

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MARCH 19, 2025

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

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

Also present were: Russ Bauwens, Robb Anderson, George McCumber, Penni McCumber and Zach Hautala.

Public Comment: None

Board Comment: None

Agenda: VanOss asked to move the Recreation Report to be before the Budget Report. This was seconded by Minerick and all Board Members voted "aye".

The February Minutes were presented and Minerick made the motion to accept as presented which was seconded by VanOss and all members voted "aye".

Recreation Report: VanOss presented the Dawson Lake Improvements Grant Proposal. This was discussed with Robb Anderson. The main topic was the percentage of monies or labor Mansfield Township would provide. Carey made the motion to proceed with 30%. Minerick seconded the motion. Leutz then talked about the money that would take out of the Township. Anderson said the money would probably be over a period of time. On a Roll Call vote, all members voted "aye". This was presented in Resolution #2025-2.

Budget: The budget was discussed with Leutz asking to increase the Election Salaries to \$750.00, the Election Supplies to \$400.00, the Programming Fees to \$150.00 and Election Printing and Publishing to \$100.00 due to a needed election in August.

Public Comment: None

Board Comment: Carey would like to have a Budget Meeting again in May. Minerick made the motion to approve the Budget with amendments and was seconded by VanOss and on a Roll Call vote, all members voted "aye".

Assessor Report: VanOss and Bauwens reported on the BOR meetings.

Clerk's Report: Payables and Payroll were introduced and discussed. Minerick made the motion to approve as presented which was seconded by Leutz with all members voting "aye". Leutz then went over the correspondence with no actions needed. The fire agreement with Sagola was discussed and Minerick made the motion to approve with VanOss seconding. All members voted "aye". Leutz then asked if the Board needed to look into a resolution or ordinance to charge a fee to Township members if

fire departments are called. This was discussed but no action taken and the Board will take under advisement. Leutz then introduced Resolution #2025-3, to keep Mouw & Celeslo as out law firm. This was seconded by Carey with all members voting "aye". Leutz introduced Resolution #2025-4 to keep Anderson, Tackman as out bookkeepers. Minerick seconded and all members voted "aye". Leutz introduced Resolution #2025-5 to keep Board Meetings at 9 A.M.. Minerick seconded and all members voted "aye". Leutz introduced Resolution #2025-6 to keep Co-Vantage in Crystal Falls as the Township depository. Minerick seconded with all members voting "aye". Leutz introduced Resolution #2025-7 to appoint Russ Bauwens, Gail Bauwens and Sharon Ganz to the Board of Review for a three year term. Leutz introduced Resolution #2025-8 to hold a Millage election in August. Minerick seconded and all members voted "aye". Leutz introduced Resolution #2025-9 for pay raises for the Township Board. Minerick supported and all members voted "aye". Minerick made a motion to raise all pay for people working for the Township to at least the new minimum rate of at least \$15.00 per hour. Leutz seconded and all members voted "aye". The contracts for Guardian were discussed. Leutz motioned to accept the contract for pest control of the Hall for \$600.00 for the year. Minerick seconded and all members voted "aye". After discussion it was decided not to have Dawson Lake sprayed for ticks at this time.

Treasurer's Report: Poynter gave her report. This was discussed with no action needed.

Supervisor's Report: VanOss gave his report on the roads. He then talked on the expo coming up and if anyone was interested in going. No one was. He then reported nothing new on blight problems. Leutz then reported that he had received a blight ordinance request from Charles Hegeman which he sent. Road signs were then discussed and it was decided to wait for warmer weather.

Zoning Report: VanOss read Pam Minerick's report.

Web Report: Bauwen gave his report on the progress of the web site.

Planning Committee Report: Bauwen reported on the training that the committee went through.

Library Report: Leutz reported on the letter from Judy Paul resigning from the Library board. No action needed at this time. We will put the opening on the web site.

I.C.E.C.A. Report: Hautala reported on the progress and what is happening in Iron County with the organization.

Dawson Lake Report: VanOss reported nothing going on but we will plan on opening the park on May 1, 2025 unless the weather warms up and then move it up to April 15, 2025.

Hall Report: None

Old/New Business: VanOss presented the final bill from GEI which had already been approved at a previous meeting.

Public Comment: None

Board Comment: None

With no other business to discuss, VanOss made the motion to adjourn which was seconded by Minerick and all members voted "aye".

Meeting adjourned at 10:38 A.M..

John Leutz, Mansfield Township Clerk