**Regular Meeting of the Lovells Township Board**

**May 17, 2022**

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

**ABSENT:** None.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Denny Inman, Sally Brand, Joetta Johnson, Mark Ratajczak, Dave Lovell, Marjie Warner, Frank Lohr, and Randy Long.

Supervisor Neumann called the Board Meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Neumann asked that Warbler’s Letter regarding Fourth of July Fireworks be added to new Business as #4; Board concurred; Neumann read the following statement: “Fellow board members and meeting attendees. By statute (MCL 41.72a) I am the moderator of all regular and special board meetings. I strive to be courteous and fair to all in attendance. But I also must be firm in order to keep meetings on track, orderly and businesslike. Regrettably, I have to say that recent meetings have become disorderly and unbusinesslike. We must change this pattern. So, I ask all of you today to stop using inflammatory and/or accusatory language. I have no intent or desire to stifle debate. But angry outbursts hinder our meetings. I can’t and will not, as your meeting moderator, tolerate them going forward.”

Neumann moved, Lovell supported a motion to accept the minutes of the April 19, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Board as presented; All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Neumann moved, Hopp supported a motion to approve pre-paid vouchers dated April 5, 2022 through May 11, 2022 as presented: General Fund totaling $17,592.74; Direct Deposit Checks totaling $7,939.35; Fire Fund totaling $24,231.91; Landfill Fund totaling $5,154.76, and Liquor Fund totaling $10.16; In a roll call vote: All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Letter from Ron Larson, Crawford County Road Commissioner, provided as handout.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Assessing –** Neumann stated that they are working on their 20% audit and it will be in the northwest corner of the township.

**Fire/EMS Department –** No report.

**Cemetery Sexton-** No report.

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

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

**Zoning Enforcement Officer** – Neumann briefed on one new case.

**COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS:**

**Board of Review –** No report.

**Historical Society –** Lovell reported the Trout Opener Event was very good with $1,300.00 in funds raised.

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

**Crawford County Planning Commission (CCPC)-**No report.

**Lovells Township Planning Commission (LTPC) –** Inman stated that the LTPC held a Public Hearing on April 29, 2022 on the Lovells Township Recreational Plan; Eric Szymanski is working on the draft copy for review.

**Zoning Board of Appeals** – No report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Infante-Inman moved, Lovell supported a motion to purchase two used Port-A-Potties from Esch’s Septic Service as presented for the transfer stations with the purchase cost and monthly cleaning applied to the General Fund; All Ayes; MOTION CARRIED.
2. Neumann reported that the letter regarding light pollution and a possible ordinance has been passed to the LTPC.
3. Neumann briefed on the Gerry Lake Parcel and possible acquisition by the DNR; Inman stated that the topic was raised at the April 29th LTPC Public Hearing and the majority of residents in attendance were opposed to an access site on this property; Marjie Warner stated that the Au Sable North Branch Area Foundation is opposed also; Neumann moved, Infante-Inman supported a motion to respond with a letter to the DNR, per their request, stating that the Township would support a DNR Access Site if the property were acquired by them; In a roll call vote: Hopp Aye, Duby Aye, Lovell Nay, Infante-Inman Aye, Neumann Aye; MOTION CARRIED.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Neumann briefed on the mini-pumper fire truck; Infante-Inman moved, Neumann supported a motion stating that, as matter of policy, the Fire Chief has the authority when safety related inspection failures redline a truck our policy for board approval of large expenditures be waived; Four Ayes, Hopp Nay; MOTION CARRIED.
2. Neumann briefed on the Zoning Enforcement Officer vacancy and asked the board for permission to hire; Board concurred.
3. Board discussed newsletter topics; Articles to be submitted by June 1 to Lovell.
4. Neumann moved, Infante-Inman supported a motion to continue our $400 support of the Warbler’s Hideaway fireworks Fourth of July Celebration as this event is open to the public; All Ayes; MOTION CARRIED.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:** Neumann commented on proposed Camp Grayling military expansion.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**  11:00AM -Neumann opened Public Comment; Long commented on the Lake property; Inman asked for clarification on DNR monies available; Warner complemented Neumann on a job well done at the new access site; Ratajczak commented on the access site, trash, and road speeds; 11:12 AM-Neumann closed Public Comment.

11:12 AM- Neumann moved, Infante-Inman supported a motion to adjourn. All Ayes; MOTION CARRIED.

Next Regular Meeting of the Board will be held Tuesday, June 14, 2022, 10 AM at the Township Hall.

Cynthia Infante-Inman, Lovells Township Clerk