

March 9, 2021

**Empire Township Board - Regular Meeting**

Supervisor Noonan called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with members attending by teleconference. Present were members Deegan, Carl Noonan, Casey Noonan, Neiswonger, and Price. Motion-Deegan; support-Casey Noonan to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2021 regular meeting as written. Roll call vote taken: All ayes.

Campground Report: Manager Bertaud asked that the Board consider hiring her husband, Georgios Manesiotis, as a part-time assistant to help her and the maintenance manager with day-to-day operations, especially during the busy months. She also requested that smaller site #16 in the Pine Tree section be removed and a new larger site be created across from the electrical sites. Lastly, she asked that the electrical site fee be increased from \$30/night to \$32/night. After discussion, motion was made by Price; support-Neiswonger to hire Georgios Manesiotis as a part-time assistant, at \$12.00/hour, with the wages for the position capped at \$3,800 for the season, remove site 16 and establish a new site across from the electrical sites and increase the electrical site fee to \$32.00/night. Roll call vote taken: All ayes.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Price read a report on CDs and bank accounts as of 02-28-2021. Report received as read.

Planning & Zoning Report: 1.) Zoning Administrator, Tim Cypher, issued no permits in February. 2.) Trustee Deegan informed the Board that planning was continuing their work on the Master Plan revisions. They are working with the County for new maps. In addition, they plan to hold a public hearing in April regarding Zoning Ordinance amendments for the Glen Lake Watershed Overlay District. Concern was mentioned that the other three townships involved in the possible overlay district have not given any input into the regulations. It was decided that it was planning's decision on when they wanted to hold a public hearing to receive Empire Township residents' input on the regulations.

Clerk Report: 1.) Notice from Dept. of Agriculture that the Apple-a-Day Farm on LaCore Road GAAMP's management plan was due. 2.) Motion-Deegan; support-Casey Noonan to pay the March 2021 monthly bills as presented and attached. Roll call vote taken: All ayes

All business being concluded the meeting was adjourned by the Supervisor at 8:00 p.m.

Christine M. Neiswonger, Clerk

April 6, 2021

**Empire Township Board - Special Meeting**

Supervisor Noonan called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. at the township office. Present were members Carl Noonan, Neiswonger, and Price. Absent: Deegan and Casey Noonan. Purpose of the meeting was to possibly adopt an Ordinance declaring a local state of emergency to permit the Empire Township Board and all other public bodies of Empire Township to continue to meet by electronic and telephonic means, due to the continued transmission of Covid-19 and variants in the State of Michigan.

The Board reviewed the ordinance prepared by Attorney Timothy Figura. The Board discussed declaring a 120-day state of emergency in case this time period was needed. After review, motion was made by Neiswonger; support Carl Noonan to adopt Ordinance No. 01-2021 as presented, which declares a local state of emergency to permit the Empire Township Board and all other public bodies of Empire Township to continue to meet by electronic and telephonic means with the following change in wording in Section 3. Duration: that it shall be in place for 120 days, if needed. Roll call vote taken: All ayes.

All business being concluded the meeting was adjourned by the Supervisor at 3:09 p.m.

Christine M. Neiswonger, Clerk