

Marcellus Township Regular Board Meeting

Minutes

March 19, 2024

Supervisor Koshar called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and led the pledge of allegiance. Roll Call: Koshar, Schick, Hess, Mroz, and Plummer

Motion by Hess, second by Schick, to approve the agenda – All Ayes – motion carried

Motion by Schick, second by Hess, to approve the minutes from the February 20, 2024 with the change of the change of 1.5 mills for road proposal. All ayes – motion carried.

Motion by Hess, support by Mroz, to pay the bills as presented. Roll Call: Ayes: Koshar, Mroz, Schick, Hess, and Plummer. Motion Carried

Motion by Koshar, support by Hess, to accept treasurer's report as presented. All Ayes – motion carried.

Public Comments:

A citizen inquired about listing the New Business items on the agenda. They will be listed on future agendas.

REPORTS:

- Cass County Sheriff's Department Report – Sheriff Behnke reported that four have been chosen to attend the Police Academy at Lake Michigan College. They are still looking for candidates to attend the Battle Creek Academy.
- Sexton Kruger – None
- Commissioner Locke – None
- MAESA – Schick presented report for MAESA board and discussion followed.
- Zoning Report – None
- Planning Commission – None
- Blight Report – None
- Supervisor's Report:
 - Don VanHulle has submitted his resignation for the Planning Commission
 - We have been notified of our physical address change, due to the annexation with the Village. Our new physical address is 463 W. Main Street. Ed will investigate getting the sign changed.
 - An estimate was shared from Schoolcraft Paving to update the parking lot at the town hall.
 - Moved by Hess, seconded by Plummer, to accept the estimate from Schoolcraft Paving for \$2,590 to update the parking lot. Roll call vote: Ayes: Koshar, Hess, Schick, Mroz, and Plummer. Nays: None – Motion Carried
 - The topic of blight on Big Fish Lake was presented. The taxpayer wanted to clear the air as the topic came up at a Board of Review.
 - There was discussion regarding unsubmitted checks for permit fees from electrical inspector,

Hackenberg.

- Letters have been written to Mr. Hackenberg. This will be the final 30-day extension unless substantial progress is made. Motion by Hess, seconded by Schick, to approve a final 30-day extension. All ayes – Motion carried
- Supervisor Koshar shared the following millage renewals for the August ballot.
 - Resolutions to place three (3) proposals on the August 6, 2024 ballot
 - Fire & Ambulance Capital Investment & Maintenance Proposal
 - Motion by Schick, seconded by Plummer, to place the Marcellus Fire & Ambulance Capital Investment & Maintenance Proposition on the November 5, 2024 election ballot
 - All Ayes – Motion Carried
 - Hudson Memorial Building Operation & Maintenance Proposal
 - Motion by Plummer, seconded by Koshar, to place the Hudson Memorial Building Operation & Maintenance Millage Proposal on the November 5, 2024 election ballot
 - All Ayes – Motion Carried
 - Marcellus Township Library Maintenance Millage Proposal
 - Motion by Mroz, seconded by Plummer, to place the Marcellus Township Wood Memorial Library Renewal Proposition on the August 6, 2024 election ballot
 - All Ayes – Motion Carried
 - Road Maintenance Millage Proposal
 - Motion by Plummer, seconded by Hess, to place the Road Maintenance Proposal on the August 6, 2024 ballot
 - All Ayes – Motion Carried
 - Fire & Ambulance Operation & Maintenance Millage Proposal
 - Motion by Hess, seconded by Schick, to place the Fire & Ambulance Operation & Maintenance Millage Proposal on the August 6, 2024 ballot
 - All Ayes – Motion Carried
 - Discussion on how to spend the remaining ARPA funds. Tabled for another date.
 - Pine Lake Variance claim has been closed
 - Red Run Road Variance claim appeal was extended.
 - Freedom of Information Act procedures were distributed to Board Members
 - Koshar met with Ranger Power. They have approximately 1500 acres secured and will be applying for a special use permit. It may be two years before construction begins and approximately three years before completion. We are working on getting a \$1 million grant that would go into the general fund.
 - We were pursuing a grant for the Fire Department. They would help with paying Firefighters, EMTs, and personnel. The amount paid each year was less and then the onus would fall on the jurisdiction. No longer pursuing grant.
 - Koshar sent with Cass County Road Commission regarding repair of roads for this year.
 - Motion by Schick, seconded by Plummer, to approve the repair of Red Run Road, Elm Drive, Lake Street, in the amount of \$176, 194.94. Roll Call vote: Ayes: Koshar, Hess, Schick, Mroz, and Plummer – Nays: None – Motion Carried

New Business

- Clerk Plummer talked about Dump Passes for this year. Passes will be available April 1 – July 1. Plummer will drop passes off at Grames Tire, Village Hall, and the Township Hall will have them.

Old Business

Public Comments

- A citizen inquired about speed limit signs for Red Run Road and Elm Drive. Supervisor Koshar informed that they have been installed.
- A citizen inquired about licensing for Sugarleaf Properties. The property within the village limits is licensed. The Burlington Property is in a different situation.

Motion by Koshar, support by Hess, to adjourn at 7:14pm. All Ayes - Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Darcie L Plummer
Township Clerk

Edward Koshar
Township Supervisor