

APPROVED MINUTES
PINE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 9, 2022 AT 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Drews, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer.

PRESENT: William Drews, Supervisor; Marla Sprague, Clerk; Kristen Diehl, Treasurer; Tyler Nadeau, Trustee; Randy Robson, Trustee

STAFF PRESENT: Julie Drews, Deputy Supervisor; Barbara Kaaikala, Deputy Clerk

MONTCALM COUNTY COMMISSIONER: Kathy Bresnahan

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Nadeau requested the addition of 10A Farnsworth Park sign options

Drews requested the addition of Introduction of County Commissioner Kathy Bresnehan (after Approval of Minutes)

Robson moved, supported by Nadeau, to approve the amended agenda. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Robson requested correction of the April 11, 2022 Minutes typing error on page 1 under Approval of Minutes – the word “salar7” needs to read “salary.”

Nadeau moved, supported by Diehl, to approve the corrected Minutes. Motion carried.

4/21 Special Budget Meeting Minutes

Robson moved, Nadeau supported, to approve the April 21, 2022 Special Budget Meeting Minutes. Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF DISTRICT 9 COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Kathy Bresnahan, District 9 Montcalm County Commissioner, informed the Board that redistricting has placed Winfield, Cato, Maple Valley, and Pine Townships as the new District 6. Bresnahan and Pat Carr are the candidates running for the position of Commissioner for District 6 in the August 2, 2022 Primary and the November 8, 2022 General Election.

Bresnahan reported that County Commissioners discussed ARPA funds at the Commissioner meeting yesterday and plan to award each Township in the County \$50,000.00 in ARPA funds.

Bresnahan reported that her contact information on the County website and that her only agenda is to listen to constituents and address their needs. She is a Pine Township resident.

TREASURER/FINANCIAL REPORTS (on file)

Diehl reported on CD rates. She reported having taken Board Minutes to Community First Federal Credit Union former Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer Rachel Pitcher and Sue Pitcher removed as signers on the Township accounts. The credit union representative asked to have the previous signers come to the credit union and sign off. Nadeau suggested Diehl talk to CU CEO Tim Rasmussen, as this was never required in the past.

Diehl asked permission to pursue online tax payments/processing via credit card payments to Pine Twp.

Nadeau moved, supported by Diehl, to accept the Treasurer’s report. Motion carried.

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ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Buchholz was absent. Drews reported on behalf of Buchholz – 1 Zoning permit, the Rainbow Lake blight problem is still being worked on and now the neighboring address across the road is a blight issue.

Drews has informed Buchholz of the need for a special land use permit for the business on the corner of Johnson/Stanton Rd. Buchholz will follow up.

Sprague moved, supported by Diehl, to accept the zoning administrator report.

Motion carried.

ROAD REPORT

Drews reported having had conversation with the Road Commission of Montcalm County regarding paving the drive in Farnsworth Park with ARPA funds.

Pine Township's road contracts have been sent to MCRC.

August may be when the bridge over Flat River on M-91 in Langston will be worked on. May take until 2027 to complete the M-91 project.

Drews received a complaint of a soft spot on Backus north of Cannonsville (sandy) Drews has not found it, will follow up, locate, and have gravel applied.

Robson moved, supported by Diehl, to approve the road report.

Motion carried.

FIRE DISTRICT MINUTES/FINANCIAL REPORTS

Drews missed the Thursday Fire District meeting, but talked to Chairman Gilbert.

Tankers are still expected to be under construction.

There was one fire call in Pine Township, a car/deer accident that took out a pole (Kendaville Rd.)

Robson moved, supported by Nadeau, to approve the report.

Motion carried.

CEMETERY REPORT

Sprague gave the update provided by Vicki Shindorf.

Selling many gravesites in both Riverside and West Pine.

Almost done with foundations for requested headstones, six completed on Saturday, one remaining, but more coming.

Owner of headstone located, Marshall Funeral Home had ordered, plot had not been purchased before headstone arrived.

Sprague reported that Drews and volunteers have been working on a trail from the cemetery to the river, wood chips applied, those who volunteered are appreciated by the Board.

Nadeau moved, supported by Diehl, to approve the cemetery report.

Motion carried.

LIBRARY BOARD REPORT

Neither Jamie Gorby nor Mike Rotter were present, no report.

OLD BUSINESS

FARNSWORTH PARK

Drews reported the porta-potty has been installed.

