short and long term goals and plans for Tollson Park? The Board advised us that they were simply cleaning up the site and there was no plan. Twp. Attorney attended the meeting regarding private versus public use of the site which was never an issue. Details of Tollson Park have never been discussed, yet changes continued at the property with motions being passed at a special meeting after the fact. That is not how it's done with a public entity financed by taxpayer dollars. Tollson Park and Holcomb Creek controversies could have been avoided by formation of an ad hoc committee. In closing, after observing this Board over a four month period, I have seen pre-determined decisions presented without discussion with motions made after the fact over and over again. I find this pattern to be highly unethical and most likely in violation of the Open Meetings Act. As a taxpayer, I find both of these scenarios to be unacceptable and sincerely hope that the Board will aspire to a higher ethic in the future.~~

Supervisor – Board needs to conduct Twp. business and work together.

Motion by Smith; Support Roe not to accept the bills as presented as they are not presented in a way to efficiently ensure the invoices and check # match. Roll Call: Smith; yes, Roe yes, Scott no, Apsey yes, Kerry no. Motion carried.

Special meeting Friday October 11 at 6 to review the bills.

Motion by Smith; Support Roe to accept the minutes of September 11, 2019 with corrections presented. Motion carried

Motion by Kerry; Support Smith to change the clerk's' personal phone to a Caledonia Twp. phone using Frontier. Motion carried. Phone will be set up as a government phone - number to remain the same 989-471-5377.

No minutes were taken at the Special meeting by either Roe, Smith or Apsey on September 11, 2019 at 6:30.

Motion by Scott; Support Kerry to have the Treasurer give a verbal report. Roll call: Roe no, Scott, yes, Smith yes, Apsey no, K Scott yes. Motion carried. See monthly report.

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

Employee reports and Planning Commission report have been turned in.

Motion by Smith; Support Roe to pay out of the cemetery fund line item supplies and maintenance # 101-276-727 \$268.68 to Jim Farrar for reimbursement of the Silver Civil War and Spanish American War grave markers. Motion carried. To be paid with September bills.

## Old Business

Motion Smith; Support Roe to correct the minutes from 8-14-19 to strike "waiting on paper work for Alpena Tree Service and Alcona Area Land Survey – to be paid at the September Board meeting and correct - insulation to installation. 3 yes, 2 no. Motion carried.

Budget – Treasurers receipt #2296 has \$39,306.47 for C & S Dust Control need to adjust with a journal entry. (Road Maintenance/Dust control).

Resumes – received 2 resumes for the ZA position. Supervisor Apsey will try and set up the interviews for Friday 10-11-19.

Motion by Roe; Support Kerry to retain Cindy Smith as our sexton. Motion carried.

Need new job description for the sexton position for the winter months. Cemetery winter months are Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> thru March 31<sup>st</sup>.

## New business

Thank you to Alpena Septic for the donation of the Port-a-John at the Cemetery

Policy Bills to be paid - Tabled / Policy Minutes – Tabled / Board Code of Conduct policy – Tabled

Motion by Scott; Support Smith to accept Sanborn Twp. fire contract for 2019-2020. Motion carried. \$2,800.00 for the fire contract.

Motion by Roe, Support Smith to have Supervisor Apsey obtain a 9-1-1 sign and an address number to be posted at Tollson Park. Roll call: Smith yes, Roe yes, Scott no, Apsey yes, Kerry yes. Motion carried. Lloyd D. volunteered the 9-1-1 sign.

AMAR – has been updated and approved by the state.

Motion by Smith; Support Roe to get an address for Holcomb Creek for emergency purposes. Roll call: Roe yes, Scott no, Apsey yes, Smith yes, Kerry no. Motion carried. Sarah R. volunteered the 9-1-1 sign.

Removal of a private sign at Holcomb Creek – Supervisor Apsey stated the private sign was on the County owned post. Supervisor Apsey stated she will provide documentation from the Road Commission and the Twp. Attorney verifying they gave her (Supervisor) permission to remove the private sign from the private property.

MTA Charter Meeting Oct. 22, 2019 – Caledonia Twp. is hosting.

NE Park – need new job description for winter months.

Public Comment from the floor – What is the plans for Tollson Park and why the boulders was not ~~discusses~~ discussed with the citizens – why minutes are not being audio recorded.

Motion by Roe; Support Smith to adjourn at 9:28pm. Motion carried.

*Kerry Scott* – Caledonia Twp. Clerk    Next Regular meeting November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm