

MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 17, 2024

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Brock VanOss at 9 A.M. with the pledge of allegiance. Mike Carey gave the invocation.

Roll Call: Brock VanOss, Mike Carey, George Minerick, Rose Poynter and John Leutz were present. Also in attendance were Russ Bauwens and Zach Hautala.

No Public Comment

No Board Comment

Minerick motioned to approve the Agenda which was seconded by VanOss and all members voted "aye".

Minerick motioned to accept the Minutes from December and VanOss seconded the motion. VanOss, Minerick, Carey, and Poynter voted "aye" with Leutz voting present as he was not at meeting.

Clerk' Report: Leutz presented the Payables and Payroll and after discussion, Minerick motioned to accept the Payables and Payroll with VanOss seconded and all members voted "aye". Leutz talked about the IRS increase in amount that can be paid for mileage. After a discussion, VanOss motioned to increase the mileage payment from the .655 cents we presently pay to the .67 cents that the IRS allows starting as of January 1, 2024. Minerick seconded the motion and on a voice vote, all members voted "aye". The training for the BOR was discussed and VanOss motioned to Pay the \$5.00 per person for the training in Iron Mountain not to exceed \$20.00. Minerick seconded the motion and all members voted "aye". Leutz then talked about the new Auditor contract. After discussion, Minerick motioned to accept the contract from Barry Gaudette and this was seconded by Carey and on a roll call vote, all members voted "aye". The snow plowing contract was discussed and Minerick motioned to accept the contract from Greencliff. This was seconded by Carey and on a roll call vote, all members voted "aye". The Sanitation contract was discussed but tabled due to time for more bids. The need for a Grant writer was discussed with several ideas brought up. This was tabled for further information. Leutz then talked about the February primary and what was needed. No action was taken at this time. The need for a road millage increase was discussed but no action taken and tabled. The need for Budget meeting was discussed and decided that it will be held after the next Regular Meeting.

Poynter gave the Treasurer's report.

Supervisor's Report: VanOss talked about roads and that the Way Dam Rd. project was to be done 2029/30 at the soonest. A discussion on the roads followed with no action taken at this time. VanOss then talked about the GEI proposal to write the update to the Master Plan. This was discussed by the board and Leutz made the motion to accept the plan not to exceed three thousand-nine hundred dollars (\$3,900.00). This was seconded by VanOss and on a roll call vote, Minerick, Carey, VanOss and Leutz voted "aye" and Poynter voted "nay". Motion carried. VanOss then introduced the proposal from GEI for The Recreation Grant Application. This was discussed and tabled for further discussion.

The question of increase to the Road Millage was discussed but tabled for the immediate future.

The need for a budget meeting was discussed and the Board decided to hold one after the next Regular Board Meeting on February 21, 2024.

The new Sanitation contract was discussed but no action taken to await if any other bids were received.

The Zoning report was read and discussed with no further action required.

Bauwens gave the Web Report

Bauwens gave the Planning/Zoning report with a meeting scheduled for January 22, 2024 at 6 P.M..

No Library Report

VanOss gave the Recreation Report

VanOss gave the update on the Hall and lock replacement

The Township Manual was reported to be completed

No New or Old Business

Public Comment: Zach Hautala reported on the progress of ICECA and will bring a proposal to the next Regular Board Meeting.

No Board Privilege

With no other Business to discuss, VanOss made the motion to adjourn which was seconded by Minerick with all members voting "aye".

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 A.M..