

July 13, 2021

**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, Neiswonger, and Price. Motion-Casey Noonan; support-Deegan to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2021 regular meeting as written. All ayes.

Supervisor Report: 1.) The County Road Commission's new manager, Brendan Mullane, and Commissioner Greenan attended the meeting to explain how the Commission works and detail past and upcoming projects within the County. The men were thanked for their informative presentation.

Assessor Report: Board of Review will meet on July 20, 2021 to correct errors and omissions on the tax roll.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Price reported on CDs and bank accounts as of 06-30-2021. Report received as read.

Planning & Zoning Report: 1.) Zoning Administrator, Tim Cypher, issued the following permits in June: 1) Guest house-Lake MI Dr. 2) Fence-Dunns Farm Rd. 3) New Residence-Drew Rd. 2.) Board discussed certain public comments received at Planning's June 15, 2021 public hearing on the Glen Lake Watershed Overlay District. Various comments supported the district while multiple residents raised valid concerns with the district's restrictions. Trustee Deegan stated that Planning would continue to review proposed changes, especially in light of concerns raised. It was asked if the other townships included in the district have begun discussions regarding the regulations. Micah explained he was unsure where the other townships were in their review.

Clerk Report: 1.) Clerk requested an increase for the Election Inspectors to be more in line with the other County townships and to acknowledge that the inspectors still continue to work with Covid-19 concerns in the polls. Inspectors currently earn \$13/hr. and the Chair's wage is \$15/hr. Motion-Casey Noonan; support-Neiswonger to increase the Election Inspector wage to \$15.00/hour and increase the Election Chair wage to \$17.50 hour. All ayes. 2.) Motion-Deegan; support-Casey Noonan to pay the July 2021 monthly bills as presented and attached. All ayes

Final Business: 1.) Clerk explained she was paying a young man \$20.00/week, out of pocket, to water the township hall plantings. She requested reimbursement of this expense. Motion-Deegan; support-Price to reimburse the Clerk for the expense of keeping the Township Hall plantings watered throughout the summer. All ayes. 2.) Clerk informed the Board that the cemetery manager found Leelanau Redi-Mix to create a paved area around the columbarium.

All business being concluded the meeting was adjourned by the Supervisor at 9:00 p.m.

Christine M. Neiswonger, Clerk