

MULLETT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER 13, 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 September 13, 2021.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance

Members present were Supervisor Laz Surabian from his home in Mullett Township due to Covid 19 diagnosis; Clerk Denise Ackerman, Treasurer Brenda Bowes, Trustee Mike Goerke, and Trustee Brett Lindgren, all present at the Township Hall.

Public Comment was opened at 6:32 PM and closed at 6:33 PM. No public comments.

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

Mike Goerke made a motion, with support by Brenda Bowes, that the minutes of the August 9, 2021 meeting 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 August 2021 is summarized as follows:

General Fund 101	\$736,082.94
Fire Fund 206	\$633,424.68
Liquor Fund 212	\$919.29
Street Light Fund 219	\$20920.81
Library Fund 271	\$91,014.12
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS:	\$1,482,361.84

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

General Fund 101	\$191,636.39
Fire Fund 206	\$1,132.90
Liquor Fund 212	\$118.42

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Street Light Fund 219	\$745.06
Library Fund 271	\$6,673.86
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$200,306.63

The Clerk reported that the Township's application for the American Rescue Plan Act funds (APRA) has been approved, with funds being disbursed in two equal payments this September and September 2022.

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

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

Treasurer Brenda Bowes presented two proposals from Michigan Lake Products: (1) For Posts and Railings at the Depot with a cost of \$1971.80 and also (2) A Fence with a cost of \$10,387.20 also at the Depot. A motion was made by Denise Ackerman with support from Mike Goerke to accept Proposal #1. The motion passed. A motion was made to accept Proposal #2 by Denise Ackerman with support by Brett Lindgren. The motion passed.

James Hilyard reported on the new Mullett Township website. Implementation is targeted for mid-October.

Parks and Recreation Committee Plan Draft will be posted by September 27, 2021, on the website, at the library, and at the Topinabee Town Hall for Public Comment for 30 Days.

Topinabee Fire Chief Mike English made his monthly Fire Report, reporting 19 runs (7 EMS and 12 Fire) for August. He also reported that the Annual Chicken BBQ served a record 770 meals.

East Mullett Fire Chief John Parrott reported 6 runs (5 EMS and 1 Fire) for the East Mullett Fire Department in August. He also reported that the Dry Hydrant on the East side was inoperable and he did not want it replaced.

Judy Jacalone, Library Director, recommended that winter hours for the library be established as follows: Tuesday: 10am–5pm; Wednesday: 10am–3pm; Thursday: closed; Friday: 12pm–4pm; Saturday: 10am–2pm. Denise Ackerman made a motion, with support by Brenda Bowes, that the hours be adjusted. The motion passed.

Clerk Denise Ackerman presented the Library Service Contract between Koehler Township and the Topinabee Public Library Operated by Mullett Township extending our contract until June 30, 2033 to receive 50% of Koehler’s penal fines. Brenda Bowes made a motion, with support from Brett Lindgren, that we sign the contract. The motion passed.

Brenda Bowes made a motion, with support from Mike Goerke, that the Board approve an expenditure not to exceed \$14,000 to get new flooring at the Depot. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Burt Township submitted a signed Interlocal Fire Protection Agreement between Mullett Township and Burt Township prepared by Attorney Tim MacArthur. Laz Surabian made a motion, with support from Mike Goerke, to table action on the agreement until it had been reviewed by our attorney. The motion failed. A second motion was made by Brenda Bowes, with support from Denise Ackerman, that the contract be approved as written, unless upon review by our attorney discovery is made that the contract IS NOT binding through March 31, 2026. The motion passed.

CURRENT BUSINESS

- James Hilyard presented a proposal for the establishment of a Topinabee Village Planning Committee consisting of (2) Topinabee Development Association (TDA) Members, (1) Topinabee Business Owner, (1) Mullett Township Board Sponsor, and possibility one other member. Laz Surabian made a motion, with support from Brenda Bowes, that the Board establish such a committee. The motion passed. James will present recommendations regarding committee members at the October meeting.

- Brett Lindgren made a motion, with support by Mike Goerke, that the Board approve a Donor sign to recognize when the TDA assisted in funding or provided volunteer assistance for a project. The motion passed.
- Mike Goerke made a motion, with support from Brenda Bowes, that the Board adopt the County-wide Blight Ordinance effective April 1, 2022, ending our current Blight Ordinance on March 30, 2022. By roll call vote the ayes were: Laz Surabian, Denise Ackerman, Brenda Bowes, Mike Goerke and Brett Lindgren. There were no nays. The ordinance was adopted.

Call to the Public was offered at 9:40 PM and closed at 9:44 PM with one commentor.

Motion to adjourn was offered by Brett Lindgren, with support from Brenda Bowes, at 9:45 PM. The motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Ackerman,

Mullett Township Clerk

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