

Ogemaw Township Regular Board Meeting

November 15, 2023

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

Members Present: Sandy Hodgins, Denis Stephens, Tracy Turner, Ron Dantzer and Nancy Tyree, deputy Treasurer.

Absent: Renee Ryland.

Guests: Sandy Dantzer, Craig Scott, Yvonne DeRoso, Heather Neuhaus and Gaylynn Brenoel.

Additions to the agenda: Motion by Dantzer, second by Hodgins to add Bob Griffin to New Business, Gaylynn Brenoel to Public Comment #2 and BS&A to Correspondence. All in favor, motion carried.

Citizen comment:

1. Heather Neuhaus spoke about the Chamber happenings and the Visitors bureau. Geocaching has been a hit. The Visitors Bureau is working with MDOT and 5 other counties to promote a recreation byway called MI 55 that runs on M55 from Isoco County across the state to Manistee County. Motion by Dantzer, second by Hodgins to pass a resolution in support of the project. Roll call: Ryland- absent, Stephens-yes, Dantzer-yes, Turner-yes, Dantzer-yes. Motion carried
2. Gaylynn Brenoel, owner of Sparkle Dance would like to offer line dancing and cardio drumming at the hall. Motion by Dantzer, second by Hodgins to let her rent it at a discounted rate of \$50 per rental with the \$150 deposit to carry forward for each rental. All in favor, motion carried. Gaylynn will be using the hall on Thursdays from 12:30pm to 4:00pm starting in January.

Motion by Dantzer, second by Stephens, to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on October 18, 2023. All in favor, Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was received and filed. Tax bills should be going out first of December.

County Commissioner Report: Given by Craig Scott

Old Business:

1. Discussion on the agreement with the City of West Branch for the water construction project. The board would like to have a special meeting to discuss the contract line by line. This has been scheduled for December 5th at 5pm.

New Business:

1. There was discussion about getting an easement from Bob Griffin for the water line to run through his property and Bob's requests in exchange. Ron and Denis will meet with Bob to get clarifications and an agreement to bring back to the board.

Correspondence:

1. Turner got an email from BS&A with a tentative go live date, for the new software, April 29-May 3.

Other Business: none

Reports from the board

1. Yvonne reported the pathway has a ribbon cutting ceremony scheduled for November 20th at 1pm
2. Cemetery –Turner sold a grave and had a burial last month. She would like to discuss the cemetery rules and put a little more details in them now that plots are selling and people are asking more questions.
3. Sandy Dantzer reported hall rent is busy in December. She has given the board notice that she is done being the hall caretaker effective Jan 1 but will help the new person for a little while. Stephens reported that Yvonne DeRoso would take it over.

Public Comment: none.

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

General Fund \$7911.61

Water Operating \$2974.68

Sewer Billing \$10,265.32

Cemetery \$460.00

Road \$56,538.00

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

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

Tracy L Turner

Clerk