

WARREN TOWNSHIP – PUBLIC MEETING

January 15, 2024

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

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Present: Becky Bills, Alan Bills and Matt Dillon.

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

12/18/2023 meeting minutes were presented. Denny Allen made a motion to accept as presented. Blaine Yeager 2nd the motion, all were in favor.

Treasurer's report for month ending 12/31/2023 was presented by Lyndsy Bock. Blaine Yeager inquired about the interest rates. Lyndsy Bock is working with Leslie at Isabella Bank to review rates and get the ARPA funds into a municipal saving account. Report will be filed for audit.

Old Business:

Denny Allen passed out the updated portion of the ordinances for the board members to update their binders.

New Business:

Linda Anthony reminded the board that any increase in wages, needs to be discussed at the February board meeting, and if there are any adjustments to be made, they would be discussed and/or approved/denied at the budget hearing.

Denny Allen made a motion to increase the mileage from \$.65.5 to the new IRS rate of \$.67 per mile; and with that motion, to automatically set the rate when the IRS sets their rate annually. Linda Anthony 2nd the motion and all were in favor.

Lyndsy Bock made a motion to move all the general fund savings accounts to municipal savings accounts at Isabella Bank. Blaine Yeager 2nd the motion and all were in favor.

Linda Anthony handed out copies of the next MCTOA meeting on 03/07/2024. Please let her know if you plan to attend.

Linda Anthony will need either Denny Allen or Lyndsy Bock at the township hall on 01/25/2024 for election equipment testing and public accuracy.

Linda Anthony also handed out information on election training for the 02/27/2024 presidential primary, to Emily Burgess and Lyndsy Bock.

Public:

Alan Bills inquired about the township ordinances to control cannabis growing within our township. Copy of the ordinances was given to him for review and we shared that the State of Michigan controls the grow facilities.

Board Reports:

Library Board: meeting was held on 12/19/2023. Linda Anthony reported that the library is running smoothly. 2023 in review: 44 free events were held; 59,708 downloadable books were read and; 14,500 books were checked out. Reminders: the library has 34 items available to check out: a metal detector, games, learning kits, a flower press, microscope, hot spots for internet access and many more – check them out!! Next meeting will be 01/16/2024 at 7:00 PM.

Fire Board: Blaine Yeager reported the following runs: August: 1 rescue, 8 medical and 5 good intents. September: 7 medicals, 4 rescue and 1 good intent. October: 4 medical, 2 good intent and 1 vehicle. November: 1 structure, 9 medical, 1 rescue, 1 good intent and 1 assist (?). They voted to join MAUUS; a Michigan – state wind mutual aid program. The tanker is expected in March of 2024. 2 firefighters are presently in training at Homer Township. Annual meeting was held 01/13/2024. 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 12/28/2023. Permits issues: 2 plumbing, 4 electrical and 1 mechanical. Permits should be obtainable online now. Next meeting will be 01/25/2024 at 5:00 PM.

Misc. Items:

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

Denny Allen made a motion to adjourn at 6:56 PM.

Linda S. Anthony
Warren Township Clerk