

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Julian called the regular meeting of the Kasson Township Board to order at 7:00 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Members Present: Greg Julian – Supervisor, Dana Boomer - Clerk, Beth Noonan – Treasurer, Roger Noonan – Trustee, Tad Carter - Trustee
Member(s) Absent: None
Staff Present: Sheree Nelson, Julia Carter

AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA – The board briefly discussed the agenda. Julian asked to add an update regarding the Kasson Center Road resolution to the agenda under Old Business. The Winter Tax Resolution will be approved under the Treasurer’s Report. **R. Noonan moved to approve the agenda as amended. Carter seconded. All in favor, motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MINUTES – The board discussed the minutes from the regular meeting on October 13, 2020. **R. Noonan moved, B. Noonan seconded to approve the October 13, 2020 regular meeting minutes as presented. All in favor, motion carried.**

PERTINENT COMMUNICATIONS: Julian received a copy of the letter from the Glen Lake Association that was sent to the state in support of Kasson Township’s opposition to the recent gravel bills. He passed additional correspondence to the clerk for filing.

PRESENTATION: None

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

a) **TREASURER’S REPORT:** B. Noonan presented the treasurer’s report to the board. Receipts total \$32,652.05. Disbursements \$196,249.90. Balance \$338,870.56. Nelson and B. Noonan stated that the clerk’s books and treasurer’s books are in balance.

WINTER TAX RESOLUTION – 15-2020

Winter tax is due and payable December 1, 2020 to February 15, 2021 for no penalty. For taxes to be receipted for 2020, payments must be received by December 31, 2020. February 16 through February 28, 2021, Kasson Township assesses a 3% penalty. March 1, 2021 and thereafter unpaid taxes and additional penalties are payable to the Leelanau County Treasurer only.

R. Noonan moved, Carter seconded to approve Resolution #15-2020. Roll call vote: R. Noonan (yes), B. Noonan (yes), Carter (yes), Boomer (yes), Julian (yes). All in favor, motion carried.

b) **BUDGET REPORT:** Boomer and Nelson presented the budget report through October 2020. The board briefly discussed.

- c) **BILL APPROVAL** – Boomer and Nelson presented the check detail. The board briefly discussed. **B. Noonan moved to pay the bills as presented; seconded by R. Noonan. All in favor, motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. **Leelanau Coffee Roasters (LCR)** – Julian summarized the updates for the board. Cypher, Grier and Parker have been in communication with LCR regarding the changes to the 40-lb roaster. There has not yet been a site visit. The township has until the December meeting to decide whether to pursue or drop the court case. Marv Grahn summarized the local residents' position on the issue – they are no longer experiencing issues with the scent of the large roaster, although it is large enough to be heard inside houses when in operation. The changes to the small roaster have reduced complaints to about 1-2 per month. The situation is much improved, but the neighbors would like to see a physical barrier to block noise from the large roaster and to see a final improvement in the smell coming from the start up of the small roaster.
- b. **Cemeteries** – Julian is still in communication with Deerings regarding work on the township cemetery. Apple Fence has completed the repairs to the fence. Figura Law is currently in the process of preparing pleadings for the quiet title action for the East Kasson Cemetery.
- c. **Kasson Center Road Resolution** – The state has refused to enforce the recently passed resolution with regard to banning commercial trucking on Kasson Center Road between Newman Road and Maple City Road, unless there is a resolution at the county level. The County Road Commission is willing to put a resolution of this sort in place, but wants wording from the township regarding why this resolution is necessary. Reasons that the board discussed included that the prior road had a sign on it “no thru trucks”; there are no records regarding what the prior road was rated for, so there is no knowledge regarding the underlayment of the road and what weights it was built to handle; the section of road is outside the gravel district and trucks have other, better built roads to traverse. The resurfacing/heavy maintenance was done to allow use similar to what was on the road before; it was not reconstructed to allow heavier traffic. The board had consensus for Julian to send a letter to the Road Commission with these reasons, recommending the adoption of a resolution by the Road Commission to allow state enforcement of this as a no haul route.
- d. **Other Unfinished Business** - None

NEW BUSINESS –

- a. **Huntington Bank Motions**
Boomer reported that she had spoken with Huntington and they are unable to issue credit cards for municipalities that will be spending less than \$5,000 per month on the cards. Huntington has suggested opening a second checking account, transferring a small sum of money into it (\$5000 was suggested), and then issuing debit cards from that account to Boomer and J. Carter. The account could then be refilled as needed as the cards draw down the balance. The board discussed. **Boomer moved to open a new checking account, transfer \$5,000 into the account,**

and issue debit cards from the account to Boomer and J. Carter. B. Noonan seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

b. Other New Business - None

REPORTS: Planning Commission (PC) – Carter reported that the October meeting was cancelled. The gravel pit renewal for Reith Riley was moved to the November meeting.

Zoning Administrator (ZA) – Cypher was not present, but had submitted written reports to the board. The board briefly discussed.

Supervisor – Julian summarized his activities for the month. The board will continue to consider Zoom meetings going forward through the winter, depending on the situation with COVID19. The gravel bill has not yet been re-addressed in the Senate - it may be in discussion later this week.

Assessor – Field work has not started yet. The weather is going to be a complicating factor. The tax tribunal regarding the Lion’s Club property was held yesterday, the parties are now waiting on an opinion from the judge.

Fire Board – Chief Comeaux has announced his retirement. Andy Doornbos has been appointed Interim Chief beginning November 8. Comeaux will be acting in an advisory capacity through January 8. The fire board will be discussing the hiring process for a new chief at their November meeting.

Clerk/Elections Report – Boomer reported that the November election went well. There are currently no elections in the pipeline. No other clerk business to discuss.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Hall Use and Buildings and Grounds Reports – Bob Underwood cleaned the hall before the meeting. The hall will continue to not be rented out until after gathering restrictions are lifted.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Don Drabik stated that he asked the Glen Lake Association to support the township on the gravel issue, and he’s happy to see that the letter was sent.

BOARD COMMENT: B. Noonan reminded everyone that it was her last meeting as treasurer. It has been a 20-year learning experience. She thanked everyone on the board.

The next regular meeting will be Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 7 pm. Whether the meeting will be held in person or remotely will be determined at a later date.

Motion by B. Noonan to adjourn, second by R. Noonan/ **All in favor, motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Submitted by:
Dana Boomer, Township Clerk