

February 8, 2022

Empire Township Board - Regular Meeting

Supervisor Noonan called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Township Hall. Present were members Deegan, Carl Noonan, Casey Noonan, Price, and Neiswonger. Motion-Casey Noonan; support-Deegan to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2022 regular meeting with the following addition to the last sentence in the Supervisor's Report (**addition bolded**) 'final consensus of the Board was that **they had no interest in adopting the Glen Lake Watershed Overlay District** and at this time the Board felt that educating the public on best watershed practices...' All ayes.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Price reported on CDs and bank accounts as of 01-31-2022. Report received as read.

Planning & Zoning Report: 1.) Zoning Administrator, Tim Cypher, issued the following permits/approvals in January: 1) Interior remodel-Glenmere Rd. 2) Deck-Lake MI Dr. 2.) Trustee Deegan relayed that more clarity was needed for the Planning Commission regarding the Board's final consensus on the Glen Lake Watershed Overlay District. The Board agreed and a motion was made by Casey Noonan; support-Deegan that the Empire Township Board was not interested in adopting the Glen Lake Watershed Overlay District. All ayes.

Supervisor Report: 1.) Board reviewed needed appointments and reappointments to various township boards. Motion was made by Carl Noonan; support-Casey Noonan to appoint Dale DeJager to Erik Foged's Planning Commission seat that expires in February 2024 and appoint Roy Pentilla to Erik Foged's Zoning Board of Appeals seat that expires in February 2024. All ayes. Motion-Neiswonger; support-Carl Noonan to reappoint Lance Roman to the Airport Authority (3-year term) and reappoint Casey Noonan to the Zoning Board of Appeals (3-year term). All ayes.

Clerk Report: 1.) Motion-Deegan; support-Casey Noonan to pay the February 2022 monthly bills as presented and attached. All ayes.

Final Business: Craig Brown, Leelanau County Road Commission engineer introduced himself to the Board. Craig will try to have an update to the Board soon on the safety features at the M72/Benzonia Trail intersection.

All business being concluded the meeting was adjourned by the Supervisor at 8:02 p.m.

Christine M. Neiswonger, Clerk

February 25, 2022

Empire Township Board - Special Meeting

Supervisor Noonan called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. at the Township Office. Also present were members Casey Noonan, Neiswonger, Deegan, and Price. Purpose of the meeting was to review the 2022/2023 FY budget.

No salary increases were sought by elected officials. Salary increases of 6% were recommended for the following positions: assessor, township hall custodian, planning commissioners, campground manager and an increase from \$275/month to \$400/month for the cemetery manager. Motion was made by Neiswonger; support-Deegan to transfer and carryover \$2000.00 from the 2021/2022 Planning Commission Professional Services account to the Planning Zoning and Master Plan Updating Assigned Funds. All ayes. Motion was made by Deegan; support-Casey Noonan to transfer and carryover the \$2000.00 from the 2021/2022 General Fund Glen Lake Dredging account to the Glen Lake Dredging Committed Funds. All ayes.

All business being concluded the meeting was adjourned by the Supervisor at 4:36 p.m.

Christine M. Neiswonger, Clerk