

# MULLETT TOWNSHIP

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## MULLETT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER 11, 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 September 11, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM with a moment of silence in remembrance of the first responders who lost their lives on September 11, 2001, followed by 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 6:31 PM and closed at 6:32 PM with no comments.

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

Mike Goerke made a motion, with the support of Brett Lindgren, that the minutes of the August 14, 2023, meeting be approved. The motion passed. Brett Lindgren made a motion, with support by Mike Goerke, that the minutes of the August 30, 2023, special meeting be approved. The motion passed.

Brett Lindgren made a motion, with support by Mike Goerke, that we pay the bills. The motion passed, with one objection from Treasurer Bowes regarding the attorney bill for \$888 and the ongoing expense for the Heintz v Mullett Township litigation. The Supervisor will call for clarification on the status of the litigation.

### **REPORTS:**

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

General Fund 101	\$855,577.23
Fire Fund 206	\$857,638.79
Liquor Fund 212	\$2,390.55
Street Light Fund 219	\$19,024.32
Library Fund 271	\$17,020.63
Tax Fund 703	\$386,042.64
<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS:</b>	<b>\$2,137,694.16</b>

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

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

General Fund 101	\$21,235.15
Fire Fund 206	\$1,087.12
Liquor Fund 212	\$161.47
Street Light Fund 219	\$1,830.47
Library Fund 271	\$5,216.54
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>\$29,620.75</b>

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

Clerk Denise Ackerman made a motion, with support by Mike Goerke, that Mullett Township enter into agreement with Cheboygan County for Early Voting Election Services pursuant to Article II, Section 4(m) of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, and the Michigan Election Law, 1954 Public Act 116, MCL 168.720a et seq., for the purposes of operating a joint early voting site. In this agreement, the County and Mullett Township will be represented by their respective clerks in their official capacity. Approved by roll call vote: yeas being Supervisor Surabian, Treasurer Bowes, Trustee Lindgren, Trustee Goerke, and Clerk Ackerman. There were no nays.

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

Clerk Denise Ackerman distributed information for the Board's consideration regarding a 5X8 LED programmable sign, discussion tabled until the October meeting. The Clerk also passed out a Fee Comparison for Cheboygan County municipalities for Town Hall Rentals and Firework Display Permits for discussion tabled until the October meeting.

Mullett Township Administrative Fire Chief Mike English made the monthly Fire Report for Topinabee Fire Department, reporting 12 runs - 6 fire & 6 EMS for August: 7 in Mullett Township, and 5 in Burt Township. He also reported 0 runs for the East Mullett Fire Department in August.

Compensation for the position of the Administration Fire Chief position for fiscal year 2023-2024 has been tabled until the February Budget Workshop when Chief English has a better handle on the scope of this annual duties.

Assistant Librarian Bridget Hozeska made the report for Topinabee Public Library, requesting funds to upgrade the public computer services at the library. Denise Ackerman made a motion, with support from Brett Lindgren, that \$5000 be allocated for a new public computer system (hardware and installation inclusive) for three computers. The motion passed. Library Director Judy Jacalone has applied for a grant to cover some of the cost.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- **Woodruff Launch Dock:** The Board has given the Skid Pier project high priority and hopes to have it completed this winter for an April 2024 installation.
- **Boy Scout Park Project:** Phase 1 of the project has been completed, apart from a small section that will have to wait until colder weather makes a large beehive dormant and able to be removed and trimming completed. Denise Ackerman made a motion, with support by Mike Goerke, that \$8000 be allocated for 6 picnic tables (3 round and 3 8' rectangular) to finish off Phase 1. The motion passed. Maintenance will also install three grills (already acquired) on the cement pads where the three round picnic tables will be located. Phase 2 for the playground enhancement has been expanded and Mike Goerke is going to call the vendor to add some additional playground equipment.

Call to the Public was called at 8:47 PM with 2 comments and closed at 9:01 PM.

Motion to adjourn was offered by Brett Lindgren, with support by Mike Goerke, at 9:02 PM. The motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise Ackerman  
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