

AVERY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

Feb 1, 2022

6:00 PM

Supervisor Thom Seymour called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call Present: Trustee Gary McMurphy, Trustee Dawn Dobbyn, Clerk Ann Seymour, Supervisor Thom Seymour, Deputy Clerk/Clerk Diane Ives, Deputy Clerk Cynthia Damoth

Guests Terry Tidwell, Jennifer Tidwell, Deputy M Brooks

New Business

Gary motioned to rescind the resignation of Ann Seymour from January 7, 2022, Dawn seconded. Motion passed to accept Ann's resignation.

Diane Ives resigned from the deputy clerk., Dawn motioned to accept, Gary seconded. Motion passed.

Gary motioned to appoint Diane as clerk until the next election. Dawn 2nd Motion passed.

Gary motioned to accept the Jan 4th minutes. Dawn 2nd Motion passed.

Gary motioned to accept the minutes from the Jan 17th special meeting. Dawn 2nd Motion passed.

Treasurer's report

Dawn motioned to accept the treasurers report. Gary 2nd. Motion passed. Dawn asked about pay for the special meeting on the 17th and Thom explained that it was part of the salaried duties.

Gary motioned to pay the bills presented. Thom seconded. Motion passed.

Thom discussed Charter Communications requested to bring internet to the township with a no cost franchise agreement. Gary motioned to allow. Dawn 2nd. Motion passed.

ARPA Thom discussed a ARPA webinar that he attended and learned about the accounting for the funds. Further discussion about ideas on how the money can be spent. An addition to the hall, LED lighting, handicap restroom, fire proof file cabinets were are discussed.

Computer Upgrades Cynthia discussed the PC situation within the office. She and Diane recommended purchasing a new laptop for the clerks and giving the current clerks PC for Thom to use. Cynthia discussed the QuickBooks account as being outdated since 2014. A new Quickbooks acct would cost \$12.50/month for first year and \$25.00 per month next year, upgraded acct and partially available online.

Budget & Correspondence Ann reviewed the budget and correspondence. Dawn suggested that Diane get bids for the file cabinets and computer.

Bank card Cynthia asked the board to consider getting a bank card for subscriptions for the office.

Township Pension Thom motioned to put Diane and Cynthia on the pension plan right away. Dawn 2nd. Motion passed.

Clerk Gary motioned to pay Ann an hourly wage as a consultant to the clerk. Dawn 2nd. Motion passed.

Milage reimbursement has gone up \$.58.5 cents. Dawn motioned to adopt the federal increase. Gary 2nd Motion passed

Nuisance Ordinance_Thom explained that the attorney suggested that we only do a nuisance ordinance if the need arises.

Resolution for Poverty Exemption Thom suggested that adopt the feds resolution for the Poverty Exemption. Gary motioned to accept. Dawn 2nd. Motion passed.

Thom discussed the rate of inflation 5.9% Gary motioned to raise salaries to 6%. Dawn seconded . Motion passed. New pay to take effect April 1st, 2022.

Thom explained the ARPA paperwork to be done by the CPA. Gary motioned to allow. Dawn 2nd. Motion passed.

Airport board the board has citizen vacancy

Ambulance board report_Thom gave the ambulance board report. There is a new van with \$110 owed. The board is going to discuss a loan with AAACU commercial lender. 2 new hires. One EMT and one medic. Same officers on the board.

Election workers Thom explained that the election workers are not currently considered essential workers and that they don't qualify for premium pay.

Board of Review Ann Seymour was nominated to BofR by Supervisor Thom. Dawn nominated to accept and Gary 2nd. Motion passed.

Election Workers_Thom said that we need election workers. Cynthia asked the board for names of people that might be interested in helping with the election.

Fire Board Dave Utt retired at the end of the year and Cory Cullum is the new president of the board. Cory requested some money for office supplies.

MTA Thom and Ann went to the quarterly MTA meeting in Lewiston. There was a 211 spokesperson. Ann brought back fliers for 211 which offers services for people through the United Way.

MTA county chapter. Thom nominated Diane to replace Ann. Diane did not accept the nomination.

Planning Board Report No joint meeting in Feb. There is a March meeting coming up.

Zoning No report.

Zoning Board of Appeals No report.

Public comment Terry Tidwell asked why he needs to wait until Feb 28th ???

Communications Ann went through the communications for the month. Bills that were paid, board schedules for the year

Adjournment 7:49 Thom adjourned the meeting

Respectfully submitted by Diane Ives

AVERY TOWNSHIP REGULAR SPECIAL MEETING

FEBRUARY 8, 2022

10 AM

CALL TO ORDER 9:54

ROLL CALL: DAWN DOBBYN, THOM SEYMOUR, DIANE IVES

ADJOURN: 10:04

THOM MOTIONED TO PAY JERRY MCMURPHY AND KIRK DAMOTH \$250 EACH TO MOVE FIREPROOF FILE CABINETS FROM MONTMORENCY TITLE COMPANY TO THE TOWNSHIP HALL. DAWN SECONDED. MOTION PASSED WITH ALL THREE VOTING YES.

Respectively submitted by:

Diane Ives

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