

HIAWATHA TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 17, 2020

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting called to order by Supervisor G. Baker at 7:00 p.m. All board members present.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The pledge was recited when the meeting was Called to Order.
3. **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion by J. Beckman, supported by R. Larson to approve the Minutes of the August 20, 2020 Regular meeting and the Minutes of the August 20, 2020 Closed Session. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Report:	General Fund Checking:	\$239,818.50
	Insured Cash Sweep Acct	61,565.08
	Community Center Checking	13,759.63
	Cemetery Fund Checking	4,376.81
	General Fund CDs	528,797.00
	CD Cemetery	35,527.00

Motion by K. Matchinski, supported by R. Larson to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Payment of Bills:

Motion by J. Beckman, supported by K. Matchinski to pay the August bills. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Agenda

a. Old Business:

1. HCC update: The cement work has been completed. Cloverland Electric installed a new line. No update on the contract. There were two bad water tests. Kopecky Well Drilling chlorinated the well. Ongoing testing is being done per State protocol.

Motion by G. Baker, supported by R. Larson to hire AJF Construction to install new fire doors and secure the sign on the HCC building and to shorten a counter at the Township Hall. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Government Lots 11 & 12 on Dodge Lake: A Freedom of Information Act request was received and responded to. G. Baker to get estimate for a parking area/driveway and will apply for a permit. Jean Frankovich of SCRC said any trees on the lots or county right of way are allowed to be removed by the Township without a permit or County approval. Bruce Behrens asked about a Soil Conservation permit. G. Baker will check on whether one is needed. Discussion regarding a sign was tabled until next meeting.

b. New Business:

1. Charlie Willour to speak regarding jail proposal: Gave presentation on two jail proposals that will be on the November 3, 2020 ballot. One millage is for the building of a new jail. The other is for operating the new facility.

2. Estimates for blacktop on Dawson Rd & Evergreen Dr: Estimates were received from Superior Paving. Jean Frankovich of SCRC said the County will do all the prep. work and will do cracksealing as needed.

Motion by G. Baker, supported by J. Beckman to have Superior Paving blacktop areas on Dawson Rd and Evergreen Dr as listed in the estimates. Motion carried unanimously.

Jean Frankovich gave the Board a copy of the SCRC policy *Township Matching Funds Program*, effective date 09/09/2020.

- 7. Assessor's Report:** Assessor not present. Report read by G. Baker: Entered deeds, PREs and address changes. Resolved all issues from phone calls, mail and email. Work continues on parcel reviews for 2021. We recently pulled all building permits as we are now checking on those and getting the structures on the tax roll for 2021. Also work continues on sales studies.
- 8. Fire Report:** No calls this month. The PPE bid package will be ready in a couple of weeks. The Board asked to put the bid out for 30 days. A FEMA grant through MTA has been applied for and will be applied to the purchase of PPE if received.
- 9. Commissioner's Report:** Commissioner Corey Barr said the new jail would be an important piece of infrastructure for the community. He said the township will be receiving a letter re: zoning. They will be posting for a permanent Zoning Administrator.
- 10. Public Comment:** Todd Olsen, Holly Way, and Ryan Weber spoke in favor of opening the Township lots on Dodge Lake for public use. A petition from residents of Hiawatha Township in favor of using the Township lots as an access site was presented to the Board. Jennifer Watson, Dale Gould, Dwight Brady, Judith Behrens, and Terri Cox-Lanners all voiced their opinions against the idea of opening the lots for public use. Isaac Swisher stated that Melody Wagner will be visiting Manistique tomorrow.
- 11. Other Business from the Board:** K. Matchinski stated that the Township now has a secure drop box located on the porch of the Township Hall. The Board decided to continue to keep the HCC and Township Hall closed for resident use due to COVID. Letter received from CUPPAD. The Board declined to join.

Motion by G. Baker, supported by R. Larson to purchase four new office chairs for the Township Hall offices. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Motion to Adjourn:

Motion by G. Baker, supported by S. Matchinski to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Time of adjournment 8:35 p.m.

PROPOSED