

July 9, 2024

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 Neiswonger, Price and Deegan. Absent: Casey Noonan. Motion-Deegan; support-Price to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2024 regular meeting and June 13, 2024 special meeting as written. All ayes.

Assessor Report: A July Board of Review will not be held due to lack of business.

Treasurer Report: Price reported on CDs and bank accounts as of 06-30-2024. Report received as read.

Planning & Zoning Report: 1.) Zoning Administrator, Tim Cypher, issued the following permits/approvals in June: 1) New dwelling-Honeybee Rd. 2) New dwelling-Honeybee Rd. 3) New Dwelling-Dunns Farm Rd. 4) Solar array-Kitlinger Rd. 5) Two land divisions. 2.) Micah Deegan reported that the Glen Lake Manor's site plan review public hearing brought up some concerns such as beach use, special events, and a market on the property. Planning has set a July 17<sup>th</sup> special meeting to review comments.

Supervisor Report: 1.) The Board reviewed the Empire Business Association Special Event application for the 9/21/24 Empire Hill Climb submitted by Paul Skinner. After discussion, motion was made by Deegan; support-Price that the Empire Township Board approves the 2024 Empire Business Association's Empire Hill Climb Special Event application, contingent on a favorable review and approval and receiving the report from the Leelanau County's Emergency Management Director in a timely manner before the race. All ayes. Clerk will submit the road closure application to the Road Commission. 2.) Supervisor gave a brief update on the kitchen remodel. The walls are done, but most of the work must wait until the flooring arrives and is installed. Amelia Vanderberg asked if she could have the old kitchen sink if the township was going to dispose of it. Motion-Neiswonger; support-Deegan to give Amelia Vanderberg the old kitchen sink that was marked for disposal. All ayes.

Clerk Report: 1.) Motion-Deegan; support-Price to pay July 2024 monthly bills as presented and attached. All ayes.

Final Business: 1.) Fire Chief, Bryan Ferguson reported on monthly fire department operations. He mentioned that ESAC approved the purchase of a new mini pumper truck.

All business being concluded the meeting was adjourned by the Supervisor at 7:55 p.m.

Christine M. Neiswonger, Clerk