**Regular Meeting of the Lovells Township Board**

**February 8, 2022**

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

**ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** Dave Lovell, Denny Inman, Sally Brand, Bonnie Maricic, Joanne Phillips, Randy Long, Sue Shiflett, Dave Soderquist, and Richard Perry.

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

10:02 AM-Neumann moved, Infante-Inman supported a motion to recess the Regular Meeting of the Board and enter into a Public Hearing on the FY 2022-23 Lovells Township General and Liquor Fund Budgets; All Ayes; MOTION CARRIED.

Neumann briefed on the General Fund Budget, Liquor Fund Budget, and Board Member Salary Resolutions.

10:04 AM-Neumann opened Public Comment; Perry inquired about fund allocations; D. Lovell commended Neumann on a job well done on the budgets; Neumann closed Public Comment Period.

10:30 AM-Neumann moved, Lovell supported a motion to close the Budget Public Hearing and reconvene the Regular Meeting of the Board; All Ayes; MOTION CARRIED.

Neumann moved, Lovell supported a motion to adopt the FY 2022-23 General Fund Budget as presented and discussed, with estimated income at $260,776.00 and expenses of $288,855.00 (balanced budget with 3/31/21 carryover balance of $270,023.00); In a roll call vote: All Ayes; MOTION CARRIED.

Neumann moved, Hopp supported a motion to adopt the FY 2022-23 Liquor Fund Budget as presented and discussed, with estimated income at $938.00 and expenses of $959.00 (balanced budget with 3/31/21 carryover balance of $246.00); In a roll call vote: All Ayes; MOTION CARRIED.

Neumann moved, Hopp supported a motion to accept the minutes of the January 11, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Board as presented; All Ayes; MOTION CARRIED.

Neumann moved, Lovell supported a motion to approve pre-paid vouchers dated January 6, 2022 through February 3, 2022 as presented: General Fund totaling $6,799.17; Direct Deposit Checks totaling $6,502.00; Fire Fund totaling $3,732.48; Landfill Fund totaling $7,350.15, and Liquor Fund totaling $10.16; In a roll call vote: All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer’s January Report Received and Accepted as Presented.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Thank you note from Kim Morley.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Assessing –** Neumann stated Board of Review members completed 2022 training as required.

**Fire/EMS Department –** Infante-Inman briefed on Chief Lewicki’s report; For the month of January, seven runs total (Fire-three/EMS-four); Engine #321 is at CSI for pump repairs; Gary Dickenson stopped attending Fire School and has been terminated.

**Cemetery Sexton-** No report.

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

**Zoning Administrator** – Infante-Inman briefed on Gauthier’s written report for January; No Zoning Permits issued; No other Zoning Matters to report.

**Zoning Enforcement Officer** – No report.

**COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS:**

**Board of Review (BOR) –** Neumann reported the 2022 BOR Schedule is as follows: Organizational Meeting, March 8, 2 PM; Meetings with taxpayers Wednesday, March 16, 9 AM-3 PM and Thursday, March 17, 3 PM-9 PM; All meetings to be held at the Township Hall.

**Historical Society (HS) –** Lovell stated that “Hot Stove Nights” is scheduled for Thursday; Check Facebook for the schedule.

**Crawford County Planning Commission (CCPC)-**Inman stated that Rick Wright will attend the next meeting.

**Lovells Township Planning Commission (LTPC) –** Inman stated that he met with Eric Szymanski, NEMCOG, and John Porteous, HS, regarding the Master Plan; Inman hopes to get input from the Fire & EMS Dept. and other Departments regarding their long-term goals/needs; Inman asked Board & members of the audience to review the Master Plan Community Goals & Objectives handout provided and would appreciate input.

**Zoning Board of Appeals** – Neumann stated an application for a variance was received last Thursday.

**Lovells Media and Reading Center** – Hopp stated they continue to receive book donations.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Neumann moved, Lovell supported a motion to: Adopt the Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Test Resolution, approve the 2022 Poverty Exemption Guidelines and Policy, and approve our 2022 Application for Tax Exemptions under MCL 211.7u (Poverty); All Ayes; MOTION CARRIED.
2. Neumann moved, Infante-Inman supported a motion nominating Darby Kuenzel (term ending 4/1/25) and Steve Johnson (term ending 4/1/24) to continue as alternate members of our ZBA and Richard Perry (term ending 4/1/24) to continue as a regular ZBA member; All Ayes; MOTION CARRIED.
3. Sue Shiflett presented the HS New Building Proposal; They are looking to expand Lovells Township history with a wing dedicated to the logging industry; HS has the funding for the new building and the interior labor will be “in kind” with HS volunteers; Neumann moved, Lovell supported a motion to approve subsequent detailed planning with regards to the new building on township grounds as requested; All Ayes; MOTION CARRIED. Infante-Inman stated that this should be contingent upon Planning Commission recommendation; Neumann to pass on to PC.
4. Neumann briefed on Ron Tallieu, Zoning Enforcement Officer, resignation as of 2/28/22; Neumann asked for input on possible applicants; H. Lovell inquired as to whether or not it would be advertised in the newspaper and if applicants needed to be township residents? Neumann stated that we will post around township and that applicants do not need to be a township resident; Infante-Inman stated that we may be able to share resources with another township if no one applies as we do with Cemetery labor.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:** SSA Wage & Tax Transmittal; BOR Notice.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**  11:11 AM -Neumann opened Public Comment; Long offered tractor services to HS for new project; Hopp commented on Facebook traffic regarding Access Site and asked if Board would address; Neumann stated that we do not operate on hearsay; 11:13 AM-Neumann closed Public Comment.

11:13 AM- Neumann moved, Infante-Inman supported a motion to adjourn. All Ayes; MOTION CARRIED.

Next Regular Meeting of the Board will be held Tuesday, March 8, 2022, 10 AM at the Township Hall.

Cynthia Infante-Inman, Lovells Township Clerk