

March 14, 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 February 14, 2023 regular meeting and the February 15, 2023 special meeting as written. All ayes.

Assessor Report: The Board of Review heard fourteen appeals at their March meetings.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Price reported on CDs and bank accounts as of 02-28-2023. Report received as read.

Planning & Zoning Report: 1.) Zoning Administrator, Tim Cypher, issued the following permits/approvals in February: 1) Two accessory buildings and a deck-Kitlinger Road. 2.) Trustee Micah Deegan noted that planning would be holding a public hearing on 04-18-23 on the Master Plan update. The next step is to receive Township Board approval to send the draft to the County Planning Commission for their review. Micah also noted that Duane Shugart is the new planning chair with Dick Figura becoming a regular member.

Supervisor Report: Email was received from Stan Kryder of the Glen Lake Association requesting that the township contribute \$2500.00 to the association in the next fiscal year towards the defense of invasive species in the Glen Lakes. Motion-Carl Noonan; support-Deegan to contribute \$2,500 to the Glen Lake Association in the upcoming fiscal year towards the defense of invasive species in the Glen Lakes. All ayes. Clerk will add the amount to the 2023/2024 proposed budget.

Clerk Report: 1.) Board was updated on the Empire Museum's request to receive some type of legal document from the township regarding their ownership of the buildings and contents in relation to insurance coverage. Tim Figura was working on the best way to approach this request. As an initial first step, a motion was made by Casey Noonan; support-Deegan to hire surveyor Zachary Baker, and if not available another surveyor, to survey the fire station lot and clearly mark all structures, including septic systems, on the lot. All ayes. 2.) Motion-Deegan; support-Casey Noonan to pay March 2023 monthly bills as presented and attached. All ayes.

Final Business: 1.) Fire Chief Ferguson reported that the union contract is almost complete.

All business being concluded the meeting was adjourned by the Supervisor at 8:17 p.m.

Christine M. Neiswonger, Clerk