

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..

MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC MEETING

Recreational Plan Approval

January 31, 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, Rose Poynter and John Leutz were present. George Minerick was absent. Also, in attendance were Russ Bauwens and Ryan Morgan.

Brock VanOss explained the purpose for our meeting and the needed resolution for the Recreational Plan.

Brock then opened the meeting up for public comment at 9:03 am.

Bauwens talked about boat launches and better signage for recreational areas.

Brock then read the emails from John Gilner and Shirley Beck.

Public Comment was then closed at 9:14 am.

Board Privilege was opened and Mike discussed typos and can change the plans as needed through time.

With no other comments then VanOss mentioned to adjourn. Mike supported, all in favor.

tabled for the immediate future.

Meeting was then closed at 9:17 am.

MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Recreational Plan Approval

January 31, 2024

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Brock VanOss at 9:17 A.M.

Roll Call: Brock VanOss, Mike Carey, Rose Poynter and John Leutz were present. George Minerick was absent. Also, in attendance were Russ Bauwens and Ryan Morgan.

Mike Carey motioned to accept the resolution with the changes to the grammar errors. Brock VanOss supported and on a voice vote, all members present approved.

Brock VanOss motioned to adjourn, with Mike Carey seconded, and all members present voted aye.

Meeting was then closed at 9:20 am.

MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 21, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 9 **A.M.** by Supervisor Brock VanOss with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mike CareJ gave the invocation.

Roll Call: Brock VanOss, Mike Carey, George Minerick, Rose Poynter and John Leutz were all present. Also present were Russ Bauwens, Jeff Tushoski, Penny Mccumber and Zach Hautala.

No Public Comment.

Board Comment: Leutz told the Board that he and Carey would not be able to attend the next Board Meeting.

Minerick motioned to accept the agenda which was seconded by Carey and all members voting "aye".

The corrected December minutes was discussed and VanOss motioned to approve the minutes which was seconded by Minerick and all members voted "aye".

The January minutes were discussed and Minerick motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Leutz seconded and all members voted "aye"

The Special meeting for Recreation plan minutes were discussed. Carey motioned to approve the minutes with VanOss seconded. VanOss, Carey, Poynter and Leutz voted "aye" and Minerick voted present as he did not attend the meeting.

The minutes to the Recreation Plan Approval was discussed and Leutz motioned to accept the minutes which was seconded by Carey. Leutz, VanOss, Carey and Poynter voted "aye: with Minerick voting present as1ot attended to meeting.

Clerk's Report:

1. Payables and Payroll were discussed and Minerick motioned to accept as presented with Carey seconded. All members voted "aye".
2. Leutz read the correspondence.
3. Leutz went over some contracts that were up for renewal. The Crystal Falls Fire contract was discussed and the matter was tabled in order for VanOss to try to negotiate with them.
4. The old computers were discussed and decided to put the notice on the Web Site to go to the highest bidder.

The issue of Grant Writer was talked about but tabled.

I.C.E.C.A. and the \$700.00 pledge they were requesting was discussed. After the Board talked about it, a decision was made to have VanOss offer a \$400.00 pledge for the year with a report on what they will do for Mansfield Township and a yearly report. On a voice vote, all members voted "aye".

Poynter gave the Treasurer's Report. This was discussed to better inform the Board.

VanOss gave the Supervisor's Report. Land Value was discussed with no action taken at this time. Also he presented two different quotes for locks and door for the Hall. This was discussed but tabled to allow the Board Members to study the quotes. The fiber optic installation was discussed. VanOss motioned to approve the contract which was seconded by Leutz. All members voted "aye".

Zoning Report: The report was read and discussed with no action needed at this time.

Web Report: Russ Bauwens gave the Web Report

Planning/Zoning Report: Bauwens introduced the LIGHT ORDINANCE. This was discussed by the Board. Minerick motioned to approve the Ordinance and Carey seconded. VanOss, Carey, Minerick and Poynter voted "aye". Leutz voted "nay". The area around Way Dam Reservoir that is owned by W.E. Energy was discussed and if it could be zoned as Scenic or a Wilderness area. It was decided to table this until more information can be gathered.

No Library Report

Hall Report: VanOss announced that work would begin on the update to the Hall grounds in the next month.

Dawson Lake Report: No report but Leutz brought up the fact we need to get ready to open. We need to see if the caretaker still wants to work the job and to get bids on a new dock.

New or Old Business: Leutz reminded all that filing for the August primary needed to be done in April.

Public Comment: Penny Mccumber talked on the Light Ordinance and Hautala talked on the I.C.E.C.A..

Board Comment: Rose talked about the MTA and petition on Green Power.

With no other Business to discuss, Carey motioned to adjourn and seconded by Minerick with all members voting "aye". Meeting adjourned at 10:27 A.M..

BUDGET MEETING MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP

FEBRUARY 21, 2024

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Brock VanOss at 11:15 A.M..

Roll Call: Brock VanOss, George Minerick, Mike Carey, Rose Poynter and John Leutz all present

The Board decided to raise the salaries 3.2% which is the cost of living. The training pay was left the same. The Treasurer's pay was raised to \$800.00 because of the extra work for taxes.

