

LILLEY TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES

• October 09, 2023

UNAPPROVED

The **Meeting of the Lilley Township Board** was called to order by Supervisor Bouwens at 7:30 P.M.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited – invocation by Anderson.

The **Roll was called** with Board Members present: Bouwens, Anderson, Hoving, Nelson, Way

Motion by Hoving, seconded by Anderson to approve agenda. All in Favor: Yes.
Motion Carried.

Public Comments: None

Motion by Anderson to approve September 11, 2023 minutes, seconded by Hoving.
All in Favor to approve minutes Nelson yes, Hoving yes, Anderson yes, Bouwens yes, Way yes,
Motion Carried:

Treasurer's Report & Items: Checking account balance as of September 30, 2023, \$689,523.59.
Summer taxes are in and Kathy will be starting on the newsletter to go out with winter taxes.
Trustee Anderson had a couple questions on bills listed for payment: Anderson, which was for the new lighting for the Firebarn, and Ck for Joe Sella, which was for the solar light for the Flagpole.

Motion to pay bills listed by Anderson second by Hoving

Roll Call: Anderson, yes, Hoving, Yes, Bouwens, Yes, Nelson, Yes, Way, Yes
Motion Carried:

Clerk's Items: Clerk Nelson presented the board with a contract from the Newaygo County Clerks Office for the 9 days prior to elections for early voting. It would cost the Township approx. 10,000.00 to conduct the 9 days of early voting, with the possibility of a grant to help pay of approx. 3000.00. The County will conduct the 9 days prior for \$1316.00 per election for the three Elections that will be held next year. **Motion:** to approve the County Contract for early voting for all 3 elections being held in 2024 for \$1316.00 per election made by Hoving 2nd by Way Roll call Anderson, yes Bouwens yes, Nelson yes, Way yes, Hoving yes
Motion Carried:

Clerk also mentioned Nature preserve on Walnut DNR has invited public to attend for information and refreshments, if interested Clerk has details.

Clerk Nelson also added that the State has added new areas for the ARPA funds to be used.

Trustee's Items: Trustee Trustee Anderson noted that WE as a community have an opportunity to make things better for our Community and with all that is going on in the World that we should work to take care of each other.

Trustee Hoving thanked Treasurer Way for all she does for our Community and the job she takes on with Taxes. She also thanked Cindy Israels for her guidance on the Planning Commission and Grant Writing.

Supervisor's Items: Supervisor Bouwens suggested that the Planning Commission and Zoning chairs should be given a key to the front office so their mail can be put there for them. Clerk will get keys.

Supervisor Bouwens also asked the board to consider giving Cindy Israels a check for \$1000.00 for her grant writing for the Township. Thanked her for her dedication with grants and the Planning Commission.

Motion to approve a check for \$1000.00 for Cindy Israels for Grant writing by Bouwens 2nd by Way
Roll call: Anderson yes, Bouwens yes, Nelson yes, Hoving yes, Way yes.

Motion carried:

Supervisor Bouwens also gave the Boards Condolences to Trustee Anderson for his family's loss last week. Bouwens also noted that we will be getting a \$210.00 rebate on the lighting recently installed in the Firebarn. He is also working on getting quotes for new lighting for the Multi-Purpose building and MFR also getting a quote for a digital sign for out front of the Multi-Purpose building. Also Chief DeBruyne and himself are working on getting a full time Firefighter/MFR person, they are still working on the details of this.

Fire Department and Medical 1st Responders Report: For the month of July the FD and MFR had a total combined call volume of 12 Calls. FD had 5 calls (1) in Lilley and (2) in Merrill, (1) Beaver and (1) Monroe MFR had 7 medical calls, 3 in Lilley, 1 Home and 3 assist other departments. Chief DeBruyne stated The Fire Department and MFR are still looking for volunteers and Truck Drivers. One of the doors on the firebarn needs a new opener, Bouwens will get information for that.

Planning Commission Report: Member Cindy Israels thanked the Board for the Check they will be giving her. Stated that the SPARKS grant has been awarded and we did not receive any funds this round, she is pursuing other grants. Cindy would like to get the VFW building taken care of. STR registry is ready for Zoning there were 37 STR turned in, with 14 being on Pettibone Lake, and the Township will be capping for our township at 25. They are still working on the details. October 28th there will be a Haunted Firebarn and possibly a trunk or treat??? The planning Commission is looking for ideas to get the young people of our community involved. Up North Gift is looking to add a Salon in the addition on their shop, Planning Commission approved the application and asks the Board to approve the application.

Motion : to approve application for Up North Gift Shop Salon by Hoving Second by Anderson
Roll call: Anderson yes, Hoving yes, Bouwens yes, Nelson yes, Way yes. All in favor

Motion carried:

October 19, 2023 Planning Commission will be discussing rules and zoning for poultry.

Representatives Keith Coppins and Ryan Streff of AirX Towers were here to give information on the new cell tower they are wanting to put up at 14345 N. Woodbridge, gave the Board information on their site plan which has already been presented to the Planning Commission. Much discussion on the Tower and site plans, Cindy Israels added that the Planning Commission have given their recommendation that the Board Approve the application. **Motion** by Way to approve the application for 14345 N. Woodbridge Tower, 2nd by Hoving Planning Commission member Bob Doornbos had a question for the Board regarding the cell tower application from two years ago, much discussion followed, questions were resolved and Bob gave his vote in favor of the tower at 14345 N. Woodbridge.

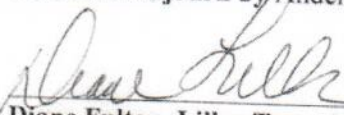
Roll call: Anderson yes, Hoving yes, Bouwens yes, Nelson yes, Way yes. All in Favor

Motion carried:

Zoning

4 zoning permit, 1 electrical permits and 2 plumbing permit, 3 mechanical permits
5 complaints 1 forwarded to the Attorney, 1 letter
15 office visits, 26 calls received 30 calls made and 3 mailings for the month of September

Motion to adjourn by Anderson, seconded by Way, Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.


Diane Fulton, Lilley Township Deputy Clerk