

VOLINIA TOWNSHIP
CASS COUNTY, MICHIGAN
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Monday, August 12, 2024
6:30 PM

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Larry Davis at 6:31pm. Members present: Supervisor Larry Davis, Trustee Nick Seelye, Treasurer Alex Williams, Trustee Denny Grice and Clerk Annette Peters. Members absent: None.

Others present: Bob Rasmussen, Chuck Wilson, Anne Colgan, Beth Brooks, Chris Brooks, Mary Fosdick, Glenn Blough, Brenda Blough, Jamie Chambers, Deb Chambers, Sue Conklin, Jeff Hupp and Zachary Morehouse.

Prayer was given by Denny Grice.

Pledge of Allegiance was given by Larry Davis.

Minutes

The minutes from the last Regular meeting July 8, 2024, were presented. Larry Davis pointed out that the Supervisor is Larry Davis not Gwenn Johnson. Alex Williams made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction of the supervisor name; Denny Grice seconded the motion; all in favor; motion passed.

The minutes from the Truth in Taxation Hearing July 8, 2024, we presented. Nick Seelye made a motion to approve the minutes; Denny Grice seconded the motion; all in favor; motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

The July Treasurer's report was presented with a balance of \$288,422.63 in the general fund. Balances in the other funds are as shown. Receipts are as listed. High Grade Escrow is showing in the negative as they sent a payment to the township hall, and are had to re-mail it to the treasurers PO Box. Annette Peters made a motion to approve the July Treasurer's report; Nick Seelye seconded the motion; all in favor; motion carried.

Larry Davis requested a roll call vote:

- Grice - Yes
- Peters – Yes
- Davis – Yes
- Williams – Yes
- Seelye –Yes

The Board approved the July Treasurer's Report.

Bills

The July Revised bills were presented with the new total amount of \$30,632.67. Nick Seelye made a motion to approve the July revised bills; Alex Williams seconded the motion; all in favor; motion carried. Larry Davis requested a roll call vote:

Grice - Yes
Peters – Yes
Davis – Yes
Williams – Yes
Seelye – Yes

The Board approved the July Revised bills.

The August bills were presented with the total amount of \$51,076.81. Denny Grice asked if this is the final payments on the road contracts. Annette Peters said that it is. Nick Seelye asked if the Johnny’s Custom has finished the new door; Larry Davis said No; Denny said yes, per the agreement, that it did not include raising the concrete. Alex Williams made a motion to approve the August Bills; Denny Grice seconded the motion; all in favor; motion carried. Larry Davis requested a roll call vote:

Grice - Yes
Peters – Yes
Davis – Yes
Williams – Yes
Seelye – Yes

The Board approved the August Bills.

Clerk

The board has previous requested a proposed ballot language for a Headlee Override for the November 2024 Ballot. Annette Peters presented the following ballot language:

“HEADLEE OVERRIDE BALLOT PROPOSAL
FOR THE GENERAL OPERATING FUND

Shall the authorized allocated millage for the Volinia Township, Cass County, Michigan, Operating fund established at 1.0 mills (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) and currently reduced to 0.7369 mills (\$0.7369 per \$1,000 of taxable value), by the required millage rollbacks, be increased in an amount not to exceed 0.2631 (\$0.2631 per \$1,000 of taxable value) to restore the full amount of the original authorized allocated rate, for all Township purposes authorized by law; indefinitely, and shall the Township levy such additional millage? The estimated amount collected by the Township if the millage is approved for the Operating Fund is \$16,531.”

Larry Davis made a motion to approve the proposed Headlee Override Ballot Proposal ballot language for the November 2024 ballot; Alex Williams seconded the motion; all in favor; motion passed.

Cemeteries

Cemeteries are doing well. There are some trees that need cut, but storms are causing delays.

There were 2 burials last month and one more this Thursday.

Roads

County had put gravel down on Graham, Fosdick, and McKenzie and redid the chip and seal on Parker/Oak and Steven Forest Roads.

Larry asked if there was any word on CCRC patching pot holes on Penn.

Alex said that the gravel is already washing out on Fosdick and there was no dust control put down like CCRC told us they would do.

Annette said that they township supplied, third application of dust control application is supposed to be applied next week, and asked Bob to call and see if CCRC can get Fosdick fixed by then.

Fire and Ambulance Reports

There were 3 fire calls in July.

Supervisor

Larry called Beth Pompey about the 2 houses with Blight, last report was that they were working on them, but nothing was done yet.

Larry called Joe Wickey about the barns, was told that the one on LFL was red tagged, but there was no confirmation on the other 2 buildings.

Board

Alex Williams said that he will be at the Township Hall for tax collection this Saturday from 10am to 3pm. Taxes are due September 16th, 2024 and he will be here that day from 10am to 5pm.

Nick Seelye asked if we should get quotes to fix the concrete by the new door, and if it should be pumped or filled. He will get quotes for short term and long term fixes.

Denny Grice said that he has a meeting with the SIMS software on August 19, 2024 at 10am.

Annette Peters said that the Township Audit will be August 28-29, 2024

Public Comment

Chris Brooks asked when the next Planning Commission meeting is. Annette said she didn't have the dates off the top of her head, but they are posted on the board out front. Larry said that it should be August 28th or 29th.

Chris Brooks said that he did some research on Cemeteries and found that some are plotted, out township's are not. He did find cemetery records for our township up until

2007. Bob Rasmussen said that he would guarantee that the online records are not correct. Denny said that when we start with the software input we will first use the ledgers. Denny asked where Chris found these records. Chris said GEN@yahoo.com

Beth Brooks said now we have cemetery ledgers? Before it was just burlap, she needed clarification. The township has burlap maps, but ledger burial records.

Sue Conklin said that there was water leaking down the handicap ramp during the election when the storm came. Annette's going to find out if there is any kind of warranty from the roof work we had done a couple of years ago.

Brenda Blough asked when the third application of dust control is scheduled. Annette said tentatively August 19-23, weather permitting.

Annette Peters said that there someone also reported on Election Day that one of that bathroom stools keeps running. Denny said that he will get it.

Bob Rasmussen said that a guy was calling about zoning for over a week and hasn't got a call back.

Adjournment

Larry Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Denny Grice seconded the motion; all in favor; the meeting was adjourned at 7:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Annette Peters
Volinia Township Clerk