

VOLINIA TOWNSHIP
CASS COUNTY, MICHIGAN
Minutes of Special Meeting
Wednesday, November 29, 2023
6:30 PM

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Larry Davis at 6:34pm. Members present: Supervisor Larry Davis, Trustee Denny Grice, Trustee Nick Seelye, Treasurer and Clerk Annette Peters. Members absent: Alex Williams.

Others present: Beth Brooks, Chris Brooks

Prayer was given by Denny Grice.

Pledge of Allegiance was given by Larry Davis.

Fire and Ambulance Millage

Resolution to Adopt Millage Ballot Language: “Shall Volinia Township impose an increase of up to 2.0 mills (\$2.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) in the tax limitations imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution and levy it for five (5) years, effective Winter 2024 through 2028, inclusive, on all taxable property in the Township for protection services, including ambulance and medical first responder services, which 2.0 mill increase will raise an estimated \$31,640 in the first year the millage is levied?” was presented. Nick Seelye made a motion to approve the resolution; Larry Davis seconded the motion; all in favor; motion carried. Larry Davis requested a roll call vote:

Seeley – Yes

Davis – Yes

Peters – Yes

Grice – Yes

The board approved the Resolution to Adopt Millage Ballot Language.

Road Millage

Resolution to Adopt Millage ballot language: “Shall Volinia Township impose an increase of up to 3.0 mills (\$3.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution and levy it for five (5) years, effective Winter Tax 2024 through 2028, inclusive, on all taxable property in the Township for the purposes of road repairs, upgrades, construction, improvement and maintenance and pay the same to the Cass County Road Commission for such purposes, which 3.0 mills will raise an estimated \$47,406 in the first year the millage is levied?” was presented. Nick Seelye said that he believes that people will balk at 5 additional mills at one time, and suggests maybe waiting until the next election cycle. Annette Peters said that it makes sense since that would be 6 mills total if both millages passed. The resolution was tabled until next election cycle.

Ambulance Contract

The next 3 months ambulance contract of \$3,264.06 is due. Annette Peters asked if there was any word if the contract will be extended for more than 3 months at a time. Larry Davis said that he will know more after the December 4, 2023 meeting. Nick Seelye asked if there was any talk about a long term contract. Larry Davis said no, not at this time, they are hoping to add a second ambulance too. Nick Seelye made a motion to pay the ambulance contract for the next 3 months; Denny Grice seconded the motion; all in favor; motion carried. Larry Davis requested a roll call vote:

Seelye – Yes

Davis – Yes

Peters – Yes

Grice – Yes

The board approved to pay the ambulance contract for another 3 months.

Ambulance Authority Legal Fees

The Ambulance Authority received a legal fee bill for \$1959.00; Volinia Township's portion is 217.67. Annette Peters made a motion to pay Volinia Township's portion of the Ambulance Authority's legal fee bill of \$217.67; Denny Grice seconded the motion; all in favor; motion carried. Larry Davis requested a roll call vote:

Seeley – Yes

Davis – Yes

Peters – Yes

Grice – Yes

The board approved paying the Volinia Township's portion of the Ambulance Authority's legal fee bill.

Board

None.

Public Comment

None.

Adjournment

Annette Peters made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Larry Davis seconded the motion; all in favor; the meeting was adjourned at 7:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Annette Peters
Volinia Township Clerk