**Regular Meeting of the Lovells Township Board**

**October 12, 2021**

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

**ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** Denny Inman, Sally Brand, Sherry Powers, Joanne Phillips, Dave Lovell, Wayne Littrell, and Randy Long.

Supervisor Neumann called the Board Meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Followed by the Pledge of Allegiance; Neumann requested an additional item be added to new business-Item #4 Resolution regarding generators and grant program; Board concurred.

Neumann moved, Lovell supported a motion to accept the minutes of the September 14, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Board with the following change: Hopp’s position-There should have been a formal query regarding the naming of the Lovells Bridge Access Site, Infante-Inman’s position-The Board was queried individually so as to keep the name a surprise for Neumann; In a roll call vote: All Ayes; MOTION CARRIED.

Neumann moved, Hopp supported a motion to approve pre-paid vouchers dated September 10, 2021 through October 6, 2021 as presented: General Fund totaling $12,810.52; Direct Deposit Checks totaling $6,870.29; Fire Fund totaling $3,440.53; Landfill Fund totaling $5,957.01, and Liquor Fund totaling $10.18; In a roll call vote: All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

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

**Clerk’s Quarterly P & L Report**: Received and accepted as presented.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Michigan Broadband Services letter RE: Emergency Broadband Discount; Crawford County Road Commission letter RE: Notice of Public Hearing; Darby Kuenzel letter RE: Naming of the Access Site; Susan Shifflett letter RE: Naming of the Access Site.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Assessing –** No report.

**Fire/EMS Department –** Powers briefed on Chief Lewicki’s written report; For the month of September, 11 runs total (Fire-3/EMS-8); Infante-Inman briefed on personnel changes as discussed in meeting with Chief Lewicki; Valarie Bolf and Jason Bolf resigned on good terms; Deputy Chief Lohr to assume responsibilities and receive the pay for the two vacant officer positions until replacements are named.

**Cemetery Sexton-** No report.

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

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

**Zoning Enforcement Officer** – Neumann briefed on two ongoing cases.

**COMMISSIONS AND BOARDS:**

**Board of Review (BOR) –** Neumann reported that there is no need for a December BOR at this time.

**Historical Society (HS) –** Lovell stated that their Historical Lodge Tour was successful; Access site “Grand Opening” will be incorporated into the Trout Opener festivities; “Hot Stove Nights” will return in person this winter; Check their website for details.

**Lovells Media and Reading Center** – Hopp stated, nothing new.

**Crawford County Planning Commission (CCPC)-**Inman reported that they are meeting tomorrow regarding the County’s Master Plan and Recreational Plan; Also, reviewing South Branch Township’s Master Plan.

**Lovells Township Planning Commission (LTPC) –** Inman stated that they held a Public Hearing on the Edwards’ Special Use Permit Application for Short-Term Rental (STR); Application was approved with one condition; Meeting with NEMCOG at their November meeting regarding our Master Plan and Recreation Plan; Received another Special Use Permit Application for STR.

**Zoning Board of Appeals** – Neumann stated no pending cases.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Neumann briefed on our roundtable meeting with our attorney regarding possible changes to our Short-Term Rental Ordinance; Meeting was useful and LTPC to present their recommendations to the Board.
2. Neumann briefed on his conversation with Michigan State Police regarding our Proposal to Reduce Vehicular Speeds through our Commercial and Residential Area; Our proposal for stop sign(s) has been deemed an inappropriate means of controlling speed, in their opinion; Neumann emailed Representative Daire Rendon in the hope of garnishing her support of our proposal.

10:45 AM-Neumann recessed the Board Meeting so that he and Clerk may open sealed snowplowing bid and make copies for the Board; 10:53 AM-Board Meeting reconvened.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Lovell moved, Neumann supported a motion to accept the 2021-22 Snowplowing Bid from Dave Mullins for $3,850.00 as presented with the condition that he provide proof of insurance; In a roll call vote: All Ayes; MOTION CARRIED.
2. Board discussed articles for the Winter Newsletter due to Lovell by 11/4/21.
3. Neumann briefed on repairs and six new tires needed on Fire Engine #321; Neumann moved, Lovell supported a motion to approve new tires and repairs as presented with estimated total cost of $11,784.50; In a roll call vote: All Ayes; MOTION CARRIED.
4. Neumann briefed on Resolution #04-13-2021 “To Install Generac Standby Generators”; Neumann moved, Lovell supported a motion to adopt the Resolution as presented and submit a grant application for $5,000.00 which is approximately one half of the Fire Barn Generator costs; In a roll call vote: All Ayes; MOTION CARRIED.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:** Federal FY 2021-22 COLA at 5.9%; Speed Sign Data; Generator Installation Dates.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**  11:05 AM -Neumann opened Public Comment; Dave Lovell commented on the fire engine repairs and stated that the “Neumann’s Landing” sign was an excellent idea; Inman stated that he agreed with Lovell and has talked with lots of people who agree regarding the sign; Long feels that community as a whole should have had a say; Brand stated that Hopp doesn’t trust anyone; Inman stated that we should be grateful to Neumann for his hard work on the Access Site; Neumann stated a solemn pledge, “I would like to take this opportunity, in this very public venue, to make a solemn pledge to the residents of Lovells Township and to my fellow board members. I pledge that, should I ever decide that I do not trust this board, my letter of resignation from this board will be submitted forthwith.”; Lovell stated that she would add her name to that pledge; Infante-Inman stated she would also. 11:20 AM-Neumann closed Public Comment.

11:20 AM- Neumann moved, Lovell supported a motion to adjourn. All Ayes; MOTION CARRIED.

Next Regular Meeting of the Board will be held Tuesday, November 9, 2021, 10 AM at the Township Hall.

Cynthia Infante-Inman, Lovells Township Clerk