

VOLINIA TOWNSHIP
CASS COUNTY, MICHIGIAN
Minutes of Regular Meeting
Monday, January 9, 2023
6:30 PM

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Larry Davis at 6:34pm. Members present: Supervisor Larry Davis, Trustee Harry R. Rasmussen, Treasurer Doreen Williams and Clerk Annette Peters. Members absent: Trustee Don Huff.

Others present: Stacey High, Beth Brooks, Daryl Franzel, Tyler Augst and Steve Kent.

Prayer was given by Bob Rasmussen.

Pledge of Allegiance was given by Bob Rasmussen.

New Commissioner Joyce Locke was planning to attend tonight's meeting; however there was a conflict with another township meeting.

Public Comment

Tyler Augst said that the MSU Extension office is still lining up the program calendar for this year.

Stacey High said that she feels that there is no plan for the roads, even after coming to meeting for the last 8 months. Board explained that our proposed projects for the year were submitted to CCRC but we are still waiting on contacts/cost and the yearly budget. Stacey said Warner Road is NOT nicer now as a chip and seal road. They want all roads to be layover instead of chipped up. Steve Kent asked if studies have been done to see what option is better (layover vs. chipped). Stacey asked if someone from CCRC could come to our meetings. Beth Brooks asked about cost for a special election to ask for a millage.

Minutes

The minutes from the last meeting December 12, 2022, were presented. Bob Rasmussen made a motion to approve the minutes; Annette Peters seconded the motion; all in favor; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

The November Treasurer's Report was presented with a balance of \$399,389.58 in the general fund. Balances in the other funds are as shown. Receipts are as listed. Annette Peters made a motion to approve the November Treasurer's Report; Bob Rasmussen seconded the motion; all in favor; motion carried. Larry Davis requested a roll call vote:

Davis – Yes
Rasmussen – Yes
Williams - Yes
Peters – Yes

The Board approved the November Treasurer's Report.

The December Treasurer's Report was presented with a balance of \$387,479.66 in the general fund. Balances in the other funds are as shown. Receipts are as listed. Bob Rasmussen made a motion to approve the December Treasurer's Report; Annette Peters seconded the motion; all in favor; motion carried. Larry Davis requested a roll call vote:

Davis – Yes

Rasmussen – Yes

Williams – Yes

Peters – Yes

The Board approved the December Treasurer's Report.

*Stacy High would like \$200,000.00 put into CD's. Edward Jones currently has 4.5% rates.

Bills

The January Bills were presented with the total amount of \$12,600.76. Ferrellgas will be cancelled effective March 6, 2023. Doreen Williams made a motion to approve the January Bills; Bob Rasmussen seconded the motion; all in favor; motion carried. Larry Davis requested a roll call vote:

Davis – Yes

Rasmussen – Yes

Williams - Yes

Peters – Yes

The Board approved the January Bills.

Cemeteries

There was nothing new this month.

Roads

We already discussed during Public Comment. There are a few pot holes that will be called in too.

Supervisor

There is an Ambulance Authority meeting January 16, 2023 at 1pm at the Dowagiac City Hall if anyone would like to attend.

There will be ZBA reviews coming for Lehigh and Lamourax. Doug received a box on the Gravel Site permit.

Board

Doreen Williams said that we should change banks for the General Fund accounts. The last 3 months there have been issues with deposits going into wrong accounts. Bob Rasmussen made a motion to change banks for the General Funds accounts; Annette Peters seconded the motion; all in favor; motion carried. Larry Davis requested a roll call vote:

Davis – Yes
Rasmussen – Yes
Williams – Yes
Peters – Yes

The board approved changing banks for the General Funds.

Doreen Williams received a request from Finch Lake Association to use Aquatic Weed Control for their annual weed control. Annette Peters made a motion to use Aquatic Weed Control for the weed treatment on Finch Lake; Doreen Williams seconded the motion; all in favor; motion passed.

Doreen Williams plan to resign from Treasurer in March. The Board will need to appoint a new Treasurer. Alex Williams has volunteered for the position.

Doreen Williams reminded the board that Don Huff's health is unknown at the present. We need to see if you can or will step down as Trustee, and the possibility of appointing another board member to sit on the ZBA, especially with the suspected upcoming issues. Stacey stated that she or Dave would sit on a board.

Annette Peters received the insurance and warranty information from Bill's Roof Repair. Bob Rasmussen made a motion to accept the quote from Bill's Roof Repair to have the Township Hall repaired from storm damage; Doreen Williams seconded the motion; motion carried. Larry Davis requested a roll call vote:

Davis – Yes
Rasmussen – Yes
Williams – Yes
Peters – Yes

The board approved Bill's Roof Repairs quote to repair the Township Hall.

Budget

Larry has review the current budget and made some adjustments. The Local Stab. Taxes, Annette and Doreen will look into the dramatic difference in income. Annette pointed out that Larry cannot lower the board salaries (and reminded him that numbers he was looking at was for only partial fiscal year). Bob Rasmussen wants cemeteries to have its own lump project funds/budget, about \$5, 00.00, that is already on the current budget. Bob also said that he will need flag for this year, but that will go on the next fiscal year budget.

Adjournment

Doreen Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Annette Peters seconded the motion; all in favor; the meeting was adjourned at 7:28pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Annette Peters
Volinia Township Clerk