

AVERY TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

November 6, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Thom Seymour.

ROLL CALL: Thom Seymour. Diane Ives. Liz Culham. Gary McMurphy. Deputy Clerks – Cynthia Damoth and Rebecca Smith. Absent - Dawn Dobbyn. Guest – Bernard Yantz

MINUTES: Election minutes from Oct 15, 2024 – Thom motioned and Liz seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Oct 1, 2024 - Gary motioned and Liz seconded to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried

TREASURER’S REPORT: Liz Culham presented the Treasurer’s report. Gary motioned and Diane seconded to approve the Treasurer’s report. Motion carried.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: The bills for Oct 2024 were presented by Cynthia. Gary motioned and Liz seconded to approve the payment of the bills as submitted. Motioned carried.

ARPA FUNDS REPORT: The report was submitted for review.

MASTER PLAN GRANT: Report was given on what has been spent to date.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

NEW BUSINESS:

A report of the election results was given.

MTA – local county chapter has requested to raise the annual fee from \$100 to \$200. The money all goes to scholarships for the local schools. Liz motioned and Thom and seconded to approve. Motion carried.

Snow removal bid was received from Corey Culham to continue to plow the Hall parking lots for this next season at \$40.00 each plow. Gary motioned and Diane seconded. Motion carried.

Hall Cleaning. Thom advised the Board that Becca Smith cannot be a contractor and the elected Clerk at the same time. She will stop being paid to clean the Hall.No further action needed at this time.

New Committee appointments for Board members.

Bernard will be on the Fire and replace Dawn.

Becca will be on the MTA County Chapter and replace Diane.

Becca will be on the Planning and replace Diane. Bernard will drop off Planning. Becca will also become the Board contact for NEMCOG.

Liz motioned and Gary seconded to appoint the Board members as listed above. Motion carried.

Diane Ives will be a citizen to on the Planning Commission. Gary motioned and Liz seconded. Motion carried.

Reimbursement in the amount of \$1200 for a class taken at MSU for a Citizen Planner was asked if it could be covered by Par Plan. Tabled until next month so it can be researched.

Brush Hog bids for the Park – KNK submitted 2 bids. One for \$800 and one for \$1800. Liz motioned and Gary seconded to accept the \$1800 bid and do the ditches and brush as needed as Long the road. Motioned carried.

Worker’s Comp audit – Cynthia discussed that the requested audit for Sept 23/Sept24 was completed and submitted.

Bonds for the Board are coming up for renewal. They are good for 4 years. Just an FYI.

Deputy Treasurer’s pay was discussed. It will be tabled until the new salaries/budget are discussed.

Master Plan – add a Recreation Chapter for an additional cost of \$5,000 with NEMCOG. This should help with being able to apply for recreational grants in the future. This cost will be covered by the Master Plan Grant. Thom motioned and Gary seconded. Motion carried.

Liz motioned and Gary seconded to remove Diane Ives from both the General Checking (ending in 040) and Savings (ending in 000) accounts at AAACU and add Rebecca Smith. In addition to cancel the bank card (ending in 7226) in Diane Ives' name and issue a new one in Rebecca Smith's name. This is to be done on Nov 20, 2024 or after. Motion carried.

Thom motioned and Gary seconded to Liz to the Treasurer's Guide to Tax Collection on Nov 20 in Gaylord for \$10 plus the book for \$34.50. Motion carried.

New Board Training is in Gaylord on Jan 15, 2025, for \$150.00 each. Liz motioned and Gary seconded to pay for Bernard, Liz and Rebecca to go to the training. Motion carried.

New Zoning fees were discussed. Special Use Permit and Rezoning will be \$450.00. Site Plan will be \$350.00. Zoning Board of Appeals will be \$450.00. Liz motioned and Diane seconded to approve these changes. Motioned carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Thom discussed that the insurance on the airport terminal was still being worked on by Avery, Briley and the airport.

AIRPORT BOARD REPORT: There is still one property that is being worked on with the State to purchase.

AMBULANCE BOARD REPORT: Thom stated that a Grant was gotten from PIE & G.

BOARD OF REVIEW: Training for all BOR members on Dec 4. Dec BOR meeting is Dec 10 at 4:30pm

FIRE BOARD REPORT: no report. Dawn was absent

MTA/COUNTY CHAPTER: Next meeting is Jan 15 at Briley

PARK: Park is closed for the season

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: Next meeting is Jan 16

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT: 1 Alternate opening

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 7:24pm

Respectfully Submitted

Daine Ives