**APPROVED**

Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday October 11th 2022

7pm

1. Chairman Jochimsen called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Roll Call:

**Present**

Chairman Kurt Jochimsen

Supervisor Paul Drexler

Supervisor Leonard Austin

Clerk Alexandra Skaya

Treasurer Julaine Aschenbrenner

Roads Supervisor Luke Serwe

Sanitation Employee George Schneider

Fire Commissioner Gary Heil

1. **Public Comment** –
   1. Jerry Keding gave an update on the Maryel boat landing. There would need to be 2 poles installed, which he would coordinate at no cost to the township. Solar lights are $209.93 each and are programable and come with remote. Would also provide security cameras at no cost to township.
   2. Shardell Meidl would like to see something done with the triangle of grass/weeds on the corner area of County Hwy M and Balsam. Because the growth is so high it makes it a safety issue when driving to be able to see oncoming traffic. Luke will take care of this.
   3. Shardell Meidl would like to see if the township would take up a collection of batteries to dispose of. Cost would be around $2/pound. Can discuss at annual meeting.
2. **Minutes** – Motion (Austin/Drexler) to approve the town board meeting minutes from the September 13th 2022 meeting. Motion carried.
3. **Voucher Approval** - Motion (Austin/Drexler) to approve vouchers 17552 - 17583 plus auto withdrawals totaling $85,008.65. Motion carried.
4. **REPORTS:**
   1. **Road Report** – Luke Serwe provided the road report. Luke completed the Weisman road project in which he dug ditches, fixed soft spots, replaced a culvert and added a culvert to help with draining. A second round of dust control on Balsam east. Dug ditches on schnelle road and fixed some minor washing areas throughout the township. Has not done work with Bobs lane, graded once, but the road is difficult to grade at this point due to needing more granite. Did call about the owners adding more, but hasn’t heard back.
   2. **Fire Commission** – Budget should remain the same as no raises were requested. Money from grants has helped to lower expenses for the rest of the year. Did receive a grant of $121,000 and looking to put a portion of that towards the new ambulance. Repairs are being discussed for the current building, including repairing the parking lot. Also discussed the possibility of selling the building in green valley and moving the engine to Rozellville as it is somewhat underutilized in green valley.

* 1. **Treasurer’s Report** – Julaine Aschenbrenner provided the Treasurer’s report including the cash balances. The 2021 road loan was paid off on September 21st, and $74,000 has been drawn from the current line of credit.

Motion (Austin/Drexler) to approve the Treasurer’s report. Motion carried.

Moton (Austin/Drexler) to approve the transfer of $66,000 from the line of credit to the general checking to pay for up to date road projects. Motion carried.

* 1. **Clerk Report** – Alexandra Skaya provided the Clerk Report. Regulatory filing were completed. Current preparations are being done for the November general election. Absentee ballots that were requested have all been mailed out, and clerk will continue to process absentee ballots as come. Early voting times are November 2nd and November 6th from 5:30 – 7pm at the town hall or by appointment. Once the budget is approved then the fall newsletter will be sent to Heinzen from printing and distribution. Hoping to get out to mailboxes by the end of October to allow for individuals to review before budget hearing and levy limit meeting. There is a new election security grant that clerk will be looking to apply for which would go towards any type of security that is needed for elections, including security training and updates to security on computers.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. **ARPA Funds** – After review of the final ruling on the ARPA grant, the board can decide to move forward in looking into building a new town garage. This would provide a water and sewer source at that sight, which is currently unavailable. Another usage could look into culvert updates and combining with other available funding.
2. **Maryel Boat Landing – Light –**  Lots of public volunteers have stepped forward to help with getting this done. Public will take care of installing the poles as stated previously. If going through WPS it would be $2388 to install outdoor lighting, and then $22.75/month. Motion (Austin/Drexler) to purchase solar lights for the boat landing. Motion carried.
3. **Balsam Road Update –** Chairman received news that the town did not receive grant funding for this project. Over 700 applicants applied for a portion of 8 million of available funding, so only 20-30 projects were able to move forward. This project will need to be rethought and no double chip sealing at this time. Looking into fixing up ditches and narrowing road in the next year with a possible agenda of blacktop from Spindler bridge to Hwy M in the 2024 year.
4. **Highway Committee Update** – An update was giving from the Highway committee meeting. Including all cost updates. Some of the 2023 projects will be considered moving to the 2022 project loan since Balsam road will not be done.
5. **Fall newsletter –** Clerk is continuing to work on the fall newsletter which will be sent out after the October meeting.
6. **2023 Budget Draft –** Alexandra Skaya provided the indepth budget for 2023. Motion (Austin/Drexler) to accept 2023 budget. Motion carried. This will be presented at the levy meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **WISLR Report –** Alexandra Skaya will work with Chairman Jochimsen and Luke Serwe to get this completed.

1. **Correspondence** –
   1. Western Towns Association Meeting will take place Thursday October 27th at the Town of Bergen town hall
   2. Due to election, the next regular board meeting will be moved to Wednesday November 9th. The budget hearing and Levy limit vote will begin at 6:30pm. There will be no highway committee meeting.
2. Motion (Austin/Drexler) to adjourn at 8:16pm. Motion Carried.

Submitted by: Alexandra Skaya, Clerk on October 17th 2022

Next Regular Board Meeting Wednesday November 9th 2022