

WARREN TOWNSHIP – PUBLIC MEETING  
WARREN TOWNSHIP HALL  
April 17, 2023

Board Members Present: Jerry Barber, Lisa Lowe, Lyndsy Bock, Linda Anthony, Dawn Clark & Robin Lott. Absent – Denny Allen.

Public Present – see the attached sign in sheet.

Public meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by Linda Anthony, Clerk.

03/20/2023 regular meeting minutes were presented. Dawn Clark made a motion to accept as presented. Lisa Lowe 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and all were in favor.

Dawn Clark presented the Treasurer’s report with a month ending date of 03/31/2023. Hearing no comments or questions the report will be filed for audit.

**Old Business:**

None at this time.

**New Business:**

Linda Anthony wanted to let Denny Allen & Vaughn Jenkins know that the flags for the cemetery have been received and are at the hall. Linda Anthony will let Brent Mowry know as well. Vaughn Jenkins advised the board that he generally does not have anything to do with the placement of the flags for Memorial Day, but will advise if any brass markers are needed.

Vaughn Jenkins presented a quote for material & labor to level and spread 4” deep gravel on the crossroads at the cemetery. Dawn Clark asked if he could provide a quote with the breakdown between labor and material. This will be provided at the May meeting for review, tabled until then.

Vaughn Jenkins and Linda Anthony will be working to update the funeral homes on the pricing of burials, cremations and foundations. The letter will be mailed to O’Laughlin’s, Ware Smith Woolever, Wilson Miller, Smith Miner Stephenson-Wyman & Hall-Kokotovich. Rates are as follows:

04/01 – 10/31 Open / Close weekday rate \$425.00 Saturday rate \$500.00  
11/01 – 03/31 Open / Close weekday winter rate \$575.00 Saturday rate \$650.00  
04/01 – 10/31 Cremains weekday rate \$150.00 Saturday rate \$200.00  
11/01 – 03/31 Cremains weekday winter rate \$300.00 Saturday rate \$350.00  
Foundations \$.45 a square foot

Due to the cost of fuel and retaining employees, Vaughn Jenkins asked for a pay rate increase of 8 or 9%. Linda Anthony made a motion to increase the wage 8% effective 05/01/2023. Jerry Barber 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All but Dawn Clark were in favor. Motion passed. Presently the monthly amount is \$2452.20 with the increase it will now be \$2648.38.

**Board Reports:**

Library Board: Meeting was held 03/21/2023. Preparing for the Easter Egg hunt. Audit has been submitted. Next meeting will be held 04/18/2023 at 7:00 PM.

Fire Board: Bill Cozat called a special meeting on Friday 04/12/2023. He wanted the board's approval on purchasing a 1992 22,000-gallon water truck with low mileage. Truck is located in Pottersville and there will be an additional cost to paint the truck. The Board approved the purchase. Next meeting will be held 05/03/2023 at 7:00 PM.

Zoning/Planning Board: Meeting was held on 04/03/2023. Had several attendees present to discuss the Mayhew Venue. A public hearing has been called for 05/09/2023 at 6:30 PM. Linda Anthony has mailed the required letters to the residents and posted the notice in the Midland Daily News and at the township hall.

Dawn Clark asked if there was any way the township can recoup any monies the we have spent on the Mayhew Venue. It was suggested that Dawn Clark ask the lawyer for clarification. Next regular meeting will be held 06/05/2023 at 6:30PM.

Township Code Authority: Jerry Barber reported for March 2023: 6 – building permits, 4 plumbing permit, 4 mechanical permits and 6 electrical permits issued. Next meeting will be held 04/27/2023 at 5:00 PM.

**Public Comment:**

Aaron Babcock agreed with Dawn Clark that the township should be able to recoup some of the monies for anything spent on the Mayhew Venue and the issues the past few years.

Shaun & Zach MacPhee were present to hand out flyers and encourage a “yes” vote on the upcoming special election on 05/02/2023. She stated that the 2.5 mil bond is to improve infrastructure within the school system. New lockers for both the locker rooms and student lockers, purchase 1 or 2 more busses, make the walls in the schools solid, removing the hollow metal ones, this will also square off the rooms. There is no new 2<sup>nd</sup> gym, no new band room, no new auditorium and any monies collected if the bond passes, cannot be used for wage increases. Coleman Community Schools is currently teaching a culinary program with Midland students being bussed here to take the class. There is a community meeting on 04/18/2023 at 6:30PM, please join if able.

**Various Items:**

Linda Anthony needs to know who wants to attend the MCTOA meeting on 06/01/2023 at the Homer Township Public Safety Facility. Please let Linda Anthony know as soon as possible.

Dawn Clark made a motion to pay the bills. Lisa Lowe 2nd the motion. All were in favor.

Linda Anthony, Clerk made motion to adjourn at 7:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Linda S. Anthony, Clerk