

MULLETT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING FOR JUNE 14, 2021  
VIA ZOOM AT 6:30 PM AT MULLETT TOWNSHIP HALL

The Mullett Township Board of Trustees met at the Mullett Township Hall in Topinabee, MI 49791 at 6:30 PM on June 14, 2021.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance led by Cheboygan County Commissioner Ron Williams.

Members present were Supervisor Laz Surabian, Clerk Denise Ackerman, Treasurer Brenda Bowes, Trustee Mike Goerke, and Trustee Brett Lindgren.

Public Comment was opened at 6:34 PM and closed at 6:45 PM. Five people spoke on a variety of issues.

Trustee Mike Goerke made a motion, with support by Trustee Brett Lindgren, that the agenda be approved with two additional items. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Treasurer Brenda Bowes, with support by Mike Goerke, that the minutes for the Regular Meeting on May 10, 2021, be approved. The motion passed. A motion was made by Brett Lindgren, with support by Brenda Bowes, that the minutes for the May 17, 2021 Special Meeting be approved. The motion passed.

Brenda Bowes made a motion, with support by Mike Goerke, that we pay the bills. The motion passed.

**REPORTS:**

The Treasurer's Report for May 2021 is summarized as follows:

General Fund 101	\$895,116.03
Fire Fund 206	\$655,466.86
Liquor Fund 212	\$1,291.11
Street Light Fund 219	\$23,565.23
Library Fund 271	\$88,130.34
Tax Accounts	\$2.76
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS:</b>	<b>\$1,663,572.33</b>

The Clerk's Expenditure Report for May 2021 is summarized as follows:

General Fund 101	\$77,150.06
Fire Fund 206	\$3,398.65
Liquor Fund 212	\$118.42
Street Light Fund 219	\$977.99
Library Fund 271	\$3,81.19
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>\$84,826.31</b>

The Treasurer reported to the Clerk that all accounts were balanced for the month of May.

The Clerk reported that she is in the process of collecting direct deposit information for all employees for our migration to BS&A.

Mike Goerke reported no meeting for the Oak Cemetery Committee. Brett Lindgren reported nothing of significance from the Burt-Mullett Cemetery Committee.

Trustee Brett Lindgren updated for the Burt Trail Committee informing us of shoulder work that will be done in August 2021. If we expand the shoulder at this time the cost would be \$106,000. If we wait until next year that cost will be \$200,000 as long as asphalt costs remain stable.

Treasurer Brenda Bowes reported for the Maintenance Department:

- Playground equipment has been inspected and repaired as needed for the upcoming season
- Courts will be power washed and re-stripped for both tennis and pickleball
- Both the Hall and Chamberlain Park have been refreshed with new mulch

Mike Goerke reported on behalf of the Technology Committee that:

- The design of our new Township website had been narrowed to three vendors. Brett Lindgren, with support by Brenda Bowes, made a motion that the Board approve an amount not to exceed \$5000, as the Committee fine tunes our requirements for the website, with final approval by July, 2021 meeting for the Board. The motion passed.
- Recommendations for printers for the library will be finalized by June 30<sup>th</sup> for Library Director Patty King to forward for approval to her grant provider.
- Wiring for the Hall network will be completed by June 30<sup>th</sup> to facilitate rental of the Town Hall by July 6<sup>th</sup>.

Clerk Denise Ackerman presented the Board with an estimate for 4 custom-made screen doors for our historic Depot from Creative Cabinetry. The Board requested two more estimates. Supervisor Surabian will reach out to Matowski Lumber and Wolverine Cabinets.

Topinabee Fire Chief Mike English made his monthly Fire Report, reporting 8 runs (3 EMS and 5 Fire) for May with average dispatch to enroute time of 4.25 minutes and average response time of 7:19 minutes.

East Mullett Fire Chief John Parrott reported 3 runs (2 EMS and 1 Fire) for the East Mullett Fire Department in May with average dispatch to enroute time of 1.33 minutes and average response time of 1:51 minutes.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Adam Gandolfi, our risk manager, answered questions regarding our insurance coverage.
- PIE&G requested a franchise agreement with Mullett Township to a right of way to distribute electricity and broadband communication services. The Board approved **Ordinance No. 2021-01** with a motion from Brett Lindgren, supported by Brenda Bowes. The ordinance was adopted by

roll call vote: voting AYE: Laz Surabian, Brenda Bowes, Brett Lindgren, Mike Goerke, and Denise Ackerman. Voting NAY: none

- Topinabee Parking Lot improvements are set to be completed by July 4, 2021.
- Our permit for Woodruff Launch repairs is in the hands of EGLE and Wade Trim.
- BS&A go live is scheduled for August 23, 2021 with training scheduled for the Treasurer, Clerk, Deputy Treasurer and Supervisor.
- Contracts for our sub-contractors are all in except for one.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Road Abandonment for Woodruff Road End Abandonment has been tabled until July meeting.
- **Mullett Township Annual Guideline Resolution for Poverty Exemption, Resolution 2021-02** had to be revised at the request of Assessor Clayton McGovern for language refinement. The foregoing resolution was offered by Brett Lindgren, with support by Brenda Bowes. The resolution was adopted by roll call vote: AYE: Laz Surabian, Brenda Bowes, Brett Lindgren, Mike Goerke, and Denise Ackerman. NAY: none. The township clerk declared the resolution adopted on 6/14/2021.
- Dust control will be June 30, 2021.
- A motion was offered by Brenda Bowes, with support by Mike Goerke, that the Board resume rental of the Township Halls after July 5, 2021. The motion passed.
- Clerk Denise Ackerman made a motion that the Board establish a Park and Recreation Committee to revamp our Parks and Recreation Plan by September 2021, to be chaired by Treasurer Brenda Bowes. Seconded by Trustee Mike Goerke, who offered to assist, the motion passed. Constituents Judy Jacalone and Don Warren offered to sit on the committee.
- Supervisor Laz Surabian will investigate a special assessment for Hiawatha Beach Road's paving.
- Supervisor Laz Surabian reported that a County-wide Blight Agreement to be enforced by the Cheboygan County Sheriff is being studied and proposed by Cheboygan County Township Supervisors.
- Burt Township presented a written proposal to the Board for Fire Protection which was respectfully declined by the Board. A motion was made Mike Goerke, with support by Brenda Bowes, that a letter be sent to the Burt Township Board proposing that an in-person negotiation with Trustees Lindgren and Goerke representing Mullett Township and Trustees Hudulik and Parker representing Burt Township be held before June 28, 2021. The motion passed.

Call to the Public was offered at 9:48 PM and closed at 9:59 PM with three comments.

Motion to adjourn was offered by Mike Goerke, with support from Brenda Bowes, at 10:01 PM. The motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Ackerman  
Mullett Township Clerk  
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