

April 11, 2023

**Empire Township Board  
Regular Meeting**

Supervisor Carl Noonan called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall. Also present were members Casey Noonan, Neiswonger, Price, and Deegan. Motion-Deegan; support-Casey Noonan to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2023 regular meeting and the March 25, 2023 annual, budget, and special meetings as written. All ayes.

County Road Commissioner Greg Mikowski and Road Commission manager Brendan Mullane presented an annual report of the Commission's 2022 work and noted some upcoming proposed projects. Mr. Mikowski and Mr. Mullane were thanked for their presentation.

Campground Report: The Board will continue to review storage sheds for the campground.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Price reported on CDs and bank accounts as of 03-31-2023. Report received as read.

Planning & Zoning Report: 1.) Zoning Administrator, Tim Cypher, issued the following permits/approvals in March: 1) Accessory building-McClary Dr. 2) Commercial storage building-Benzonia Trl. 2.) Trustee Micah Deegan explained that planning completed their review of the draft updated Master Plan. The Commission requests that the Township Board approve the document for public hearing and the distribution to required groups. Motion-Casey Noonan; support-Price to have the Planning Commission send the updated Master Plan draft onward to County Planning and complete all other required protocols. All ayes.

Supervisor Report: 1.) Board reviewed required updated documents regarding FEMA and floodplain management provisions. Motion-Casey Noonan; support-Deegan to adopt Resolution 2023-05, regarding the MI Intergovernmental Agreement to Manage Floodplains for the National Flood Insurance Program. Roll call vote taken: All ayes. Motion-Deegan; support-Casey Noonan to adopt Ordinance 2023-02 that addresses Floodplain Management Provisions of the State Construction Code. Roll call vote taken: All ayes.

Clerk Report: 1.) Clerk reported that the township hall received a favorable inspection from the District Health Department. 2.) Thank you email received from the Glen Lake Association for continuing the township's annual contribution towards controlling invasive species in Glen Lake. 2.) Motion-Deegan; support-Casey Noonan to pay April 2023 monthly bills as presented and attached. All ayes.

Final Business: 1.) Fire Chief Ferguson reported on various fire department activities.

All business being concluded the meeting was adjourned by the Supervisor at 8:23 p.m.

Christine M. Neiswonger, Clerk