

December 10, 2024

Empire Township Board-Regular Meeting

Supervisor Hendricks called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall. Also present were members Casey Noonan, Wiejaczka, and Price. Absent: Neiswonger. Motion-Noonan; support-Price to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2024 regular meeting as written with one spelling correction to Assessor Yack's name. All ayes.

Campground Report: Board reviewed Harriger Construction's estimate to improve campground sites E1, E2, and E3 that were established in the 2023 season. Harriger's estimate includes leveling and widening the mouth of the three sites and in addition, replacing a ledge area with a gradual ramp on E3 and removing dead juniper and pine trees. Motion-Noonan; support-Wiejaczka to approve Harriger Construction's bid of \$3,300.00 to improve campground sites E1, E2, and E3 as outlined in Harriger's estimate. All ayes.

Treasurer Report: Price reported on CDs and bank accounts as of 11-30-2024. Report received as read.

Planning & Zoning Report: 1.) Zoning Administrator, Tim Cypher, issued the following permits/approvals in November: 1) 2 new dwellings-Misty's Tr. and Timber View Tr. 2) Porches-Dunns Farm Rd. 3) Replacement of antennas on cell tower-Benzonia Tr.

Supervisor Report: 1.) Fire Chief Ferguson, while on vacation, sent an email regarding the one bid received on the sale of Empire's 2003 fire engine. The Chief noted that the Traverse City Fire Department offered to pay \$2500 for the vehicle for use in their training center. The Board decided further information was needed from the Chief. Motion was made by Noonan; support-Wiejaczka to table this discussion until Chief Ferguson could give further information regarding price negotiations. 2.) After discussion, motion was made by Wiejaczka; support-Noonan to change the monthly Board meetings from 7:30 pm to 7:00 pm. All ayes. 3.) Supervisor Hendricks recommended that Casey Noonan be appointed as the township board's liaison to the Planning Commission and recommended that Kent Wiejaczka be appointed to the Planning Commission to serve the remainder of Duane Shugart's term.

All business being concluded the meeting was adjourned by the Supervisor at 7:55 p.m. In the absence of the Township Clerk these minutes were taken by Trustee Wiejaczka and transcribed by Clerk Neiswonger.
Christine M. Neiswonger, Clerk

December 16, 2024

Empire Township Board-Special Meeting

Supervisor Hendricks called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. at the Township Hall. Also present were members Noonan and Wiejaczka. Absent: Price and Neiswonger. Purpose of the meeting was to discuss the recent absence of Clerk Neiswonger due to a medical situation.

After discussion with Attorney Timothy Figura, decision was made to appoint a temporary clerk during the clerk's absence. A resolution was prepared by Attorney Figura. Motion was made by Noonan; support-Wiejaczka to adopt the resolution, as presented, appointing Micah Deegan as Empire Township Temporary Clerk. Roll call vote taken: Ayes: Noonan, Wiejaczka, and Hendricks. Nays: None.

All business being concluded, the meeting was adjourned by the Supervisor at 6:04 p.m. In the absence of the Township Clerk these minutes were taken by Trustee Wiejaczka and transcribed by Clerk Neiswonger.
Christine M. Neiswonger, Clerk