

February 13, 2024

**Empire Township Board
Regular Meeting**

Supervisor Carl Noonan called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall. Also present were members Neiswonger, Price and Deegan. Absent: Casey Noonan. Motion-Deegan; support-Price to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2024 regular meeting and January 29, 2024 special meeting as written. All ayes.

Cemetery Report: Manager, Claude Fields, requested that the Board consider reimbursing some of the cost of his annual Ancestry membership dues, as at least 50% of his membership is researching various Maple Grove families etc. After discussion, motion was made by Neiswonger; support-Price to reimburse the Cemetery Manager 50% of his annual Ancestry membership at the approximate cost of \$240.00. All ayes.

Treasurer Report: 1.) Price reported on CDs and bank accounts as of 01-31-2024. Report received as read.

Planning & Zoning Report: 1.) Zoning Administrator, Tim Cypher, issued the following permits/approvals in January: LUP for American Tower in the tower district. 2.) Micah Deegan reported that Planning adopted the Master Plan and has started the Zoning Ordinance review.

Supervisor Report: Board reviewed resolution from County Emergency Director, Matt Ansoerge, regarding the County's 5-year update to the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion was made by Deegan; support-Price to adopt Resolution 2024-02, The Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, as presented. Roll call vote taken: All ayes. Motion carried.

Clerk Report: 1.) Notice from the GT Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians that Maple Grove Cemetery did not receive 2% funding for the grave markers. 2.) Due to the Easter weekend, on 3-31-24, the Board decided to hold the annual meeting on March 23, 2024. 3.) Motion-Deegan; support-Carl Noonan to pay February 2024 monthly bills as presented and attached. All ayes.

Final Business: 1.) Supervisor Noonan will look into a request to provide lighting on the township hall ramp area. 2.) Fire Chief, Bryan Ferguson reported on monthly fire department operations.

All business being concluded the meeting was adjourned by the Supervisor at 7:44 p.m.

Christine M. Neiswonger, Clerk

February 21, 2024

**Empire Township Board
Special Meeting**

Supervisor Carl Noonan called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. at the Township Hall. Also present were members Casey Noonan, Neiswonger, Price and Deegan. Purpose of the meeting was to review and possibly approve officer salary resolutions.

After discussion, motion was made by Deegan; support-Carl Noonan to adopt a salary resolution for the Clerk with a \$2000/year increase. Roll call vote taken: Yes: Carl Noonan, Casey Noonan, Price, and Deegan. Neiswonger abstained from voting. Motion carried.

All business being concluded the meeting was adjourned by the Supervisor at 2:30 p.m.

Christine M. Neiswonger, Clerk