Looking for volunteers to do cleanup of the park. A volunteer day will be scheduled.

Thinking daffodils could be planted in the Fall to make the park look pretty.

Montcalm County Road Commission suggested getting quote from Superior Asphalt on the cost of paving park driveway.

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FARNSWORTH PARK SIGN

Nadeau reported that the park sign is cracked and beyond repair. Robson suggested a way to repair. Drews suggested checking with Farnsworth family (who donated the sign) for their opinion.

SHREDDING COMPLETED

Taken to Jenison, cost \$35.00

CLEANING DAY UPDATE

Republic brought in 6 dumpsters, good turnout, pictures will be posted on Twp website. \$430.00 + \$102.00 from t-posts sale was generated for township from metal sales.

ROAD CONTRACTS SIGNED

Nadeau moved, supported by Robson, to use the remaining 2021-2022 Road Commission budget monies (\$880.00) for the Dickerson Lake Road project.

Roll call vote – Diehl - Yes; Nadeau – Yes; Robson – Yes; Sprague – Yes; Drews – Yes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

ARPA PROJECTS

Robson and Diehl will meet with flooring contractors, obtain bids, and report at the June 20, 2022 Board meeting.

Drews has researched tables and chairs for the Township Hall and found 8' charcoal tables for \$165.00 each and 70 stackable Hercules chairs for \$3,710.00.

The pavilion architectural drawing is in the works. When that is complete, Drews can go to builders for quotes. Robson asked questions about electrical availability in the pavilion.

A new US flag to be installed at the Hall tomorrow.

Nadeau is checking into prices for a non-electric Township Hall road sign. Robson will pursue pricing for a digital sign.

Nadeau moved, supported by Diehl, to allow Drews to spend up to \$750 on benches for the Riverside Park trail. Roll call vote: Robson - Yes; Sprague – Yes; Drews – Yes; Nadeau – Yes; Diehl – Yes. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR REPORT

Drews reported that Planning Commission members Gorby, Christensen, and Main attended the local Planning Commission seminar, learning that the Township Master Plan must be reviewed every five years and that all Planning Commission members need to take the oath of office. Nadeau suggested that the oath be taken in July when new officers are elected.

The seminar recommended having a recording secretary for the Planning Commission.

Robson moved, supported by Nadeau to accept the Supervisor's report. Motion carried.

CLERK'S REPORT

Sprague reported 229 voters at the May 3 school bond election, 135 of whom were absentee voters (less than 100 in-person). The millage passed 129/100 in Pine Township. The results are on the Hall bulletin board for public view.

Six election workers were utilized to train them for the August and November elections.

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Township clerks will be trained in May by Bureau of Elections personnel and new election worker training will be held in July.

The June 20 budget approval meeting and regular Board meeting will be publicized in the Greenville Daily News.

Nadeau moved, supported by Diehl, to accept the Clerk report. Motion carried

TOWNSHIP ROAD MILLAGE RESOLUTION

Nadeau moved, supported by Sprague, to have Diehl have KCI (tax bill printer) include an insert in the summer tax bill informing residents of the millage resolution, at a cost not to exceed \$500.00. Diehl has verbage of the road millage resolution.

Roll call vote: Diehl – Yes; Robson – Yes; Drews – Yes; Sprague – Yes; Nadeau – Yes. Motion carried.

BIRCH LANDING UPDATE

No one in attendance.

APPOINTED JAMES HOHLER SECOND ALTERNATE TO ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Sprague moved, supported by Diehl to appoint James Hohler as the second alternate to the Pine Township Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion carried.

James Hohler was present at the meeting, introduced himself, and gave some background.

MONTHLY BILLS

Nadeau moved, supported by Robson, to pay checks 2660-2708 for monthly bills in the amount of forty-two thousand, four hundred twenty-three and 41/100 dollars (\$42,423.41). Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Judy Graham – Pine Township – suggested that the old Township Hall tables and chairs be kept for use in the proposed pavilion

Nadeau – cleanups are done around the county on a regular basis, do ours every other year and use the funds for projects?

Drews – river trail – take public suggestions for name?

Sprague – would public use improved ball field? Shelly Grube – was popular in the past for family activities.

ADJOURNMENT

Nadeau moved, supported by Diehl, to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 PM. Motion carried.

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Respectfully submitted.

Marla Sprague

Marla Sprague, Clerk