The Board then went line by line to bring the budget into line with spending. This will be voted on at the next meeting of the Regular Board in March.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:03 P.M..

ELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING

FEBRUARY 21, 2024

Meeting called to order by VanOss at 10:30 A.M..

Roll Call: Brock VanOss, Rose Poynter and John Leutz all present. George Minerick and Mike Carey and Russ Bauwens were also present

Leutz introduced the list of Poll Workers: Russ Bauwens, Gail Bauwens, Penny Bowser, John Gilner, George Minerick and Sheri Gentz. These were approved by the Board with all members voting "aye".

Due to technical problems, the meeting was recessed for a period of time at 11:10 A.M..

The meeting was called back to order at 1:05 P.M..

Russ Bauwens did the election equipment test and the results were viewed, questions asked and the equipment was judged to be operating properly.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 P.M..

MANSFILED TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MARCH 22, 2024

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

Roll Call: Brock VanOss, George Minerick, Rose Poynter and John Leutz were present. Mike Carey was absent.

Also in attendance were Russ Bauwens, Barb Anderson, Penny McCumber, Brett Smithson and Zach Hautala.

Public Comment: Barb Anderson asked about the new sign for the Township Hall. Russ Bauwens reported on the death of Robert Dickman. Zach Hautala handed out the Iron County magazine and reported on progress of I.C.E.C. A..

Board Comment: None

Minerick motioned to accept the agenda as presented which was seconded by Poynter with all members present voting "aye".

Minerick motioned to accept the February minutes as presented which was seconded by Poynter with all members present voting "aye".

Leutz motioned to accept the Election Committee minutes as presented. This was seconded by VanOss with all members present voting "aye".

Minerick motioned to accept the Budget Meeting minutes which was seconded by VanOss with all members present voting "aye".

Clerk's report: Leutz presented the Payables and Payroll and after discussion, Minerick motioned to accept as presented which was seconded by VanOss and on a roll call vote, all members present voted "aye".

Leutz presented the FY 2025 Sanitation contract. VanOss motioned to accept the contract and Minerick seconded. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "aye".

Leutz presented the FY 2025 Fire contract with Republic Township. Minerick motioned to accept with VanOss seconded and on a roll call vote, all members present voted "aye".

Leutz presented the FY 2025 Fire contract with Sagola Township. Minerick motioned to approve with VanOss seconded and on a roll call vote, all members present voted "aye".

Leutz presented the FY 2025 Fire contract with Crystal Falls. VanOss motioned to approve with Minerick seconded and on a roll call vote, all members present voted "aye".

Leutz presented the FY 2025 Legal contract with Mouw & Celello. Minerick motioned to approve with VanOss seconded. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "aye".

Leutz presented a Resolution to accept the Budget meeting raises of 3.2% for the FY 2025. Minerick motioned to accept and VanOss seconded. On a roll call vote, all members present voted "aye".

The annual resolution for Meeting times, Bank to use and Law firm the Township will use was presented by Leutz and on a voice vote, all members voted "aye" to accept the meetings to take place on the 3ed Wednesday of the month, Co-Vantage Credit Union of Crystal Falls will be the Banking the Township will use and Mouw & Celello will be the Township Lawyers.

The election was discussed and Leutz thanked all the Poll Workers for their work. He also announced the need for two for the next election in August. The Board discussed the election and cost and the amount of residents that voted. Leutz said he was turning into the State for reimbursement for the election but no time has come from the State on payment.

Leutz then presented the Budget for the FY 2025. Minerick motioned to approve the Budget as presented and VanOss seconded and on a roll call vote, all members present voted "aye".

Poynter gave the Treasurer's Report. Minerick asked about the people who failed to pay this year. This was discussed with no action required.

VanOss gave the Supervisor's Report: The fiber optic contract was discussed but no action was needed. He talked about the unemployment audit we were in and the M-69 bridge was discussed.

Zoning Report: The report was read by Leutz with no action needed

Bauwens gave the Web Site Report.

Bauwens gave the Planning/Zoning committee report. Next meeting will be May 7th.

No Library Report

Hall Report: VanOss gave a report of the progress on the Hall with the removal of the trees and soon the new concrete and landscaping will be done depending on weather. The Hall locks were discussed with no action taken at this time and tabled for more information.

Dawson Lake Report: VanOss talked on the Recreation committee and their progress. Also the need to start getting bids for a new dock at the Lake. The need for camp fire wood to sale at the camp grounds was needed but spraying of the camp grounds was put on hold due to cost.

Old or New Business: None

Public Comment: Penny McCumber asked about the possibility of putting up Bat Houses to keep bugs down. This was discussed but no action taken. She also asked about the Wig-Wam at the lake. This was discussed with no action taken at this time.

With no more Business to discuss, VanOss motioned to adjourn which was seconded by Minerick and on a voice vote, all members present voted "aYe".

Meeting adjourned at 10:12 A.M..

MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

APRIL 19, 2024

Meeting called to order at 9:01 A.M. by Supervisor Brock VanOss with the pledge of allegiance. Russ Bauwens gave the invocation.

