

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES REGULAR BOARD MEETING
CENTRAL LAKE TOWNSHIP
Wednesday, April 19, 2023, 7 p.m.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bean at 7 o'clock p.m.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

3. **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Trustee Hanlon, Treasurer Germain, Clerk Kosloski, Supervisor Bean

ALSO PRESENT: Fire Chief Chapman

EXCUSED: Trustee Marshall

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** (Limited to 3 minutes)

Undersheriff, Kevin Hoch, was present and gave the March 2023 statistical report as well as Department update.

Jarris Rubingh, Commissioner, was present and gave monthly update.

Matt Gabris, President of the DDA and member of the Chamber of Commerce was in attendance and spoke regarding the Fire Works. He asked for \$7,000 from the Township as a cost sharing not a donation. The Board stated the matter will be put on the May 2023 Agenda for consideration.

5. **AGENDA ADDITIONS**

The Clerk asked to have "Hiring of Employee" added to New Business.

6. **AGENDA APPROVAL**

Motion by Kosloski, support by Hanlon to approve the Agenda as amended.

Voice vote. All vote AYE. Motion carries.

7. **APPROVE MINUTES OF JANUARY 18, 2023 PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING**

Motion by Hanlon, support by Germain to approve both the minutes of January 18, 2023 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting minutes.

Voice vote. All vote AYE. Motion carries.

8. **APPROVE INVOICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$73,247.35 (Months of Feb/Mar/April, 2023)**

Motion by Germain, support by Hanlon to approve invoices totaling \$73,247.35.

Roll call vote. All vote AYE. Motion carries.

9. **OFFICERS REPORTS**

a. Fire Chief Bill Chapman – The March 2023 report was presented. There were a total of 19 alarms which included two fire calls, 17 rescue runs and one mutual aid assist. Training occurred with EMS, ice rescue and

truck maintenance. Fourteen EMS personnel took PEARS training which addresses pediatrics and were reclassified in CPR. Casey LaPeer and Chris Duff attended a search and rescue class at the East Jordan Fire Department.

- b. Treasurer Larry Germain – March 2023 report was available. There were no questions.
- c. Clerk Judy Kosloski – No report.
- d. Supervisor Stan Bean – His report will be discussed with the New Business matters.

10. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a. Waste Receiving Station – The Station is now operating on summer hours, every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- b. Cemetery – No issues.
- c. Facilities – No report.
- d. Access Sites – There is a split rail fence that needs repairs and will be addressed. Supervisor Bean asked if the Board would consider using a plastic chain-link type fencing just to delineate the property lines and they agreed we could install that type of fencing on one of the sites to see how it will work and last. He will obtain costs.

11. **OLD BUSINESS** - None

12. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. 2023 Fireworks Permit Approval signed by Supervisor

Motion by Kosloski, support by Bean to approve giving the Supervisor the authority to sign the 2023 Permit for Fireworks as all the necessary paperwork has been received.

Voice vote. All vote AYE. Motion carries.

- b. Contract for Fire Services with Echo Township – There has not been a signed contract between the parties since 2016. A new contract will be prepared and sent to Echo prior to their May 2023 meeting.

Motion by Germain, support by Kosloski to prepare a new Contract for Fire Services between Central Lake Township and Echo Township and forward for signing.

Voice vote. All vote AYE. Motion carries.

- c. Roads – Paving of Rushton Road – Commissioner Rubingh advised that based on our decision to pave Rushton Road, Banks Township will be paving Rushton from the end of the Township project through their Township so the entire road will be done.

Motion by Germain, support by Kosloski to use ARPA funds in the amount of \$129,519.30 and the funding from the Antrim County Road Commission in the amount of \$36,243 to continue the paving of Rushton Road through the Township to the Banks Township line.

Roll call vote. All vote AYE. Motion carries.

- d. Fire Department Debt – The Fire Department still owes the Township \$127,000 for the fire truck and ambulance that was purchased. After discussion, the Township feels it is the right thing to do to forgive the debt of \$127,000 and the auditors will be contacted to determine the correct way to have it entered into the budget.

Motion by Germain, support by Hanlon to proceed to forgive the Fire Department debt in the amount of \$127,000 and the auditors will be contacted to determine the correct way to have it entered into the budget.
Roll call vote. All vote AYE. Motion carries.

e. **HIRING OF EMPLOYEE** – This is added to the Agenda. The Township would like to hire a part time employee who will be working in the cemetery and as needed during the regular season. She will be an employee of the Township, using the Township equipment and thereby covered by our liability insurance. She is familiar with the lawn care machines. She will be laid off when the season ends. The name of the employee is Sheena Blackwell.

Motion by Germain, support by Hanlon to approve hiring Sheena Blackwell as the Township employee at the rate of \$16.00 per hour and will be laid off at the end of the season.
Voice vote. All vote AYE. Motion carries.

13. **PUBLIC COMMENT** (Limited to 3 minutes)

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Kosloski, support by Hanlon to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m.
Voice vote. All vote AYE. Motion carries.

Judy Kosloski, Clerk