



COHOCTAH TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

January 12, 2023 at 7:00 PM

Township Hall | Fowlerville, Michigan

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MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Barb Fear, Phil Charette, Mark Fosdick, Tami Bock, Mark Torigian and Zoning Administrator Fred Buckner.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion made by Charette, Seconded by Torigian to approve the agenda with the addition of New Business 11. Roadside Cleanup and 12. FOIA Update.

Voting Yea: Fear, Charette, Fosdick, Bock, Torigian, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes 12-08-2022
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Expenditures

Motion made by Charette, Seconded by Torigian to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Voting Yea: Fear, Charette, Fosdick, Bock, Torigian, motion carried.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Doug Helzerman, County Commissioner, introduced himself and gave an update.

4. Drain Commission Resolutions

Motion made by Torigian, Seconded by Bock to adopt the Resolution for Maintenance on the Lott drain. Voting Yea: Torigian, Bock, Fosdick, Charette, Fear. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion made by Torigian, Seconded by Charette to adopt the Resolution for Maintenance on the Wood drain. Voting Yea: Torigian, Bock, Fosdick, Charette, Fear. Nays: None. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. Trash Refund- Gannon Rd

Resident did not attend meeting.

Road Commission

No report.

Howell Fire Authority

No report.

Hall

No report.

Cemetery

6. Cemetery Ordinance

Motion made by Torigian, Seconded by Bock to approve the Resolution to Adopt the Cohoctah Township Cemetery Ordinance with changes to section 4. add F. At the time of purchase from the Township, each cemetery plot shall be assigned the name of the specific person who shall be interred in that cemetery plot upon death. If the owner of a burial right to a cemetery plot desires to effectuate a name change regarding the assigned cemetery plot, the Township may allow an assignment or require that person to sell the burial right to that cemetery plot back to the Township and repurchase in the name of another person. Add G. The Township Board shall have the authority to place a limit on the number of burial rights to cemetery plots sold to a particular person, as well as such person's family and relatives. Furthermore, the Township shall have the absolute right and discretion to determine whether burial rights to particular cemetery plots will be sold to a specific person and where such cemetery plots will be located and within which Township cemetery. Such decisions shall be based upon reasonable factors, including, but not limited to , the number of vacant cemetery plots available and whether family or relatives of the person seeking to purchase burial rights to a cemetery plot are buried adjacent or nearby the cemetery plots requested. Replace section 10 B. If a winter burial cannot occur due to inclement weather, frozen ground or similar conditions, the deceased person may be kept in winter storage provided any arrangements to do so are compliant with all existing laws and by arrangement with the funeral home director. The Township disclaims all liabilities, responsibility and costs associated with any delayed burial. C. No burials shall occur without the prior consent of the Cohoctah Township Sexton or designated Township official in the absence of the Sexton. Move 18 (z) to 11 C. Cremains or ashes of a deceased person shall not be scattered or dispersed except in designated scatter areas. Roll call voting Yea: Fosdick, Bock, Fear, Charette, Torigian. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Parks and Recreation

Report given.

NEW BUSINESS

7. IRS Mileage Rate

Motion made by Charette, Seconded by Torigian to adopt the 2023 IRS Mileage rate of 65.5 cents per mile. Voting Yea: Fear, Charette, Fosdick, Bock, Torigian, motion carried.

8. Board of Review Appointments

Motion made by Fosdick, Seconded by Bock to appoint Jim Armstrong to the Board of Review for a 2 yr. term ending 12/2024. Voting Yea: Fear, Charette, Fosdick, Bock, Torigian, motion carried.

Motion made by Fosdick, Seconded by Bock to appoint Chyrel Barton to the Board of Review for a 2 yr. term ending 12/2024. Voting Yea: Fear, Charette, Fosdick, Bock, Torigian, motion carried.

Motion made by Fosdick, Seconded by Torigian to appoint Carole Damon to the Board of Review for a 2 yr. term ending 12/2024. Voting Yea: Fear, Charette, Fosdick, Bock, Torigian, motion carried.

Motion made by Fosdick, Seconded by Charette to appoint Paul McClorey to the Board of Review as an alternate for a 2 yr. term ending 12/2024. Voting Yea: Fear, Charette, Fosdick, Bock, Torigian, motion carried.

9. Quarterly Budget Review

Motion made by Bock, Seconded by Torigian to move \$100,000.00 from Unallocated to Contingencies, \$122,600.00 from Contingencies to Township Board payroll tax expense \$6000.00, Elections supplies \$600.00, Assessor contracted service \$2,000.00, Building and Grounds telephone \$2,500.00, Cemetery burials \$10,000.00, Planning and Zoning wages \$1,000.00, Trash Pick up \$100,000.00, Insurance and Bonds \$500.00. Voting Yea: Fear, Charette, Fosdick, Bock, Torigian, motion carried.

10. Schedule Budget Workshop

The Budget Workshop has been scheduled for February 23, 2023 at 6:00pm.

Roadside Cleanup- Motion made by Charette, Seconded by Torigian to accept the bid from Gorski Hauling for Township roadside cleanup in the amount of \$2820.00.

Voting Yea: Fear, Charette, Fosdick, Bock, Torigian. motion carried.

FOIA Update- The Township will begin updating the FOIA policy and charging fees.

REPORTS - WRITTEN REPORTS SUBMITTED

Zoning Board of Appeals

Report given.

Planning Commission

Report given.

Violations and Complaints

Report given.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Public comment received.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE - February 9, 2023 at 7:00pm

ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.