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MULLETT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MEETING FOR AUGUST 12, 2024

6:30 PM AT MULLETT TOWNSHIP HALL

The Mullett Township Board of Trustees met at the Mullett Township Hall, Topinabee, MI, at 6:30 PM on August 12, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 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. Also present were Topinabee Assistant Fire Chief Brian Coffell, Library Director Judy Jacalone, Assessor Clayton McGovern, and County Commissioner Ron Williams. There were 26 constituents present.

Public Comment was opened at 6:32 PM and closed at 6:33 PM with one comment from Commissioner Williams regarding Cheboygan County's development of a Master Plan.

Brenda Bowes made a motion, with support by Denise Ackerman, that the agenda be approved with two revisions. The motion passed.

Mike Goerke made a motion, with the support of Brett Lindgren, that the minutes of the July 8, 2024, meeting be approved. The motion passed.

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

Assessor Clayton McGovern proposed to the Board that he hire a contractor to assist him in updating new record cards. He estimates 258 cards annually at \$15.00 per card for a cost to him of \$3,870.

Denise Ackerman made a motion, with support from Brenda Bowes, that for the fiscal year 2025-2026 Mullett Township increase the Assessor's salary from \$24,000 to \$27,870 to accommodate this expense. The motion passed.

Tom O'Hare of the Topinabee Development Association (TDA) made a two-fold presentation, assisted by Sharon Lange of Cheboygan County and Denise Cline of NEMCOG, regarding a Pedestrian Safety Plan to enhance Topinabee and the need and means for Mullett Township to develop its own strategic Master Plan which could possibly include such a Pedestrian Safety Plan.

A motion was made by Brenda Bowes, with support by Brett Lindgren, that the Board engage NEMCOG to move forward in developing a Five-Year Master Plan and to accept a \$1,000 donation from the TDA to join NEMCOG. The motion passed. Supervisor Surabian volunteered to be the point of contact on this process going forward.

REPORTS:

The Treasurer's Report for July 2024 is summarized as follows:

General Fund 101	\$929,552.92
Fire Fund 206	\$996,595.92
Liquor Fund 212	\$657.76
Street Light Fund 219	\$8,066.35
Library Fund 271	\$42,916.68
Tax Fund 703	\$151,788.38
TOTAL ALL FUNDS:	\$2,129,578.01

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

The Clerk's Expenditure Report for July 2024

General Fund 101	\$50,487.07
Fire Fund 206	\$803.99
Liquor Fund 212	\$161.48
Street Light Fund 219	\$1,134.33
Library Fund 271	\$6,153.73
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$58,740.60

Brenda Bowes made a motion, with support by Brett Lindgren, that the Clerk's report be accepted and filed. Motion passed. The Treasurer reported to the Clerk that all accounts were balanced in July.

Topinabee Assistant Fire Chief Brian Coffell made the monthly Fire Report for Topinabee Fire Department, reporting 14 runs – 7 fire & 7 EMS for July: 9 in Mullett Township, 3 in Burt Township and 2 Mutual Aid. He also reported 1 unintentional fire run for the East Mullett Fire Department in July.

Laz Surabian made a motion, supported by Mike Goerke, that \$1400 worth of small tools and equipment be purchased for the maintenance department. The motion passed.

Signage will be posted at Topinabee Beach Pavilion and Boy Scout Park Pavilion to notify patrons that the pavilions are community gathering spaces and we do not rent or reserve public areas.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Boy Scout Park:** A decision on the Quonset Hut repairs was tabled until the spring. A new slide and rubberized mulch has been installed. The Bird netting has been installed at the pavilion. A little free library has been installed.

Call to the public was offered at 8:58 PM and closed at 9:00 PM with 1 comment. Motion to adjourn was offered by Brett Lindgren, with support by Brenda Bowes, at 9:02 PM. The motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Denise Ackerman,
Mullett Township Clerk

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