

Campbell Township

Regular Meeting

January 11, 2024

Regular meeting began at 7:00 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call was taken. All board members were present.

7 Visitors Present

Approval of the Agenda – Motion by Jackson, Support by McArthur. Approved.

Public Comment - Phil Hesche, township commissioner was present and updated the board on a couple of issues across the county. Pagers and radios for Emergency Services across the county have been replaced and a lot of dollars were spent and there are still some minor issues that are being worked on. Sheriff's officers purchased new uniforms and got raises. There are 5 new officers on board. They are also training new officers while they are working in corrections positions. There is a new HR person for the county who is improving benefit packages and making sure the county has the proper HR representation. The Road Department is being rebuilt from the top down. Things have improved in this sector, and overall trust has increased across the county.

Financial Report was given. There is a CD coming up for renewal this month. There are options for where to put this money and for how long. It was determined to put \$140,000 from Emergency Services in a 12 month CD. Motion by Pepper, second by McArthur. Approved. There will be \$100,000 from the general fund that will be put into a 12 month CD. Motion by McArthur, second by Jackson. Approved.

Bills were presented. Motion by Jackson, support by Pepper. Bills for \$51,396.68 were approved.

Fire Department –

- Only 2 radios left to install.
- Purchased hose from Alto to replace an aging hose, and for the new truck.
- Waiting on handhelds.
- Grant completed for Airpacks. Will know by late fall.
- There were approximately 190 calls last year; 20% fire, 80% medical.

Old Business –

- We are working on drawings for the Parking Lot Project. After that, we will be working on the permits to take to the Village of Clarksville.
- Cemetery Rules and Regulations were finalized. Adding the sexton's phone number on this document, and then will be posting to the website. Motion Pepper, second by Newman. Passed.
- Cemetery fee schedule was finalized. Motion Willison, second by Jackson. Passed.
- Budget Adjustments for this current year will be \$21,800. Motion by Pepper, second by Jackson. Passed.
- Two thank you cards were presented. One for Marshann Ludema for her service to the township. The second one for Doug Klahn for his cooperation with the township on the new parking lot project.

New Business –

- Township Quarterly Officers meeting within Ionia County - Road department update, Linda Pique is the new supervisor. Pepper discussed at the last meeting with the Road department the need for better communication between the road department and the township when things will be happening. Brine contracts are not finalized yet. Gravel prices will be the same amount as last year. We have asked for numbers on what the county spends on our township roads. Lance from 911 has openings for 2 dispatchers and 1 supervisor. Charlie Noll increased manpower at jail. Current jail is 30 years old and there is discussion of a possible new jail (60 million) or renovation (57 million).
- A new battery backup for the Township is needed. Pepper made a motion, second by McArthur to purchase up to \$500 for a new one.
- Linda Willison provided a brief history of the township within Ionia County for our information.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm. Motion by Pepper, Support by Newman. Approved.

Respectfully submitted

Denise Newman

Clerk