

## WARREN TOWNSHIP – PUBLIC MEETING

February 19, 2024

Board Members Present: Jerry Barber, Blaine Yeager, Emily Burgess, Linda Anthony, Denny Allen, Lyndsy Bock and Robin Lott.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Present: Becky Bills, Alan Bills, John Heska, Vaughn Jenkins, Daryl Parker and Matt Dillon.

Denny Allen, Supervisor – called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

01/15/2024 meeting minutes were presented. Denny Allen made a motion to accept as presented. Blaine Yeager 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, all were in favor.

Treasurer's report for month ending 02/29/2024 was presented by Lyndsy Bock. Balance of ARPA funds have been placed into its own municipality account at Isabella Bank. Report will be filed for audit.

### **Old Business:**

None at this time.

### **New Business:**

Linda Anthony handed out the 2024-2025 budget worksheet for review. Denny Allen feels that we can increase the amount budgeted for building permits to \$6,000 - \$8,000. Also increase zoning to \$800-\$1000. Linda Anthony to review the election category. Denny Allen shared that 4 years ago we looked at the MTA wage reports to comparable townships of our size. This year Denny Allen called 22 townships, 16 in Midland County and 6 in Isabella County to review the wages and proposed increases. All of the above review the current CPI and adjust accordingly. Most townships limit the increase to 2%, however the larger townships used 4%. In the past 4 years the CPI has increased a total of 18.4%. At this time, Denny Allen suggested that the township increase the wages of all by 8%, with the clerk receiving 12%.

Vaughn Jenkins would like to see an increase as well; he is still not at the rate that the old sexton was paid. Vaughn Jenkins will come to the meeting with a breakdown of contract duties and payroll duties.

Denny Allen made a motion to adopt the resolution for certification of abandoned property for accelerated forfeiture act. Linda Anthony 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and all board members were favor.

### **Public:**

John Heska was present to inquire if the board had a chance to review 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment and to inquire how to get it placed on a ballot. Lyndsy Bock, Linda Anthony and Denny Allen will check into this.

### **Board Reports:**

Library Board: meeting was held on 01/16/2024. Linda Anthony encouraged all to go check out all the new things the library has to offer. Next meeting will be 02/20/2024 at 7:00 PM.

Fire Board: No meeting was held. Next meeting should be 02/07/2024 at 7:00 PM.

Zoning/Planning Board: Next meeting will be 02/05/2024 at 6:30 PM.

Township Code Authority: Jerry Barber reported that a meeting was held 01/25/2024. No information on permits. Did discuss on issues that the electrical inspector was having. Next meeting will be 02/29/2024 at 5:00 PM.

**Misc. Items:**

Denny Allen made a motion to pay the bills. Jerry Barber 2nd the motion. All were in favor.

Denny Allen made a motion to adjourn at 7:15 PM.

Linda S. Anthony  
Warren Township Clerk