

September 10, 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 Casey Noonan, Neiswonger, Price and Deegan. Motion-Casey Noonan; support-Deegan to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2024 regular meeting as written. All ayes.

Assessor Report: Resignation letter was received from Assessor Pam Zientek, effective 12-31-2024. The Board acknowledged the excellent job Pam has done through the years. Motion-Deegan; support-Casey Noonan to accept Assessor Pamela Zientek's resignation as of 12-31-2024, with regrets. All ayes.

Campground Report: Manager Yolanda Bertaud was present with a detailed report on this year's campground activity. A letter was read from camper Dr. Galardi praising Yolanda's management of the campground. Dr. Galardi asked that his letter be kept in mind during Yolanda's annual review.

Treasurer Report: Price reported on CDs and bank accounts as of 08-31-2024. Report received as read.

Planning & Zoning Report: 1.) Zoning Administrator, Tim Cypher, issued the following permits/approvals in August: 1) Six new dwelling land use permits: Jonathon Ct., Stormer Rd., Whitney Ct., MacFarlane Rd., Voice Rd., Honeybee Rd. 2) Solar panels-High Hill Tr. 3) Garage-Hermies Pass 4) Deck-Beeman Rd. 5) Garage, Deck, Porch-MacFarlane Rd. 6) Basement. 2.) Board thanked Micah Deegan and the Planning Commission's successful completion of the initial Glen Lake Manor's site plan review, noting the lengthy process the review required.

Supervisor Report: 1.) Supervisor reported that hopefully the kitchen update will be done by the end of the month.

Clerk Report: 1.) Board reviewed Form L-4029, the 2024 Tax Rate Request from County Equalization. The form allowed 0.4169 to be levied for general operating costs and allowed up to 6.6364 to be levied for fire department operations. After discussion and review of money that would be needed to fund next year's Fire Department expenses, a motion was made by Deegan; support-Casey Noonan to levy 0.4169 for general operations and levy 4.5000 for fire department operations. All ayes. 2.) Board reviewed the 2024/2025 budget for amendments. Motion-Deegan; support-Casey Noonan to make the following amendments to the 2024/2025 budget: Transfer \$7,725.00 from GF Prior Surplus to: Clerk Pension-525 and Clerk Equipment/Computer-2,800; Election Equipment-900; Insurance-3,500. Transfer \$4,100.00 from FF Prior Surplus to: Capital Outlay-4,100. Transfer \$4,000.00 from CGF Prior Surplus to: Insurance-2,400 and Repair/Maintenance-1,600. Transfer \$1,000.00 from CF Prior Surplus to: Insurance-1,000. and Transfer \$14,100.00 from EAF Prior Surplus to: 14,100- Repair/Maintenance. All ayes. 3.) Motion-Deegan; support-Casey Noonan to pay September 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 new ambulance for Station #2 with a possible delivery date in 2026.

All business being concluded the meeting was adjourned by the Supervisor at 8:08 p.m.

Christine M. Neiswonger, Clerk