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

Public Comments: None

Board Comments: Minerick brought up the article in the MTA magazine that talks about the Clerks and extra work load during elections. This was discussed as well as the need for deputies. This was tabled until the next meeting to allow time to get more information.

Minerick made the motion to accept the agenda which was seconded by Leutz and on a voice vote, all members present voted "aye".

Minerick made the motion to accept the March minutes as presented which was seconded by VanOss and all members present voted "aye".

Clerk's Report: Leutz presented the Payables and Payroll. After a discussion, Minerick made the motion to accept the Payables and Payroll as presented. VanOss seconded and on a roll call vote, all members present voted "aye". Leutz then read the correspondence. Leutz then told the Board he submitted a reimbursement from the State for early voting for \$2,087.61.

Treasurer's Report: Poynter gave the treasurer's report which was discussed. No action taken.

Supervisor's Report: VanOss gave the supervisor's report. Hall #2 was discussed and tabled until VanOss could get more information.

Zoning Report: None

Web Report: Bauwens gave the update report on the web site. It was decided that the Board will update the Hall rental and then put it on the web site as well as the Sagola Dinner that they offer.

Planning/Zoning Report: Meeting on May 7th.

Library Report: None

I.C.E.C.A. Report: None

Hall Report: VanOss went over the work being done on the hall including seeding. The invoice for the new sidewalks was discussed but had been authorized in a previous meeting. The need for some rock work on the side of the Hall was discussed and Leutz made the motion to authorize the work. Minerick seconded and on a roll call vote, all members present voted "aye".

Dawson Lake Report: VanOss talked about the campsites and the work to be done before open. Bauwens said that the Iron County Guide only mentioned that we had ten sites. VanOss to contact them about the mistake and also get some quotes for a new dock for the camp grounds.

New or Old Business: None

Public Comment: None

Board Privilege: None

With no more business to discuss, Leutz made the motion to adjourn. This was seconded by VanOss and all members vote "aye".

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 A.M..

MANSFIELD TOWNSHIOP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MAY 15, 2024

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

Roll Call: George Minerick, Mike Carey, Rose Poynter, Brock VanOss and John Leutz were present.

Also in attendance were Russ Bauwens, Pam Minerick, Penny McCumber and Zach Hautala.

Public Comment: Bauwens asked about the tree planting at the Hall and was told we will get into that later. Pam commented on the Hall updates.

Board Comments: George brought up the group doing quilts for valor using the Hall. This was discussed and decided to bring it up under New or Old Business. George also brought up the destruction of documents and that we could not do it on our own. This was discussed and decided when we had enough to destroy it would be taken to be destroyed.

Minerick made the motion to accept the agenda as presented which was seconded by Leutz and all members voted "aye".

The April minutes were discussed with Carey asking to be excused from the vote as he was absent. VanOss motioned to excuse Carey from the vote which was seconded by Minerick and Leutz, Poynter, Minerick and VanOss voted "aye". Leutz then motioned to accept the minutes from April which was seconded by VanOss. Leutz, Poynter, Minerick and VanOss all voted "aye".

CLERK'S REPORT: Leutz presented the Payables and Payroll. This was discussed with some concern over the payment to the GIS and the accuracy of it. No action taken at this time with GIS. Minerick motioned to accept the Payables and Payroll which was seconded by VanOss. On a roll call vote, all members voted "aye". Leutz read the correspondence which included a request from Forest Park School to donate money to their non-alcoholic night. This was discussed and Minerick motioned to donate \$100.00 which would come out of the Alcohol Education Fund. Carey seconded and on a roll call vote, all members voted "aye". Leutz then talked about the upcoming election and the need to get the AV ballot box in place within the next two weeks. Minerick brought up the pay for the election workers and it should be raised to \$15.00 per hr. The need for deputies for Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer was discussed with a need to pay them for their work. This was tabled until next meeting for more information. The Clerk has a deputy in Lynn Fendee but no other deputies at this time. The Board will keep searching. Minerick motioned to pay the deputies \$15.00 per hour for their work which was seconded by VanOss and on a roll call vote, all members voted "aye". Leutz then presented the Guardian quote to spray the Hall. Minerick motioned to accept the contract which was seconded by VanOss and on a roll call vote, all members voted "aye". Leutz then talked about the upcoming audit on June 4th and that anyone can come to it. Also the bookkeeper will be in sometime in the next two weeks to close out the FY 2023-2024 and get ready for the F-65 report. Leutz will notify Board members on the exact date.

Leutz reported that the sign is now broken. This was discussed and VanOss will get quotes on a new electric sign.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Poynter reported on the accounts and what she plans on doing with the bookkeeper. This was discussed with no action at this time. The Hall rental agreement was discussed with no action taken at this time.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: VanOss reported that we have a problem with the lawn mower and is working on it. Leutz asked about any road work scheduled this year. Only chloride treatment is scheduled for now. Carey asked if we can have several treatments this year and VanOss will check on it. The possibility of turning Dawson Lake Road into a gravel road was discussed with VanOss to get more information on from the Road Commission. Leutz asked about the missing road signs. VanOss reported that other counties have the same problems and he is working with the Sheriff's Department. Hall #2 was discussed with no action taken at this time.

