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MULLETT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEETING FOR APRIL 10, 2023

6:30 PM AT MULLETT TOWNSHIP HALL

The Mullett Township Board of Trustees met at the Mullett Township Hall, Topinabee MI, 49791 at 6:30 PM on April 10, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present were Supervisor Laz Surabian, Clerk Denise Ackerman, Treasurer Brenda Bowes, Trustee Brett Lindgren, and Trustee Mike Goerke.

Public Comment was opened at 6:36 PM with no comments and closed at 6:37 PM.

Special Guest Speaker, Gene Hodulik, Burt Township Trustee and Burt Lake Trail Committee Chairperson, made a presentation to update the Board on the history and present status of the Trail project. Currently Becky Rivard of Huron Engineering of Alpena, is writing a multi-jurisdictional grant for Burt and Mullett Townships, with agreement from Matt Hall of the Cheboygan County Road Commission, for a "Highway Safety Improvement Program Grant" due May 1, 2023. The grant is for \$450,000, with a \$90,000 match (20%) to construct five-foot paved shoulders on the 2.8 miles of Topinabee Mail Route (2 miles in Burt and .8 miles in Mullett). The estimated cost to Mullett Township of the \$90,000 match would be approximately \$26,000, with estimated engineering costs of roughly \$14,000.

A motion was made by Brett Lindgren, with support from Brenda Bowes, that Mullett Township agree to support this grant request. The motion passed.

Call to the public was offered at 7:07 PM and closed at 7:49 PM with comments from Judy Jacalone and Patty Morse.

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

Mike Goerke made a motion, with support by Laz Surabian, that the minutes of the March 13, 2023, Meeting and the March 13, 2023, Annual Meeting of the Electors be approved. The motion passed. Denise Ackerman made a motion, with support from Brenda Bowes, that the minutes of the Special Meeting of March 23, 2023, be approved. The motion passed 3 Yeas, 1 Nay, and 1 abstention.

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

REPORTS:

The Treasurer's Report for March 2023 is summarized as follows:

General Fund 101	\$941,186.70
Fire Fund 206	\$863,021.07
Liquor Fund 212	\$697.58
Street Light Fund 219	\$25,976.04
Library Fund 271	\$28,957.86
Tax Fund 703	\$1,904.25

A motion was made by Brett Lindgren, supported by Mike Goerke, that the report be accepted and filed. Motion passed.

Clerk's Expenditure Report for March 2023 is summarized as follows:

General Fund 101	\$28,171.88
Fire Fund 206	\$54,354.34
Liquor Fund 212	\$161.48
Street Light Fund 219	\$1,153.55
Library Fund 271	\$6,701.39
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$90,542.64

A motion was made by Brenda Bowes, supported by Brett Lindgren, that the report be accepted and filed. Motion passed.

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

Topinabee Fire Chief Mike English made the monthly Fire Report, reporting 3 runs - 2 fire & 1 EMS for February: 0 in Mullett Township, 1 in Burt Township, and 2 Mutual Aid.

The East Mullett Fire Department reported 2 runs in March - both for fire.

Denise Ackerman made a motion, with support by Brenda Bowes, that the Board appoint one administrative head for both the Topinabee Fire Department and the East Mullett Fire Department, Fire Chief Mike English, effective immediately. This would facilitate standardization of payroll documentation to meet audit reporting requirements and response times for both departments. John Parrott will remain operational Chief of the East Mullett Fire Department. The motion passed.

CURRENT BUSINESS

- Mike Goerke made a motion, with support by Laz Surabian, that Board members be paid a per diem of \$75 for attendance at a Special meeting. The motion failed with 2 Yeas, and 3 Nays.
- Brenda Bowes made a motion, with support by Denise Ackerman, that the Supervisor provide the Board with the Agendas for all meetings by 9:00 AM on the Thursday before the meeting. The motion passed.

Call to the Public was called at 9:00 PM with one comment and closed at 9:04 PM.

Motion to adjourn was offered by Brenda Bowes, with support by Brett Lindgren, at 9:15 PM. The motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Ackerman
Mullett Township Clerk

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