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Calvin Township Regular Board meeting

WM. J. Robinson Community Center

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September 10, 2024

Minutes of August 13, 2024

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

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

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

Visitors: Ten visitors were present.

Public comments:

Ann Matthews had a question regarding zoning on the corner of Calvin Cnt Rd. and Chain Lk. st. Do we have to read the whole blight report? Yes, it is a report. Scott Coleman wanted to know if the assessor was at the meeting. Has not been able to get a hold of her. He had a question about a parcel going back to the parent parcel. Keith stated that our assessor had an emergency and the information will be given to her.

Minutes: Approval of July minutes, motion by Trustee Keith Carter, 2nd by Trustee Rebecca Mitchell. Motion Carried.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer report as approved Motion by Trustee Rebecca Mitchell, 2nd by Trustee Keith Carter general fund checks 140445-140470 and receipts 680822-680834. Treasurer Rosemary will continue collecting taxes until September 16th. Motion by Trustee Rebecca Mitchell, 2nd by Trustee, Keith Carter. Motion Carried.

Reports:

Commissioner: RJ Lee reported township clerks did a good job with the election. Congratulations to all students in Cass County 4 students' stickers were selected. Looking at redoing the 911 call center. Narcan boxes are available. Plan on updating animal control vehicles next year. Currently working on the budget.

Assessor: None

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

Ambulance- Trustee Keith Carter reported Dowagiac ambulance service is now 24 hour service 7 days a week. Newburg township has helped out Calvin along with 3 other townships. Proposing not contracting with Newburg Township but willing to pay up to a \$2,500 flat fee for their assistance over the past 8 months. Motion by Trustee Rebecca Mitchell , 2nd by Treasurer Rosemary Gillam.

Roll Call: Rebecca Mitchell, Yes- Michelle Anderson, Yes - Adrienne Glover, Yes - Rosemary Gillam, Yes - Keith Carter, Yes. Motion Carried.

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

CAUA: Mr. Dyes reported right now speculating possibilities of what may come into the Smart Park location. CAUA, at this time plans on replacing 3 sewage pumps and waiting until what is needed in the future. As of now there is enough capacity. Mk. Dyes also shared that only 18% of Cass County residents voted in the primary making Cass County the lowest in the State of Michigan.

Planning Commission - None

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

Road Committee – Trustee Keith Carter reported: Wade Rd is completed with double chip & seal. Stewart Rd begins in fall. Just received end of year bills.

Other reports: Clerk Michelle Anderson reported on the election. Calvin did a good job and everything came out well. One situation where an out of township resident that has always voted in Calvin precinct and was listed as a voter in the QVF. It was later discovered they should have voted in Penn Township. There is nothing Calvin needs to do, it was resolved at the state level. Because there was a 1 vote difference at Penn Township a revote will take place for that position.

Motion by Treasurer Rosemary Gillam, 2nd by Trustee Rebecca Mitchell, to approve reports as given. Motion Carried.

Old Business:

-Ed Ramsey will take the keyhole or funneling ordinance to the planning commission but was hoping for it to be considered as zoning first. Will verify with our lawyer if we do an ordinance or zoning or both.

-Playground Committee formed of 5 people, if interested see a board member. A survey is available to help with ideas on what is needed. Surveys were handed out and encouraged to spread the word to get more input.

New Business:

- Comcast contract, was signed

- Resolution on Land locked property on Paradise Lake, Waiting on our attorney looking at setting a minimal bid and seal bid.
- Township received its first rental payment from Harmony Tower.

MEC WIFI & Phone Com Ctr	HAAS Alarm \$99.00
MEC Electric Com Cnt \$TBD	BSA \$729.00
MEC Electric Office \$TBD	Rose Pest Control \$75
MEC WIFI & Phone Com Ctr	Cass City Equalization \$6,435.18
Electrical Inspector \$1,193.46	

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

Correspondence: September 10th Flood map and update Flood Plains open house at the Board of Commissioners Chambers at 120 N. Broadways St. Cassopolis from 5 to 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Adrienne Glover, Supervisor
Michelle Anderson, Clerk