Pam Minerick gave the Zoning Report Zoning Board of Appeals to meet June 11th at 4 P.M..

Russ Bauwens gave the Web Report and reported all updates are done.

Russ Bauwens gave the Zoning/Planning Committee Report: The committee is requesting to increase meetings from four a year to six. Minerick motioned to allow them no more than six meetings a year which was seconded by Carey and on a roll call vote, all members voted "aye". The request for a "red book" for the planning committee was made and after discussion, Carey made a motion to purchase one "red book" for the committee. This was seconded by VanOss and on a roll call vote, all members voted "aye".

No LIBRARY REPORT.

ZACH HAUTALA reported on the I.C.E.C.A. updates. A seminar on short term rental is going to be given. Minerick made the motion to send Russ Bauwens and Mike Carey to it and pay the fee and mileage. This was seconded by VanOss and on a roll call vote, all members voted "aye".

RECREATION REPORT: VanOss reported nothing new as of this time.

HALL REPORT: VanOss updated on the work on the Hall and what is new. New locks and door was discussed and what kind. VanOss to get final bid. Leutz asked about a new rug for the front entrance and will get a quote. VanOss motioned to hold the bid to no more than \$3000.00. This was seconded by Carey and on a roll call vote, all members voted "aye".

DAWSON LAKE: The park is now open. The new dock was discussed and VanOss is getting bids on new dock.

NEW OR OLD BUSINESS: Minerick motioned to allow the Quilts for Valor group to use the Hall for free. This was discussed and Carey seconded and on a voice vote, all members voted "aye".

PUBLIC COMMENT: Penny McCumber asked about being an election worker. She will contact Leutz for information.

BOARD PRIVILEGE: VanOss asked to use the Hall for about a half hour for his Forrest Exploration class. This was discussed. Carey made the motion that since it was for education that he be allowed to use it free. This was seconded by Minerick with all members voting "aye".

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

Meeting ended at 11:15 A.M..

MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

JUNE 19, 2024

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

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

Public Comment: Bauwens asked to borrow a coffee maker for his family with approval of the Board.

Board Comments: George Minerick changed his e-mail address to MinerickG@gmail.com. Leutz talked about scams that were taking place on Township e-mails.

Minerick motioned to accept the Agenda with VanOss supporting and all members voted "aye".

Minerick motioned to accept the May minutes as presented and VanOss supported with all members voting "aye".

Clerk's Report: Leutz presented Payables and Payroll. After discussing Minerick motioned to approve and Carey seconded with all members voting "aye". Leutz read the correspondence with no action taken on any subject. Leutz then went over the upcoming election and the meeting on June 21st and the class on election officials. The need for a Election Committee meeting was decided to be held after the July Regular Board Meeting. The voting machine test to be held after. Leutz then discussed the audit and closing out last year's budget.

Poynter gave the Treasurer's Report. This was discussed with no action needed.

VanOss gave the Supervisor's Report: The chloride treatment was discussed with no action taken at this time. Mr. Mancess brought up problems with Frank Street and flooding due to raising the road. This was discussed but no action taken due to lack of authority from the Township. Several blight issues were then discussed with VanOss to contact the Ordinance Officer to check out the sites.

Pam Minerick gave the Zoning Report

Russ Bauwens gave the Web Report

Russ Bauwens gave the Planning/Zoning report with a meeting to be held sometime this month. The Short term rental seminar that Bauwens and Carey attended was discussed with no action taken.

Library Report: None

Hautala reported on the progress of I.C.E.C.A..

Recreation Report: None

Hall Report: VanOss updated on progress of Hall. Locks and doors were discussed with no action at this time. Leutz reported on the new outdoor carpet and that Northern Carpet wanted \$75.00 charge to

measure which would come out of the total price. This was discussed and VanOss motioned to pay and this was seconded by Minerick with all members voting "aye".

Dawson Lake Report: VanOss reported on the quotes for a new dock and was waiting on one more. This was discussed with no action taken at this time. VanOss reported several trees needed to be removed. This was discussed with the Board and Carey motioned to have VanOss remove them. This was seconded by Minerick with all members voting "aye". The state of the campgrounds was discussed with no action needed at this time.

New or Old Business: The need for a Forrest Management Plan was talked about. VanOss offered to donate his time to prepare one on all the Township property. This was discussed with VanOss motioning to complete one and Minerick seconded. Leutz, Minerick, Carey and Poynter voted "aye" with VanOss voting present.

Public Comment: None

Board Privilege: None

With no other business to discuss, Minerick motioned to adjourn. This was seconded by VanOss with all members voting "aye". Meeting adjourned at 10:15 A.M..

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

JULY 17, 2024

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

Roll Call: George Minerick, Mike Carey, Brock VanOss, Rose Poynter and John Leutz were all present. Also in attendance were Russ Bauwens, Pam Minerick and Mark Brunett.

Public Comments: None

Board Comments: None

Minerick motioned to approve the Agenda as presented which was seconded by VanOss with all members voting "aye".

Minerick motioned to approve the June minutes as presented and was seconded by VanOss with all members voting "aye".

