Three Oaks Township Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2024

Regular meeting call to order at 7:00 pm.

Pledge to the Flag

**Roll Call**: Present, Mitchell, Osburn, Gordon and Mangold. Absent, Zabel

**Public Comment**: None

**Agendas**: Motion by Mitchell, supported by Gordon, to approve the agenda as adjusted.

Motion carried.

A motion by Gordon, supported by Mitchell, to approve the Consent Agenda with the January Bills to Paid estimated total of $21,716.62. Roll Call: Ayes, Mitchell, Gordon, Osburn and Mangold, Nays, None, Absent, Zabel. Motion carried 4-0-1

**Old Business**: Mitchell reported of many favorable comments concerning the December Twp. meeting at the Spring Creek Schoolhouse. We will be looking at grants to allow for additional security measures there including alarms and additional outdoor lighting including the Township Hall. The Board will now need to consider rules governing the use of the building. Mangold reported that a Dusk to Dawn light has been installed in the front yard of the schoolhouse.

Mangold reported on an email received from the Michigan Township Association concerning a resolution request from the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks (MAMC). The MTA stated that the shared clerks compensation resolution does not comply with township legal requirements.

**New Business**: Mangold presented a revised Berrien County 2024 Road Project Estimate for Three Oaks Twp. Work calls for Basswood Road, fro, US-12 to Kruger Rd., 1.00 Miles, 26 feet width for Grind & gravel 6” at an estimated cost of $65,000. The Local Road Matching Program will be $24,906 leaving an estimated balance for the Township of $40,094. The project will be submitted for final costs and the road work contract will be submitted to the Board for approval in February.

A motion by Osburn, supported by Gordon, to extend the 2023 Winter Tax Deadline from February 14, 2024 to February 29, 2024 without a late fee. Motion carried 4-0-1

Mangold informed the Board of a Pokagon Fund/MSU Extension Partnership for “Attainable Housing Training Program” on Thursday, February 1, 2024 5:30 – 8:30 pm at the Three Oaks American Legion Post 204. The training is free but seating is limited. Chris Mitchell to attend.

Mangold presented an offer from Mike’s Timber Management to purchase and take down a Walnut Tree for $1,400 that is on the SW corner of the wooded section of Forest Lawn Cemetery. The money will be paid before the tree is cut down, firewood to be gone and brush cut down to ground level. Nothing will be left in the cemetery. Proper Insurance papers to be provided. Motion by Gordon, supported by Mitchell, to accept offer. Roll Call; Ayes: Gordon, Mangold, Mitchell and Osburn, Nays; none. Absent; Zabel. Motion carried 4-0-1

Mangold presented to the Board the MTA’s 2024 Educational Conference & Expo dates of April 22-25 at the Grand Traverse Resort. Registration is now open, Housing reservations open on Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at 9:00 am.

River Valley School District Superintendent David Campbell introduced himself to the Board and made a presentation on the Operating Millage Renewal and Sinking Fund Millage Renewal which is to be voted on Tuesday, February 27, 2024.

**Final Public Comment**: None

The Township Hall will be closed on Monday, January 15, 2024 in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

The meeting adjourned @ 7:59 pm.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 12, 2024, 7;00 pm at the Township Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

George A. Mangold