

**Regular Meeting of the Lovells Township Board**

**December 11, 2019**

**PRESENT:** Ann C. Duby, Cheryl Hopp, Cynthia Infante-Inman, Heather Lovell, and Gary A. Neumann.

**ABSENT:** None.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Sally Brand, Denny Inman, and Greg Amburgey (arrived 10 AM).

Supervisor Neumann called the Board Meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Then, a Moment of Silence for Lovells Township Assistant Fire Chief, Bob Stott.

Neumann requested Board permission to add a new business item to the Agenda. Board agreed.

Neumann moved, Lovell supported a motion to accept the minutes of the November 12, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Board as presented. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Neumann moved, Lovell supported a motion to approve pre-paid vouchers dated November 8, 2019 through December 10, 2019 as presented: General Fund totaling \$9,518.33; Direct Deposit Checks totaling \$5,827.81; Fire Fund totaling \$4,476.06; Landfill Fund totaling \$6, 425.24, and Liquor Fund totaling \$9.90. In a roll call vote: All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

**Treasurer's Report:** No Report.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Phone message from Senator Vander Wall in response to our Board Letter; COOR letter RE: Summer Tax Collection; and Kirtland Community College letter RE: Change to Winter Tax Collection only.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Assessing** – Neumann reported that the Assessor will conduct her State Tax Commission recommended 20% Annual Review at KP Lake and Shupac Lake in 2020.

**Fire Department** – Assistant Fire Chief Bob Stott's Funeral was held yesterday; No report from the Chief.

**Cemetery Sexton**- No report.

**Liquor Inspector**- Infante-Inman reported received and on file.

**Zoning Administrator** – No report.

**Zoning Enforcement Officer** – Neumann reported-no open cases.

**COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS:**

**Board of Review** – BOR met yesterday at the Township Hall to correct qualified errors, omissions, poverty exemptions, and mutual mistakes of fact; Neumann reported that they heard two cases.

**Historical Society** – No report.

**Lovells Media and Reading Center** – No report.

**Lovells Township Planning Commission** – Inman reported that they met last month to hear an application for a Special Use Permit for a "Home Occupation" on Lovells Road; The Commission unanimously agreed that the "Use" was a "Home Occupation"; The PC tabled decision on the permit until their January meeting in order to do research on environmental concerns addressed in the Public Hearing.

**Crawford County Planning Commission** – Inman reported that their December meeting was cancelled.

**Zoning Board of Appeals** – Neumann reported that they have no appeals pending.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Neumann/Lovell briefed that due to potential loss of our PILT funding, discussions on possible selective hourly wage increases are tabled until the MI budget impasse is resolved; Board to consider at our February Budget meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Neumann/Infante-Inman briefed on need to hire a new CPA as James Camiller has decided to terminate doing Township Audits; Board agreed to seek at least three proposals from CPA firms/individuals; Neumann to author "Request for Proposal".
2. Neumann briefed on Landfill Special Assessment District (SAD); Board will decision the SAD renewal after the required Public Hearing at our 1/14/20 Board Meeting; Board agreed to a 15-year renewal.
3. Board discussed Warbler's Hideaway Trash Disposal; Infante-Inman suggested increasing the Landfill SAD on our businesses that do not have a dumpster and not singling out Warblers; Lovell suggested adding SAD increase to our campgrounds only; Neumann to discuss with our Assessor; Tabled until our January meeting.
4. Hopp and Infante-Inman to attend MTA class on "Authorities and Responsibilities of Michigan Government" on 1/22/20 in Gaylord.
5. Neumann moved, Lovell supported a motion to allocate an estimated \$646.00 for Board of Review members to attend their required annual training to be held 2/4/20 in Gaylord. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.
6. Neumann briefed on Poverty Exemption Resolution; Neumann moved, Hopp supported a motion to adopt Resolution #12-11-2019 as presented; All Ayes. RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:** USGS River Gauge; Christmas Lights; Hall Floors; Neumann briefed on ORV Maps-Board to decision in January; Lovell mentioned 2020 Census; Hopp/Duby brought up concerns regarding Hall cleaning expenses Board discussed Hall cleaning and also snowplowing.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

10:13 AM -Neumann opened public comment; Amburgey brought up how nice Stott's Fireman's Memorial was.

10:14 AM -Neumann closed Public Comment and moved to adjourn, Hopp supported. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Next Regular Meeting of the Board will be Tuesday, January 14, 2020, 10 AM at the Town Hall.

Cynthia Infante-Inman

Lovells Township Clerk