Clerk's Report: Leutz presented the Payables and Payroll and after discussion, Minerick motioned to approve them as presented. VanOss seconded and all members voted "aye". There was no correspondence to read and Leutz then went over the upcoming election. This was discussed including the early voting and our second Tabulator being signed over to Bates Township. The end of the FY 2023-2024 year was discussed with no further action taken.

Poynter gave the Treasurer's Report. This was discussed with no action needed at this time.

VanOss gave the Supervisor's Report: No action on roads at this time.

Pam Minerick gave the Zoning Report: This was discussed with no action needed.

Web Report: Russ Bauwens gave the web update.

Planning/Zoning Report: Russ Bauwens gave the committee update. The next meeting is to be held on July 23, 2024. Bauwens and Carey discussed the short term rental seminar they attended. Solar Power and Short Term Rentals were discussed by the Board and members in attendance. No action is needed at this time.

Library Report: None

I.C.E.C.A. Report: None

Recreation Report: None

Hall Report: VanOss went over the bids on a new sign. This was discussed and Minerick motioned to accept the bid from C.J. Graphics for the 53x36 electronic sign for no more than \$2,635.00 and the software for an additional \$990.00. This was seconded by Carey and all members voted "aye". VanOss then presented the bids on Hall locks. Carey motioned to accept the quote from UP SECURITY for new locks not to exceed \$2,360.00. Minerick seconded the motion and all members voted "aye". Leutz

presented the bids on carpet for the front steps to the Hall. Minerick motioned to accept the bid from NORTHERN FLOOR AND CARPETING not to exceed \$1462.00. This was seconded by VanOss with all members voting "aye".

Dawson Lake Report: VanOss went over bids on a new dock for the campgrounds but was waiting for one more. This was tabled until the next meeting.

Old or New Business: VanOss brought up the problem of blight on Franks Rd. The report from the Ordinance Officer was read and pictures were gone over by the Board. After discussion, the Board determined it was blight and decided to have the Ordinance Officer send a registered letter to have it cleaned up and give a 30 day time before a fine would be charged. This was motioned by VanOss and seconded by Minerick with all members voting "aye".

Public Comment: None

Board Comments: Minerick asked the Board for a moment of silence for the passing of long time Board member Dryjanski. This was done.

With no new or old business to discuss, VanOss motioned to adjourn with Minerick seconding and all members voting "aye".

Meeting adjourned at 10:18 A.M..

ELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING July 17, 2024

Meeting called to order by VanOss at 10:25 A.M.

Roll Call: Brock VanOss, Rose Poynter and John Leutz all present. Russ Bauwens was also present.

Leutz introduced the list of Poll Workers: Russ Bauwens, Gail Bauwens, Penny Bowser, and Sheri Gentz. These were approved by the Board with all members voting "aye".

Russ Bauwens did the election equipment test and the results were viewed, questions asked and the equipment was judged to be operating properly.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 A.M.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

AUGUST 21, 2024

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

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

Public Comments: None

Board Comments: None

Agenda: VanOss motioned to add November meeting to the agenda. Carey motioned to accept the agenda with the addition which was seconded by Minerick and all members voted "aye".

Minerick motioned to accept the minutes of the July meeting as presented and was seconded by Carey with all members voting "aye".

The Payables and Payroll were discussed and Minerick motioned to accept as presented which was seconded by VanOss with all members voting "aye".

Clerk's Report: Leutz went over the correspondence received for the month with no action needed. He then went over the election and expense. The question of training time for training a new chairperson was discussed and the Board approved the extra expense. The just completed Audit was discussed and the problems with finding auditors. The Township will keep looking. Leutz then presented a letter he received from a Township person on the possibility of a recycle center. This was discussed but due to the expense and problems it was decided not to do at this time but the Board will look into the possibility of having a special pick up once or twice a year. The Blight problem on Franks Road was discussed and a letter will be sent to bring the property up to standards.

Treasurer's Report: Poynter gave the treasurer's report which was discussed by the Board. The question of trash bags was brought up. This was discussed weather we need to increase the price as we have not had a price increase since 2007. The Board agreed to hold the price.

Supervisor's Report: VanOss reported that the dust control has been completed and the chip seal on Wright and part of Way Dam Road have been completed. The problem with the mowing of the road sides were discussed with VanOss to talk to the Road Commission. VanOss reported that the Mansfield Township sign has been put up on Channing Road and the one on Fence River Rd. soon. VanOss received a request to have a dumpster put at Lake Ellen. This was discussed in detail but due to the expense and the inherent problems, the Board decided not to pursue.

Zoning Report: Leutz handed out the monthly report with no action needed.

Web Report: Bauwens gave the web report. Minerick mentioned that Russ was doing a great job at keeping the site up to date.

Planning/Zoning Committee: Bauwens gave an update on what was being done. This was discussed with the Board. No action needed at this time.

Library Report: None but Leutz reported he had the monthly meeting minutes if anyone was interested.

I.C.E.C.A. Report: Zach gave the updates and answered questions.

Recreation Report: VanOss gave the recreation report.

