

Ogemaw Township Regular Board Meeting

January 18, 2023

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor, Denis Stephens, at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Renee Ryland, Sandy Hodgins, Tracy Turner and Denis Stephens. Absent: Ron Dantzer.

Guests: Jane Illig, Yvonne DeRoso, Bruce Tyree, Aemelia Manier, Deb Dantzer, Jamie & Alison Green, Craig Scott, Walt Schumaker and Sandy Dantzer

Additions to the agenda: none

Citizen comment: Aemelia Manier requested to continue renting the hall at the \$50 rate. Motion by Ryland, second by Turner to allow Manier to continue renting the hall at the \$50 rate. Roll Call: Dantzer-absent, Hodgins-yes, Stephens-yes, Turner-yes, Ryland-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Ryland, second by Hodgins, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on December 21, 2022. All in favor, Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was received and filed. Ryland will move some of the general fund money into C.D.s.

County Commissioner report was given by Craig Scott.

Old Business:

1. Turner presented the quote from BS&A software. The quote for \$30,840 was to upgrade the assessing and tax program, purchase the General Ledger, Accounts Payable and Payroll, covert the existing data, Implementation and training. This is a cloud based program. There was discussion that we don't need the tax and assessing programs upgraded. We don't use a payroll program now, so that could be eliminated. Turner claimed she is already familiar with the BS&A so training may be less than quoted. There was discussion to contact BS&A to see if we can get more details and eliminate some of the programs.

New Business:

1. Motion by Ryland, second by Hodgins to adopt the 2023 Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Test. Roll Call: Stephens-yes, Dantzer-absent, Turner-yes, Hodgins-yes, Ryland-yes. Motion carried.
2. Discussion on Sewer Rates. The township has been charging the same rates since 1988. Motion by Stephens, second by Ryland to eliminate the special rate we have been giving and charge all the same rate. Roll Call: Hodgins-yes, Turner-yes, Dantzer-absent, Ryland-yes, Stephens-yes. Motion Carried. Motion by Stephens, second by Ryland to increase the minimum base rate from \$60 to \$70. Roll Call: Hodgins-yes, Turner-yes, Dantzer-absent, Stephens-yes, Ryland-yes. Motion Carried.
3. Discussion that MDOT may still do the DDA pathway project this year rather than waiting until 2024 with the Road Diet downtown project.

Correspondence: none

Other Business:

1. Discussion on how much the sewer pump electric bill has increased since Meijer opened. Motion by Ryland, second by Hodgins to approve the budget adjustment of \$5,400 for Sewer Utilities to get through the rest of the fiscal year. This will come from the fund balance. Roll Call: Hodgins-yes, Dantzer-absent, Ryland-yes, Stephens-yes, Turner-yes. Motion carried.

Reports from the board

1. DDA –A joint DDA meeting is scheduled for tomorrow night. Discussion on starting the local MTA meetings back up. Denis will start discussions on a local MTA chapter.
2. Cemetery –Turner reported she sold 8 graves.
3. Hall Rental- Sandy reported on hall rental.
4. Planning-Jane Illig presented a proposal from Beckett & Raeder for the MDNR grant application process. Motion by Stephens, second by Ryland to approve the proposal with price not to exceed \$5,000. Roll Call: Hodgins- yes, Turner-yes, Ryland-yes, Stephens-yes, Dantzer-absent. Motion Carried.

Public Comment: none.

Motion by Ryland, second by Hodgins to pay the bills.

General Fund \$18,997.19

Water Operating \$1604.16

Sewer Billing \$15326.16

Road \$250.00

Roll Call: Ryland-yes, Stephens-yes, Hodgins-yes, Turner-yes, Dantzer-absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Ryland, second by Hodgins to adjourn. Supervisor declared the meeting closed at 8:30 p.m.

Tracy L Turner

Clerk