

MULLETT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MEETING FOR JULY 12, 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 July 12, 2021.

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance led by Trustee Brett Lindgren.

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

Public Comment was opened at 6:33 PM and closed at 6:38 PM. Two people spoke regarding the Burt Township Fire Contract.

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

A motion was made by Mike Goerke, with support by Treasurer Brenda Bowes, that the minutes for the Regular Meeting on June 14, 2021 be approved. The motion passed.

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

**REPORTS:**

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

General Fund 101	\$864,446.19
Fire Fund 206	\$628,632.17
Liquor Fund 212	\$1,172.69
Street Light Fund 219	\$22,609.79
Library Fund 271	\$8/4,693.24
Tax Accounts	\$2.76
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS:</b>	<b>\$1,601,556.84</b>

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

General Fund 101	\$34,130.09
Fire Fund 206	\$26,990.78
Liquor Fund 212	\$118.42
Street Light Fund 219	\$957.53
Library Fund 271	\$4,486.20
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>\$66,683.02</b>

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

Clerk Denise Ackerman, with support from Treasurer Brenda Bowes, made a motion that the Board increase the Deputies' hourly pay from \$12 an hour to \$15 to reflect the knowledge, skill, and flexibility of hours that are required for the job. The motion passed.

Brett Lindgren reported no meeting for the Burt-Mullett Cemetery Committee. Mike Goerke reported for Oakhill Cemetery. Report attached.

Brett Lindgren's report for the Burt Lake Trail Committee is attached.

Treasurer Brenda Bowes reported for the Maintenance Department:

- The painting of the Depot is underway.
- Courts at Schoolhouse Park have been power washed and will be re-stripped for both tennis and pickleball this month
- Cleanup day was held July 6<sup>th</sup> where weeding was done at Topinabee Park and a subsequent day will be held July 22<sup>nd</sup>
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James Hilyard reported that the Technology Committee was recommending Shumaker Technology Group (STG) to design our new website. Mike Goerke made a motion, with support by Brenda Bowes, that we accept their proposal for an amount not to exceed \$5000 for the design the new website. The motion passed.

Mike Goerke reported for the Technology Committee that wiring in the Township Hall and Library are both in progress.

Denise Ackerman reported for the library that Director Patty King has ordered new printers through a grant program.

Topinabee Fire Chief Mike English made his monthly Fire Report, reporting 13 runs (8 EMS and 5 Fire) for June with average dispatch to enroute time of 3:62 minutes and average response time of 5:06 minutes. The annual Chicken BBQ will be Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. He also reported that in recent hose testing it was discovered that 600 feet of 4" hose needed replacing at an approximate cost of \$6000. Laz Surabian, with support from Brenda Bowes, made a motion that the Board approved an expenditure of \$6000 for 600 feet of 4" hose for the Topinabee Fire Department.

East Mullett Fire Chief John Parrott reported 4 runs (3 EMS and 1 Fire) for the East Mullett Fire Department in June with average dispatch to enroute time of 1.5 minutes and average response time of :53 minutes. Two of the calls were canceled enroute.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Wade Trim has reported that the engineering cost for the Topinabee Parking Lot improvements may exceed their original estimate. A motion was made by Brett Lindgren, with support by Mike

Goerke, that the Board approve an amount not to exceed \$5000 to cover those overages. The motion passed.

- Our permit for Woodruff Launch repairs is still in the hands of EGLE. Both Wade Trim and Supervisor Surabian have reached out to EGLE to try to speed up the process.
- Trustees Mike Goerke and Brett Lindgren reported the following proposal agreed to in principle at the joint negotiations with Burt Township in regards to our Fire Protection Agreement with Burt Township:
  - \$50,000 in 2021-2022
  - \$68,000 in 2022-2023
  - 1 mill based on Taxable value of the covered sections in 2023-24
  - The contract will be for 10 years
- Brenda Bowes made a motion, with support by Denise Ackerman, that a contract be drawn up by our joint attorney, Tim MacArthur, reflecting the agreed upon proposal by July 26<sup>th</sup> for review at our Town Hall Meeting. The motion passed.

#### **CURRENT BUSINESS**

- Paul and Jane Huff requested a property line adjustment of 99 feet x 6.64 feet to grant Earhart Trustees an access easement. A motion was made by Laz Surabian, with support by Brenda Bowes, to transfer approximately 99 feet by 6.64 feet, along with the lakeshore maintenance access easement presented in the letter received from Stephen Lindsay dated June 8, 2021, and supported by the Certificate on Survey dated July 3, 2019. The motion passed.
- A motion was made by Brenda Bowes, with support by Mike Goerke, to waive our right of first refusal to acquire a property foreclosed upon in March 2021 in Mullett Township. The motion passed.
- In respect of the road abandonment of Woodruff, our attorney recommended that we get it inspected.
- Dust control was June 30<sup>th</sup>. A few roads were missed and Supervisor Surabian will follow up on those.
- The County-wide Blight Agreement has been revised. Board members were asked to review by July 20<sup>th</sup>.

Call to the Public was offered at 8:30 PM and closed at 8:50 PM with six commentors.

Motion to adjourn was offered by Brett Lindgren, with support from Brenda Bowes, at 8:52 PM. The motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Ackerman  
Mullett Township Clerk  
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