Hall Report: VanOss is waiting on a time for the new door and locks to be replaced. Leutz reported that the new carpet for the entrance was in place.

Dawson Lake Report: VanOss reported he was still waiting on the last quote for a new dock. Leutz then reported the need for new barrels for the campgrounds and a dumpster for the caretaker. Minerick reported he had some plastic barrels he would donate and would bring one in at the next meeting for the Board to look at. The dumpster was discussed and the Board will implement it next year. The need for safety equipment was discussed and the Board will look into it for next year.

The November Board meeting was discussed and due to circumstances, it would be moved to noon on November 20th with all Board members voting "aye".

Old or New Business: The Township's annual Picnic was discussed and it was decided it would be on September 22, 2024 from 2P.M. to 5 P.M.. Minerick mentioned he had door prizes he would donate.

Public Comment: None

Board Comment: None

With no other business to discuss, Minerick motioned to adjourn which was seconded by Leutz and all members voting "aye".

Meeting adjourned t 11:14 A.M..

MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

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

Roll Call: Brock VanOss, Mike Carey, George Minerick, Rose Poynter and John Leutz were all present.

Also in attendance were Russ Bauwens and Tammy Hendrickson and Zach Hautala.

Public Comment: None

Board Comment: None

Agenda: Leutz made the motion to accept the agenda as presented which was seconded by Minerick and all members voted "aye"

The August minutes were presented and Minerick made the motion to approve the minutes as presented which was seconded by Carey and all members voted "aye".

Assessor: VanOss read the letter of resignation from Abby Taylor from the position of Township Assessor. This was discussed and VanOss motioned to accept the resignation as of September 30, 2024. This was seconded by Minerick and all members voted "aye". VanOss then presented two applications for the position. Each were discussed by the Board with questions asked of Hendrickson. Minerick motioned to accept Hendrickson for the position of Township Assessor at the same pay rate as the past Assessor and to start as of October 1, 2024. This was seconded by Carey and on a Roll call vote, all members voted "aye".

Clerk's Report: Leutz presented the Payables and Payroll. After discussion, Minerick motioned to accept them as presented. VanOss seconded and all members voted "aye". Leutz then read the correspondence with no action needed. The minutes of the Election Committee were discussed and VanOss requested that the adjournment time be added. This was done and Minerick motioned to accept the minutes with VanOss seconded. All members voted "aye". Leutz then discussed the upcoming election and the reimbursement from the state. The F-65 report was then discussed with no action needed. The Budget was discussed and the Board decided to start the Budget process in December of this year with the first meeting to be determined later. The need for a snow plowing contract was discussed and the Board to find a new contractor. The Blight problem on Franks Rd. was discussed and should be resolved.

Treasurer's Report: Poynter gave her report and the need to reinvest some of the road fund was discussed. Poynter to reinvest in a 7 month CD.

Supervisor's Report: VanOss gave his report on roads.

Zoning Report: Pam Minerick's report was read and discussed with no action taken.

Web Report: Russ Bauwens gave the report on the Web Site.

Planning/Zoning Committee Report: Bauwnes reported that the next meeting was to be held later this month and the need to find a new representative before January 1, 2025. This was discussed with no action taken at this time.

Library Report: None

I.C.E.C.A. Report: Zach Hautala reported on the progress of I.C.E.C.A..

Recreation Report: VanOss gave the update on the progress of the committee and that they would have a short meeting Sunday, September 22, 2024.

Hall Report: VanOss reported the new outside door and the progress of new locks.

Dawson Lake Report: VanOss reported on the quotes for the new dock. These were discussed with some new information requested. No action taken at this time. Leutz and VanOss reported on the water sample from Dawson Lake. Leutz reported that he is trying to find a grant the Township can apply for to get some new safety equipment for the campgrounds. The barrels that Minerick brought were discussed and VanOss to talk with campground caretaker about them.

November Meeting: A reminder that the November Meeting is moved from 9 A.M. to Noon.

Old or New Business: The Township picnic was discussed.

Public Comment: None

Board Comment: Poynter brought up the idea of have game nights for the people at the Hall. This was discussed and Poynter to present a plan.

With no new or old business to discuss, Minerick motioned to adjourn which was seconded by Carey and all members voting "aye". Meeting adjourned at 10:38.

MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

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

Roll Call: Brock VanOss, Mike Carey, George Minerick, Rose Poynter and John Leutz were all present.

Also in attendance were Russ Bauwens and Tammy Hendrickson and Zach Hautala.

Public Comment: None

Board Comment: None

Agenda: Leutz made the motion to accept the agenda as presented which was seconded by Minerick and all members voted "aye"

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Old or New Business: The Township picnic was discussed.

Public Comment: None

Board Comment: Poynter brought up the idea of have game nights for the people at the Hall. This was discussed and Poynter to present a plan.

With no new or old business to discuss, Minerick motioned to adjourn which was seconded by Carey and all members voting "aye". Meeting adjourned at 10:38.

MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING

OCTOBER 16, 2024

Meeting called to order at 9 A.M. by Supervisor Brock VanOss 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, Pat Minerick and Zach Hautala.

