

**HIAWATHA TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 30, 2021**

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 C. Jenerou to approve the Minutes of the February 18, 2021 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Report:	General Fund Checking:	\$248,720.00
	Insured Cash Sweep Acct	171,080.85
	Community Center Checking	11,831.01
	Cemetery Fund Checking	6,044.10
	General Fund CDs	533,359.00
	CD Cemetery	35,689.00

J. Beckman reported a new 24-month CD was purchased at State Savings Bank for \$125,000 at the rate of 0.75% and that the final interest amounts will be updated on the 2020-21 Financial Statement once they are available.

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

Motion by K. Matchinski, supported by C. Jenerou to accept the amended 2020-21 Budget as presented by J. Beckman. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Payment of Bills:

Motion by C. Jenerou, supported by J. Beckman to pay the March bills. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Agenda

a. Old Business: None

b. New Business:

1. 911 Fee Diversion Resolution: The Hiawatha Township Board supports local decision-making and local control regarding the utilization of 911 fees.

Motion by G. Baker, supported by C. Jenerou to pass the *911 Fee Diversion Resolution*. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Cemetery mowing rate: Ron & Faye Matchinski requested the mowing rate for the cemetery be raised to \$225 per mowing.

Motion by K. Matchinski, supported by J. Beckman to increase the Cemetery mowing rate to \$225 per mowing. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Cemetery burial rate: Ron Matchinski, Hiawatha Township Sexton, requested an increase in burial rates for burials performed at the Hiawatha Township Cemetery. The new rates would be \$400 for a full burial, \$125 for a cremation burial, and an additional charge of \$50 for any burial after 4 p.m. or on a weekend.

Motion by J. Beckman, supported by K. Matchinski to approve the new rates. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Cyber Coverage on Par Plan insurance: K. Matchinski to get a quote

- 7. Assessor's Report:** Entered deeds, PREs and address changes. Handled all issues from emails and phone calls. The March Board of Review went well. Grand total of 14 affidavits. I am currently awaiting the documents that were signed by the board members so that I can get all information to Jessica and Schoolcraft County Equalization. I will also send necessary state forms along as required by law. We'll soon be rolling over the database for the new year and implementing the new CAMA standards that were adopted by the STC in December. This includes going through our assessing database to make sure we have correct class codes and computer codes for every piece of information on all parcels. This process may be tedious but will need to be done before the next state audit.
- 8. Fire Report:** Tracy Keskimaki reported they will be starting the annual truck maintenance. Three new volunteer firefighters have joined. A new roster will be presented next month for acceptance by the Board.
- 9. Commissioner's Report:** Commissioner Troy Bassett said Hiawatha Township will be receiving \$122,436 from the American Rescue Plan. It will be given out in two payments.
- 10. Public Comment:** Commissioner Paul Walker said the Board of Commissioners will be meeting in person again and invited the public to attend.
- 11. Other Business from the Board:** G. Baker said five new fire extinguishers have been ordered since the old ones could not be recertified. He is also getting quotes for security cameras. He will call Zellar Sanitation to set up a week for this year's Spring Clean Up.
- 12. Motion to Adjourn:**

Motion by G. Baker, supported by J. Beckman to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Time of adjournment 7:32 p.m.

PROPOSED