

HIAWATHA TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 18, 2020

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Supervisor G. Baker at 7:00 p.m. All board members present. No recording was made as the batteries were dead in the recorder.

2. Pledge of Allegiance: The pledge was recited when the meeting was Called to Order.

3. Approval of Minutes:

Correction to minutes by J. Beckman: Her motion in last month's minutes to raise the rate from \$15 to \$20 for cemetery work should say spring cleanup work.

Motion by S. Matchinski, supported by J. Beckman to approve the Minutes of the May 21, 2020 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Report June:

General Fund Checking:	\$248,092.00
Insured Cash Sweep Acct	89,526.66
Community Center Checking	5,457.41
Cemetery Fund Checking	924.29
General Fund CDs	526,722.00
CD Cemetery	35,400.00

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

5. Payment of Bills:

A transfer was made from the General Fund to the Cemetery Fund in the budgeted amount of \$5,000 and from the General Fund to the HCC Fund in the budgeted amount of \$10,000.

Motion by G. Baker, supported by J. Beckman pay Tracy Keskimaki an additional \$40 for mowing at the HCC and Township Hall. Ayes: G. Baker, J. Beckman, R. Larson; Nays: K. Matchinski, S. Matchinski

Motion by J. Beckman, supported by R. Larson to pay the June bills. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Agenda

a. Old Business:

1. Cemetery Ordinance: The Board raised the price for cemetery plots. A resident taxpayer will now pay \$150 per plot for up to 8 plots and a non-resident taxpayer will now pay \$600 per plot for up to 4 plots.

Motion by G. Baker, supported by S. Matchinski to accept the new Cemetery Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

b. New Business:

1. Mowing Bids: Two mowing bids were received. One from Tracy Keskimaki for \$170 and one from Fred's Plowing, Mowing & More for \$165.

Motion by S. Matchinski, supported by K. Matchinski to accept the bid from Fred's Plowing, Mowing & More. Ayes: S. Matchinski, K. Matchinski, J. Beckman, R. Larson; Nays: G. Baker.

2. Superintendent Parmentier: MAS is interested in leasing the HCC for Alternative Education. He will be meeting with the Finance Committee of MAS to discuss rent and length of lease. G. Baker will get estimates for the remainder of the repairs needed based on the inspection report.

- 7. Assessor's Report:** Entered deeds, PREs, address changes, etc. Responded to all phone calls and emails. Summer bills will be mailed out soon, so we made sure that our database as up to date as possible. Parcel reviews continue and during these strange times with the virus, we were able to complete all our continuing education for the year online.
- 8. Fire Report:** Trucks serviced. Corey Barr has been reviewing specifications for the new PPE. He hopes to have bids to bring to the August meeting. The fire department received a grant from the Sault Tribe for new PPE in the amount of \$10,183.39. Tracy Keskimaki asked the Board to revisit charging homeowner's insurance for fire calls. The Board declined.
- 9. Commissioner's Report:** Commissioner Corey Barr reported that there is still no Zoning Administrator. The Jail Committee has agreed upon a \$10 million plan for a new jail but there is no millage request yet. Construction will begin on a new hangar at the airport.
- 10. Public Comment:** Darrell Dixson stated that he is running for Sheriff. Diane Baker stated that she feels that the Board made the wrong decision in not hiring her son-in-law Tracy Keskimaki for the mowing job. Peggy Ruggles also stated she felt the Board should have hired Tracy to mow. Ron Matchinski asked if using the Township property as access to Dodge Lake was allowed and was told that it was. He also showed pictures of trees at the cemetery that he, as Sexton, feels should be removed. G. Baker said he would get some estimates for having trees cut and selling the timber.
- 11. Other Business from the Board:** G. Baker received a price from Desjarden's for \$930 to add and spread gravel at the cemetery. G. Baker will ask them to level the newly cleared ground at the cemetery as well. G. Baker asked the Board about putting in a sand point well instead of filling the water tank at the cemetery. The Board wants to continue to use the tank. The Board approved having Harv Cain put mulch at the Hall. There was discussion about when to open the Township Hall for public use. It was decided to wait and see how long the State of Emergency will continue before deciding. G. Baker asked if the Board would be willing to hire Tracy Keskimaki to check the lights in the gym ceiling at the HCC and remove them if he cannot get them working. The Board declined, saying they would prefer to have Hoholik's do the work as they are licensed and insured.
- 12. Motion to Adjourn:**
Motion by G. Baker, supported by J. Beckman to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Time of adjournment 8:00 p.m.