Public Comment: None

Board Comment: Minerick asked VanOss to extend a thank you to the Iron County Road Commission for their quick work on a culvert problem in the Fence Lake area. No other comments.

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

Minerick motioned to accept the minutes from September, 2024, and Carey seconded with all members voting "aye".

Assessor: VanOss spoke on the BSA program to search for information on land parcels in the Township. This was discussed and on a motion from VanOss to accept the contract at no cost for the Township. Minerick seconded the motion and all members voted "aye".

Clerk's Report: Leutz went over the monthly Payables and Payroll. After discussion, Minerick motioned to accept them as presented. VanOss seconded and all members voted "aye". Leutz went over correspondence with no action needed. Leutz then went over the upcoming election.

Treasurer's Report: Poynter went over her report. Carey asked about a difference in the Audit and F-65 report. This was discussed and VanOss okayed Carey to contact the bookkeeper on the question.

Supervisor's Report: VanOss went over the roads and problems of repair costs. VanOss presented the snow plowing contract for the upcoming year at \$50.00 plow. Minerick seconded and all members voted "aye". VanOss then talked about a problem with the gate posts at Dawson Lake. This was discussed and it was decided that no action was needed at this time. The blight problems on Frank Road was discussed and since there was progress on both sites, no further actions were needed at this time. Carey brought up the need for all the counties to work together to help each other. No action was needed at this time.

Pam Minerick gave the Zoning Report.

Russ Bauwens gave the Web Report.

Russ Bauwens gave the Planning/Zoning Report.

Library Report: None

Zach gave the update on the work or the I.C.E.C.A..

Recreation Report: VanOss reported no action at this time.

Hall Report: VanOss gave a report on the progress of new locks and on the new sign. This was discussed with no action needed at this time.

Dawson Lake: VanOss reported on the trash barrels for the campgrounds. He thanked Minerick for the donation of the barrels.

The Board was reminded that the November Regular Board Meeting was moved to noon from 9 A.M..

Old or New Business: None

Public Comment: None

Board Comment: Carey asked about the Highline fiber optics. This was discussed and Carey would call and see about getting it in the Lake Ellen area.

With no other business to discuss, Minerick motioned to adjourn. VanOss seconded and all members voted "aye". The meeting was adjourned at 10:39 A.M..

John Leutz, Township Clerk

MANSFIELD ELECTION COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 16, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Brock VanOss at 11:00 A.M.

Roll Call: Brock VanOss, Rose Poynter and John Leutz were present. Also in attendance was Russ Bauwens.

Leutz went over the poll workers: Russ Bauwens, Gail Bauwens, John Gilner, Penny McCumber, Penny Bowser and Sheri Gantz.

VanOss motioned to accept the workers and Leutz seconded and all members voted "aye".

With no other business to discuss VanOss motioned to adjourn for the election machines test. Leutz seconded and all members voted "aye".

Meeting was adjourned at 11:03 A.M..

John Leutz

Mansfield Township Clerk

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER 20, 2024

All Board Members were sworn in and signed the Oath of Office.

Meeting called to order at 12 P.M. by Supervisor Brock VanOss with the pledge of allegiance. Mike Carey gave the invocation.

Roll Call: Brock VanOss, Mike Carey, George Minerick, Rose Poynter and John Leutz were all present. Zach Hautala.

Zoning Report: Pam Minerick brought up a request for a land split. This was discussed with no action needed at this time.

Public Comment: None

Board Comment: VanOss brought up a request from the Mansfield Memories to use the Hall free for choir practice. This was discussed with Leutz mentioned that this was decided at an earlier meeting that they could. VanOss motioned to allow them use of the Hall free with Minerick seconding and all members voted "aye". Leutz brought up that the term for Board of Review was up December 31st. VanOss would check with the present members to see if they were interested in another term.

Agenda: Minerick motioned to approve the Agenda as presented which was seconded by VanOss with all members voting "aye".

VanOss motioned to accept the October meeting minutes which were seconded by Minerick with all members voting "aye". Leutz motioned to accept the Election Minutes with VanOss seconding and all members of the committee voting "aye".

Assessor Report: Henderickson went over the progress she had made and where she was going on different projects. The Pivot Point App was discussed and the benefits it could bring to the Township. Minerick motioned to approve the cost of \$750.00 for one year. VanOss seconded and on a voice vote, all members voted "aye".

Clerk's Report: The payables and payroll were discussed and Minerick motioned to accept them as presented with VanOss seconding. All members voted "aye". Leutz presented a bill from Election Source for \$105.00 from the election and asked for approval from the board. All members voted "aye". Leutz went over the month's correspondence. Leutz went over the election results and the few problems that were encountered. He then thanked the poll workers for the efforts. He reported on the money the State of Michigan had reimbursed us for the February primary and what to expect from the August primary.

Treasurer's Report: Poynter went over her report which was discussed. The possibility of a yearly audit was discussed with Leutz to get information from our bookkeeper. The deputy position was discussed with VanOss and Carey to talk to some people interested.

Supervisor's Report: VanOss talked about the County's four year plan and how it will effect the Township's roads. No action required at this time. The Constable position was discussed. This was tabled for more information.

Web Report: Bauwens talked on the progress of the Web Site.

