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## **Calvin Township Regular Board meeting**

**WM. J. Robinson Community Center**

**18727 Mt. Zion St.**

**PO Box 305**

**Cassopolis, MI 49031**

**December 10, 2024**

### **Minutes of November 12, 2024**

Supervisor Adrienne Glover called the Calvin Township Board Meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Clerk Michelle Anderson gave the opening prayer, the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Board members present were as follows, Adrienne Glover-Supervisor, Michelle Anderson- Clerk, Keith Carter- Trustee and Rosemary Gillam-Treasurer. Absent:Rebecca Mitchell-Trustee.

**Agenda:** Approval of regular meeting agenda, motion by Rosemary Gillam-Treasurer , 2nd by Trustee Keith Carter Motion carried.

**Visitors:** Eight visitors were present.

**Public comments:** 25 year resident James Weaver on Brownsville St. did not understand why he was sighted for blight and has to go to court regarding his property. He was directed to attend the court hearing on Friday and bring additional concerns to the board.

Pete Anderson on Day Lk addressed concerns regarding the denial of a land split. Incorrect information on the website and appropriate steps to take on a land split needs to be clear and modified. After paying expenses and being misdirected between two people to handle a split and then it was denied, is not ok. This was over a 4 month process and never should have gotten that far. The zoning administrator was very unprofessional. If it is in the township or Cass county's plan to improve housing our zoning regulations need to be addressed and modified.

**Minutes:** Approval of October minutes, motion by Trustee Keith Carter, 2nd by Rosemary Gillam-Treasurer. Motion Carried.

**Treasurer Report:** Treasurer report as approved Motion by trustee Keith Carter, 2nd by Clerk Michelle Anderson general fund checks 10526-10547 and receipts 680857-680877. Winter taxes will be mailed December 1st. Agreed no newsletter because of lack of information.

### **Reports:**

**Commissioner:** RJ Lee reported Congratulated the clerks on a successful smooth election, 78% voter turnout in Cass county. Sheriff Roach's pay increased to make up for the difference in the new position. State material management committee partnership something that was required and now the state does not want to fund all of its possible 90,000 bill. Looking at substance abuse in the workplace regarding marijuana.

**Assessor:** Trustee Keith Carter read the report-report available upon request.

**Fire:** Trustee Keith Carter read the report-report available upon request.

**Ambulance-** Trustee Keith Carter reported- available upon request. Four townships approved paying \$2,000 each as a one time payment to Newberg Township for their ambulance help and service.

**Inspectors or Zoning Administrator:** Trustee Keith Carter read the zoning report-reports available upon request.

**CAUA:** Skip Dyes reported, sewage is still backing up by the library in Cass. Questioning why the lines are backing up in that location, waiting on response.

**Planning Commission** - None

**Enforcement/Blight** – Trustee Keith Carter read the report -report available upon request.

**Road Committee** – Trustee Keith Carter reported: Annual road meeting will take place in a couple weeks.

**Other reports:** Park Committee: Ed Ramsey reported at the next meeting they need to finalize a plan and layout and start on grants. Would like this information in the newsletter.

Motion by Treasurer Rosemary Gillam, 2nd by Clerk Michelle Anderson, to approve reports as given. Motion Carried.

**Old Business:**

-Calvin twp moved forward on the cell tower.

-Bids on paradise lake needed by December 1, 2024. Need to finalize keyholding as regulatory ordinance or zoning ordinance.

**New Business:**

–Congratulations to the board for the next 4 years with new Trustee, James Hershberger coming on board November 20, 2024. The board is losing REbecca Mitchell after her many years of service to the board and the township as of 2008, we are wishing her the best.

-Once the election has been certified, all board members, old or new, must be sworn in before starting their new term on November 20, 2024.

-Winter tax bills of 2024 will start the new 3 year \$75.00 per parcel road assessment.

- Present a \$800.00 bill for clean up around Township Community Center and Township Office and power washing of office building, garage and outside outhouse, etc. Paying to Nanette & DJ Goins. 20 hours @ \$40 per hour. Motion by Treasurer Rosemary Gillam, 2nd by Trustee Keith Carter, Motion Carried.

-Present addition pay for Sharon Haithcox for a week's coverage during the election window of 6 hours at \$16.50 plus mileage. Motion by Treasurer Rosemary Gillam, 2nd by Trustee Keith Carter, Motion Carried.

Bills/Obligations

MEC Phone Office/Com Ctr \$81.87/ \$50.68

MEC WIFI Office/Comm Cnt \$100/ \$70

I&M Electric \$11.39

Electrical \$2,291.20

MEC Electric office/comm Cnt  
\$104.99/\$224.48

Republic Trash \$335.00

Leader Publication \$127.92

HAAS Alarm \$99.00

Rose Pest Control \$75

Progressive (weeds) \$1,90.00

Motion by Trustee Keith Carter, 2nd by Treasurer Rosemary Gillam to pay said obligations and any standing obligations due before the next board meeting. Motion Carried.

There being no other business to come before the board the meeting stands adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Adrienne Glover, Supervisor

Michelle Anderson, Clerk