**Regular Meeting of the Lovells Township Board**

**September 14, 2021**

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

**ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** Sally Brand, Greg Amburgey, Randy Long, Bob Bumgardener, and Ryan Swope.

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

Neumann moved, Lovell supported a motion to recess the Regular Meeting of the Board and enter into a Public Hearing on the FY 2022-23 Lovells Township Fire & EMS Fund and Landfill Fund Budgets. All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

Neumann opened the Public Budget Hearing and briefed on the FY 2022-23 Lovells Township Fire & EMS Fund and Landfill Fund Budgets.

10:17 AM-Neumann opened Public Comment; No comment.

10:18 AM- Neumann closed Public Comment.

Neumann moved, Hopp supported a motion to close the Public Hearing and reconvene the Regular Meeting of the Board; All Ayes; MOTION CARRIED.

Neumann moved, Infante-Inman supported a motion to adopt the FY 2022-23 Fire & EMS Fund Budget as previously presented and discussed, with estimated total income at $96,426 and total budgeted expenses at $96,400. In a roll call vote: All Ayes; MOTION CARRIED.

Neumann moved, Lovell supported a motion to adopt the FY 2021-22 Landfill Fund Budget as previously presented and discussed, with estimated income at $81,700 and budgeted expenses at $81,670. In a roll call vote: All Ayes; MOTION CARRIED.

Neumann moved, Lovell supported a motion to accept the minutes of the August 10, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Board as presented; All Ayes; MOTION CARRIED.

Neumann moved, Hopp supported a motion to approve pre-paid vouchers dated August 6, 2021 through September 9, 2021 as presented: General Fund totaling $9,995.79; Direct Deposit Checks totaling $7,091.59; Fire Fund totaling $4,247.17; Landfill Fund totaling $3,016.42, and Liquor Fund totaling $10.16; In a roll call vote: All Ayes. MOTION CARRIED.

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Assessing –** Neumann stated that he and the Assessor will be checking on building permit status over the next few months.

**Fire/EMS Department –** Infante-Inman briefed on Chief Lewicki’s written report; For the month of August, 12 runs total (Fire-6/EMS-6); Two new members: Brandon Fogel from Lewiston who is already certified in Fire Level 1 and Gary Dickinson; Truck #321 Pumper is at CSI for repairs with several issues; Jason and Valerie Bolf have quit the Department; Chief will fill the Clerk in with details at a later date.

**Cemetery Sexton-** No report.

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

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

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

**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 will be held September 18, 2021; Neumann suggested a grand opening of the access site on the weekend of the 2022 Annual Trout Opener; Lovell to take back to the HS Board.

**Lovells Media and Reading Center** – Hopp stated that they have many new books and raised $244 at the Bridge Walk Book Sale with proceeds going to the Fire Dept.

**Crawford County Planning Commission (CCPC)-**Infante-Inman reported that they are working with NEMCOG on updating the Master Plans; Chairman Inman to setup a meeting with them to review LTPC plans.

**Lovells Township Planning Commission (LTPC) –** Infante-Inman stated that they held a Public Hearing on the proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment regarding Accessory Buildings on Monday, August 30th with no public in attendance; Therefore, the LTPC recommends to the Board that the amendment be formally adopted by the Board; Community Input Open House for the new public park was held Monday, September 13 with 19 residents in attendance; LTPC will be working on their recommendations for the Board.

Neumann moved, Lovell supported a motion to amend the Lovells Township Zoning Ordinance Section 3.05 regarding Accessory Buildings as presented; In a roll call vote: Duby, Infante-Inman, Lovell, and Neumann-All Aye, Hopp-Nay; MOTION CARRIED.

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Neumann stated that we have a roundtable meeting with our attorney tomorrow to discuss possible changes to our Short-Term Rental Ordinance.
2. Neumann suggested that the letter he drafted regarding unruly children interrupting Township Hall functions be published in our Winter Newsletter; Board concurred.
3. Neumann briefed on petitions circulating throughout the Township regarding our Proposal to Reduce Vehicular Speeds through our Commercial and Residential Areas has garnered 330 signatures in support of the Proposal; Neumann to contact Representative Daire Rendon and possibly Congressman Jack Bergman regarding the petitions in hopes of garnishing their support.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Neumann moved, Lovell supported a motion to accept the propane bid from Fick & Sons at $1.299/gallon as presented; In a roll call vote: All Ayes; MOTION CARRIED.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:** Neumann briefed on snowplowing bids for upcoming snow season; Infante-Inman briefed on the 30th Annual Bridge Walk with profits exceeding $14,000-Our best year yet; Neumann briefed on the Access Site; Hopp questioned Infante-Inman on her process by which the Access Site was named “Neumann’s Landing”; Infante-Inman briefed on the process which was initiated at the request of Township residents; Lovell stated that we do not survey residents on every decision we make and we are elected to represent the township residents; Infante-Inman noted that no taxpayer dollars have been spent on the access site and that all residents queried were in favor except for Hopp; Hopp stated that she doesn’t trust this Board.

Hopp moved, Duby supported a motion to postpone the naming of the access site until residents could be surveyed; In a roll call vote: Infante-Inman-Nay, Lovell-Nay, Neumann-Nay, Duby-Aye, Hopp-Aye; MOTION FAILED. Hopp stated she didn’t feel Neumann should have a vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**  11:04AM -Neumann opened Public Comment; Under-Sheriff Swope briefed on a radar 35 mph sign being installed in the “downtown” Lovells area and asked that we take note of its effectiveness; Swope stated that they usually are very effective in slowing traffic; 11:08AM-Neumann closed Public Comment.

11:08 AM- Neumann moved, Hopp supported a motion to adjourn. All Ayes; MOTION CARRIED.

Next Regular Meeting of the Board will be held Tuesday, October 12`, 2021, 10 AM at the Township Hall.

Cynthia Infante-Inman, Lovells Township Clerk