Planning/Zoning Report: Bauwens reported the progress and that two terms were up on December 31st. He would continue but we needed one new member. The Board will seek another member.

Library Report: None

I.C.E.C.A. Report: Hautala reported on their progress and about grants that were given.

Recreation Report: VanOss reported that their next meeting would be December 10th at 5:30 P.M. and they would be talking about possible grants.

Hall Report: VanOss reported on the new locks for the doors at the Hall. All are now installed and the new door installed. Leutz reported on some documents that needed to be destroyed. Carey will take to be destroyed.

Dawson Lake: VanOss reported on the progress of the new trash barrels. The new dock was discussed and tabled for the January meeting.

Old or New Business: Leutz then asked about the Budget Meetings that the Board wanted to start. This was discussed and the first meeting will be held January 27th at 9 A.M.

Public Comment: None

Board Privilege: Minerick talked about the need to find more people to work on projects.

With no further business to discuss, Leutz motioned to adjourn which was seconded by Minerick and all members voting "aye". Meeting adjourned at 2:03 P.M.

John Leutz, Township Clerk

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

DECEMBER 18, 2024

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

Roll Call: George Minerick, Mike Carey, Brock VanOss, Rose Poynter and John Leutz were present.

Also present were Russ Bauwens and Zach Hautala.

Public Comment: None

Board Comment: VanOss talked about the Mansfield Township Christmas party and asked to send a thank you card which the board approved.

Agenda: VanOss asked to add DNR grant and Blight to the agenda. Minerick made the motion to accept the agenda with the additions which was seconded by Carey and all members voted "aye".

November Minutes: Minerick motioned to accept the minutes as presented which was seconded by VanOss and all members voted "aye".

Assessor Report: VanOss gave the assessor's report. A resolution on amended guidelines for poverty exemption was introduced. This was discussed and a decision to table for clarification was decided on by the Board.

Clerk's Report: Leutz presented the Payables and Payroll. This was discussed and Minerick motioned to accept as presented which was seconded by VanOss with all members voting "aye". Leutz then talked about his discussion with the bookkeeper about a yearly audit instead of two years. This was discussed and Carey asked if he could talk to the bookkeeper about some of the financials. This was discussed and the Board decided that due to the cost, he could with prior discussion with VanOss. Leutz then informed the Board that the Township had been reimbursed for the February and August primaries and he had filed for the reimbursement for the November election. Leutz asked for the okay from the Board to purchase antivirus for the Clerk's computer. This was discussed but due to the low cost a vote was not needed and the Board approved.

Treasurer's Report: Poynter gave the financial report. This was discussed with no action needed at this time.

Supervisor's Report: VanOss talked about his meeting with the Iron County Road Commission and what was planned for the future for the roads. Way Dam and Old M-69 were planned for 2029 or 2030. VanOss reported that all three Board of Review members would like to return. VanOss motioned to reappoint them which was seconded by Carey with all members voting "aye".

Zoning Report: The zoning report was read and discussed with no action needed

Web Report: Bauwens gave the web progress.

Planning/Zoning report: Bauwens said the next meeting was scheduled for January 22, 2025 at 4 P.M. Leutz then presented a letter from George McCumber requesting appointment to the Planning/Zoning committee for the empty seat. Minerick motioned to accept and Carey seconded with all voting "aye".

Library Report: None

I.C.E.C.A. Report: Hautala gave his report on their progress.

Recreation Report: VanOss discussed the DNR grant. He discussed GEI writing the grant proposal. This was discussed and Carey motioned to accept the contract for \$ 3,500.00. VanOss seconded and on a voice vote, all members voted "aye". Minerick brought up that we had paid GEI a deposit in the past and asked to have VanOss check on this which he said he would.

Hall Report: Leutz brought up the document destruction that was needed and Minerick and Carey agreed to try to help. VanOss brought up a Wifi to control the temperature in the Hall so that the caretaker would not have to make a special trip. This was discussed and due to the low cost no vote was needed. VanOss then talked about the door that needs fixing.

Dawson Lake: The Campground is closed now. The need to keep it open this late was discussed and Carey motioned to close it next year at the end of October. Minerick seconded and all members voted "aye". The dock for the campgrounds again was discussed but tabled until we work with GEI.

Old or New Business: VanOss talked about the blight complaint on Phalen and Franks Road. This was discussed and due to illness with the land owners it was decided to send a letter giving them to April 30, 2025 to clean the property up. The blight on Frank Road was discussed. Due to no action being taken by the property owner it was decided to send a letter January 2nd that fines would start on February 1, 2025 if action isn't taken. These motions were made by VanOss and seconded by Leutz with all members voting "aye". The next Board meeting was discussed and due to two members not being able to be there a motion by VanOss to move it to January 22, 2025 at 9 A.M. which was seconded by Carey with all members voting "aye".

Public Comment: Bauwens asked about the sign. VanOss talked about what was needed and what has been done.

Board Comment: None

With no other business to discuss, VanOss motioned to adjourn which was seconded by Carey with all members voting "aye". Meeting adjourned at 10:24 A.M.

John Leutz, Township Clerk