

Regular Meeting of the Lovells Township Board

February 11, 2020

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

ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Sherry Powers, Lorelei King, Eric Bankhead, Sally Brand, Joanne Phillips, Carolyn Swift, Greg Amburgey, Randy Long, John Porteous, and Dustin Sinkes.

Supervisor Neumann called the Board Meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sherry Powers and Lorelei King, Commission on Aging, made a presentation on the upcoming ballot proposal.

Neumann moved, Hopp supported a motion to accept the minutes of the January 14, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Board as presented. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Neumann moved, Lovell supported a motion to approve pre-paid vouchers dated January 10, 2020 through February 5, 2020 as presented: General Fund totaling \$15,184.53; Direct Deposit Checks totaling \$5,580.25; Fire Fund totaling \$4,114.50; Landfill Fund totaling \$5,420.25, and Liquor Fund totaling \$9.88. In a roll call vote: All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report: No Report.

CORRESPONDENCE: Toys for Tots thank you letter.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Assessing – Neumann reported that Assessment Notices to be mailed by KCI, Inc. on or about February 24th at a cost of \$1154.00 (1839 pieces).

Fire Department – Infante-Inman briefed on Chief Lewicki's written report; Total of four runs in January (no Fire/four EMS).

Cemetery Sexton- No report.

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

Zoning Administrator – No written report.

Zoning Enforcement Officer – Neumann reported-no open cases.

COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS:

Board of Review – Neumann reported that the Board of Review attended Training in Gaylord on 2/4/20; They will conduct their Organizational Meeting on 3/3/20 at 3 PM in the Township Hall, Will meet with taxpayers in the Hall from 3 PM-9 PM on Wed., 3/11/20 and from 9 AM-3 PM on Thurs., 3/12/20.

Historical Society – Lovell reported that they are working on their Trout Opener festivities; Beaver, Beer, and Banjo has changed their venue from the Tavern to the Township Grounds; Requesting snowplowing of pathway to the Museums in case of fire; Infante-Inman to add that specification to next year's snowplowing contract; Lovell requested that new business item #7 be moved up on the agenda and handled at this conjure so that Bankhead might depart; Board concurred. Bankhead made his fundraising proposal.

Infante-Inman moved, Neumann supported a motion to approve the request by the Lovells Township Historical Society to hold the "Beaver, Beer & Banjo" fundraiser on 7/18/20 from 6-9 PM on the Township Grounds and acquire a Michigan Liquor Control Commission license to sell beer and wine by the glass with a \$1,000,000.00 liability policy naming the Township as an insured party with Event Activities approved as presented; All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Lovells Media and Reading Center – Hopp reported all is well.

Crawford County Planning Commission (CCPC) – Infante-Inman briefed on Inman’s written report; Crawford County Planning Commission met on Feb. 5th; There was an explosion at Arauco Plant on January 30, 2020, no one hurt; Kirtland Community College is expanding into Phase 3 to include a conference area, b-ball courts, pickleball courts, another Library, and more classrooms; They hope to break ground in the Spring; The Roscommon campus is for sale.

Lovells Township Planning Commission (LTPC)- LTPC approved a Special Use Permit with conditions; Inman provided Board Members with the Notice of Decision and conditions to be approved by our Zoning Enforcement Officer before Permit will be issued.

Zoning Board of Appeals – Neumann reported that they will be hearing a case on an application for a dimensional variance within the Green Belt zone (North Branch Dr.) today at 3 PM; Also, working on scheduling a second Green Belt dimensional variance request for a date in late February or early March.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Landfill Fund reauthorization of Special Assessment District to be decisioned at March Board Meeting.
2. Neumann briefed on “Township Transfer Station Operations During Periods of Unusual Weather, Loss of Electrical Power and Similar Situations” Memo; Infante-Inman moved, Lovell supported a motion to accept, as a matter of policy, as presented by Neumann; All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED. Board agreed to a permanent sign with generic verbiage regarding this subject at both Transfer Stations.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Neumann briefed on the proposed FY 2020-21 General and Liquor Fund Budgets and Board discussed. Board also discussed Hall floor refinishing project and other possible projects; Board members to prioritize the projects for the next meeting.
2. Trustee Lovell briefed the Board on her hourly wage research and her recommendations for increasing the hourly wages. Fire Department research and proposals tabled until Chief Lewicki makes his recommendations, most likely, in conjunction with his new budget; Infante-Inman moved, Lovell supported a motion to increase the Township’s Hourly Wage from \$10.00 to \$12.00 and continue with Cost of Living increases as per Township’s standing policy with Transfer Station Attendant’s payroll to move from Landfill Fund to General Fund so that taxes (SAD) will not be raised; In a roll call vote: Neumann, Nay, remaining Board Members Aye. MOTION CARRIED.
Board took a brief break. Infante-Inman returned with some numbers discussed in their working budget session.
3. Neumann briefed on proposed Board of Review Resolution and read, “Whereas, the Board is aware that by statute the first Board of Review period should occur on Monday, March 9, 2020 and, whereas, the Board understands the scheduling challenges the Assessor faces, now, therefore, the Board approves the Assessors’ request to conduct the first Board of Review period on Wednesday, March 11, 2020”. Neumann moved, Lovell supported a motion for the Resolution to be adopted as read; In a roll call vote: All Ayes. RESOLUTION ADOPTED.
4. Neumann briefed on ORV survey to residents, his research on roads to open/close, and his proposed changes to our ORV Map; Neumann moved, Duby supported a motion to accept the ORV changes as presented in the Letter to Crawford County Commissioners; All Ayes; MOTION CARRIED.
5. Neumann briefed on Anglers of the Au Sable habitat work in the vicinity of Dam Four; Neumann moved, Lovell supported a motion to give our support to the project in an email to be authored by Neumann; All Ayes; MOTION CARRIED.
6. Board discussed how to proceed with the concept of a contracted method of hall cleaning rather than our present “pay by the hour” method for hall cleaning; Board agreed for Neumann to draft, post and publish a Notice for Bids as soon as possible.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS: March 17, 2020 Board Meeting will include the Budget Public Hearing on our FY 2020-21 General and Liquor Fund Budgets with adoption of those budgets following the Public Hearing; Briefing on the 1/30/2020 DNR meeting RE: The Access Site (attended by Lovell & Neumann) and initial contact with C2AE Engineering.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

12:32 AM -Neumann opened Public Comment; Greg Amburgey supported Fire Dept., Joanne Phillips commented on improvements to the cemetery; Randy Long commented on trails; Dustin Sinkes from Camp Grayling introduced himself and entertained questions.

12:40 AM -Neumann closed Public Comment and moved to adjourn, Lovell supported. All Ayes.
MOTION CARRIED.

Next Regular Meeting of the Board will be Tuesday, March 17, 2020, 10 AM at the Town Hall. NOTE: Change in Board Meeting date due to the Presidential Primary Election on March 10, 2020.

Cynthia Infante-Inman

Lovells Township Clerk