

Eaton Rapids Township
Eaton Rapids MI
Eaton County

Regular Board Meeting

Thursday, June 8, 2023
7:00 PM

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

The pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present

Board Members Present-Supervisor Wilson, Clerk Morgan, and Trustee Benkovsky, and Trustee Morgan were present. Treasurer Gray was absent.

Motion to approve the agenda by B. Morgan. Motion was seconded by Benkovsky. Motion passed.

Motion to approve minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on, May 11, 2023 by Benkovsky and seconded by Wilson. Motion passed.

Sherriff Report: There were 92 events for the month of May 2023.

Fire Department Report: There were 51 runs for the month of May, (38 MFR's, 3 Fire Alarm/Standby, 0 Heavy Rescue, 0 Burn Complaint, 1 Structure Fires, 1 Vehicle Fire, 0 Wires Down, 1 Brush Fire, 4 Personal Injury, 1 Carbon Monoxide Alarm, 0 Grass Fire, 0 Odor Investigations, 1 Special Rescue and 1 Miscellaneous. Herig advised the board that Capitol Area Asphalt will be laying asphalt at the parking lot approaches at the Fire Department. Quoted price is \$6790.00. Discussion regarding culverts. Herig will contact Mark Burley to inspect before asphalt is laid.

Brief Public Comment-(General Public, Commissioners, Etc.): R. Goodnoe expressed safety concern regarding area gravel pits.

New Business: Jason Orton from David Chapman Agency presented the Annual Municipal Insurance Renewal Proposal for 2023. Motion by Wilson to add the Cyber Coverage at a premium of \$1000.00. Motion Seconded by B. Morgan. Motion approved.

MTA Annual Dues: Motion by R. Morgan to add the Essentials webinar package to the annual dues amount. The total cost of dues plus the essentials package will be \$4090.78. Motion was seconded by Benkovsky. Motion approved.

The board agreed that the FOIA Fees will remain the same.

Zoning discussion regarding the Township Master/Comprehensive Plan which will need to be updated by 2025. The board agreed that we should start working on locating a planning agency.

Unfinished Business:

Credit Card Reader: Wilson will contact credit card reader company for installation.

Website review: The board reviewed the website and made necessary update suggestions.

Board Reports:

Supervisor: Wilson expressed concern regarding future township personnel. The board members discussed exploring option for replacement of officers and other township positions that will need to be filled before 2024. Wilson advised the board that he received plans from Dave Taylor for possible addition to the Township Hall.

Treasurer: Total Fund Assets without current month's interest as of May 31, 2023 is \$612,529.83.

Clerk: Clerk Morgan motioned to accept revenues of \$97,709.16 for the month of May 2023. Motion seconded by Wilson. Motion approved. R. Morgan motioned to accept

expenditures of \$37,212.54 for the month of May. Motion was seconded by Benkovsky. Motion approved. Morgan motioned to approve/ratify the list of bills that were paid in May to avoid penalty and interest & bills that are current to be paid in June in the amount of \$42,145.84 and approval for expenditures for payroll and the sexton should there be a burial. Seconded by B. Morgan. Motion carried.

Budget amendments/ratifications: None

Clerk Morgan advised the board that there may be an election (for a proposal) in November of 2023. She advised that the County will be holding our township's early voting, it will be held at Carmel Township Hall. Morgan reported that the LCSA (Local Community Stabilization Authority) annual distribution for 2023 in the amount of \$184.13, the LCSA-Metro Act sharing payment in the amount of \$5,574.86 and the County 2022 delinquent real property payoff in the amount of \$7,343.33 was received in May. Also, a dividend distribution from Michigan Township Participating Plan in the amount of \$399.21 was received.

Trustee Morgan: None

Trustee Benkovsky: Benkovsky met with the City Manager and Mayor to go over the City of Eaton Rapids accounting in regards to Oak Ridge Park. The city is working on preparing an accurate accounting of work that has been done at the park. Bankovsky distributed the new Interlocal Agreement for Oak Ridge Park. He advised that the recycling committee received authorization from the City Council for use of property located in the City's Industrial Park for a new recycling facility.

Brief Public Comment: None

Correspondence: Letter regarding Hamlin Master Plan-update review on Hamlin Township website

The meeting was adjourned at: 9:48p.m.

Robin Morgan-Clerk
6/12/23