

MULLETT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING FOR AUGUST 9, 2021
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 August 9, 2021.

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance led by Judge Aaron Gauthier, Cheboygan County Circuit Judge.

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

Judge Gauthier made his annual presentation on his goals for the Circuit Court which this year focused on increasing efficiency and communication. Some of his initiatives included online ZOOM court, a UTube channel with over 1600 subscribers, and an "Ask the Judge" channel.

Public Comment was opened at 6:50 PM and closed at 6:55 PM. Two people spoke regarding wanting to be able to reserve the Park pavilions.

Trustee Brett Lindgren made a motion, with support by Treasurer Brenda Bowes, that the agenda be approved. The motion July 12, 2021 be approved. The motion passed.

Brenda Bowes made a motion, with support by Brett Lindgren, that the minutes of the July 12, 2021 meeting be approved. The motion passed.

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

REPORTS:

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

General Fund 101	\$840,300.36
Fire Fund 206	\$625,051.18
Liquor Fund 212	\$1,054.27
Street Light Fund 219	\$22,601.69
Library Fund 271	\$82,587.80
Tax Accounts	\$275,408.49
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS:	\$1,847,090.55

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

General Fund 101	\$38,268.87
Fire Fund 206	\$8,791.36
Liquor Fund 212	\$118.42
Street Light Fund 219	\$955.70
Library Fund 271	\$4,763.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$52,987.35

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

Clerk Denise Ackerman, with support from Treasurer Brenda Bowes, made a motion that Joyce Stroman, newly appointed Deputy Clerk, be added as signatory to the appropriate accounts by the Treasurer. The motion passed.

Mike Goerke reported for Oakhill Cemetery and Burt Lake Trail Committee.

James Hilyard reported on the new Mullett Township website. Development begins August 11, 2021 and should be completed by the end of September.

Topinabee Fire Chief Mike English made his monthly Fire Report, reporting 13 runs (11 EMS and 3 Fire) for July. The annual Chicken BBQ will be Sunday, August 15th.

East Mullett Fire Chief John Parrott reported 3 runs (2 EMS and 1 Fire) for the East Mullett Fire Department in July.

Clerk Denise Ackerman reported that the newly formed Library Committee met for the first time August 4, 2021, to discuss the renovation of the Depot and the future of the library and has decided to move the library in a new direction. They have recommended unanimously that the Board appoint Judy Jacalone as the Library Director to implement their new vision. The current library staff will remain at their current hourly rate as assistant librarians. Denise Ackerman made a motion, with support by Brett Lindgren, that the Board appoint Judy Jacalone as the new Library Director effective immediately at the rate of \$15.00 per hour. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The 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. Cheboygan County Road Commission needs a \$50 check for their permits.
- Trustee Mike Goerke reported that the Fire Contract with Burt Township had been changed without consultation from Mullett Township so the committee will have to meet again to work out the details. Attorney Tim MacArthur answered questions as to how and why the changes were made.

CURRENT BUSINESS

- Supervisor Laz Surabian reported that a county-wide Blight Ordinance has been agreed to by the Cheboygan MTA and passed on to County personnel for the next step in the process.
- A Performance Resolution for Municipalities required by Michigan Department of Transportation was offered by Clerk Denise Ackerman, with support by Brett Lindgren. Upon a roll call vote, it was adopted. Yeas: Laz Surabian, Denise Ackerman, Brenda Bowes, Mike Goerke, and Brett Lindgren. There were no nays.
- Brenda Bowes made a motion, with support by Denise Ackerman, that a bid from North Star Landscaping in the amount of \$9,436 be accepted for landscaping at the Topinabee Parking lot and Depot. The motion passed.

Call to the Public was offered at 7:50 PM and closed at 7:55 PM with three commentors.

Motion to adjourn was offered by Mike Goerke, with support from Brett Lindgren, at 8:06 PM. The motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Ackerman
Mullett Township Clerk
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