

Custer Township Regular Board Meeting

March 20,2023

Supervisor Mark Anderson called the Custer Township Regular meeting to order at 1:30pm. Members presents besides Mark Anderson were George Allison, Trustee; Larry Larr, Trustee; Carey Jolly, Treasurer; Staci Wood, Clerk.

The Minutes for the February Custer Township meeting were presented for review, with no discussion or changes forth coming. Larry Larr made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, George Allison seconded Ayes=5 Nays=0 motion carried.

Staci Wood presented the bills for review, with no changes or discussion Carey Jolly made a motion at approve the Payables report as presented, Larry Larr seconded Ayes=5 Nays=0 motion carried.

Visitor's: Sheriff Kim Cole presented the monthly incident report with 14 incidents to report (see attached)

Sheriff Cole stated that he attended a County Board meeting and they have approved a school liaison for the schools he will be figuring out which officers he will be putting into these positions.

He stated that he will be attending the Mason County Eastern school board meeting tonight to address the school liaison in their schools.

The Mason County Sheriff's office will be taking over Mason County Eastern and West Shore Community College releasing Scottville City Police with school liaisons, leaving Scottville City Police to maintain Mason County Central Schools and G2S High School.

Clerk's Report:

Staci Wood stated that she will be going to the Mason County Court house on Wednesday March 23,2023 for the public accuracy testing to be performed on the VAT machines and the tabulator for the upcoming May election.

Staci Wood stated she spoke with Cheryl Kelly Mason County Clerk, about the nine days prior to election early voting. She was informed by Cheryl that we will need three people to be at the Township Hall for 8-hour days for the nine days. Cheryl Kelly is going to look into if Custer township is allowed to partner with other townships for these nine days to help cut the cost of the three people. If this something that the township is allowed to do Staci Wood stated that she will be contacting Eden and Branch township to see if they would be interested in doing

this. It would entail each township to provide one election worker to run the nine early voting at one location for all three townships.

Staci Wood stated that she received a letter from Dave Hallburg saying that he will be mowing again this year and has asked if we would be needing his services this summer (board approved).

Staci Wood received a bill from DMC Unlimited for the security camera installation she will be sending the bill and the pictures of the installed cameras to our insurance company so that we can be reimbursed through the approved grant.

Staci Wood stated that the new calendar for the dates on the hall rental were added to the website and it looks very nice. She thinks it will really help people know what dates are available and they are now able to do hall rentals right from the website.

Staci Wood stated she received a form to order more flags for the Cemetery for Memorial Day and is asking the board how many to order.

The Board agreed to order the same number of flags as last year and Carey Jolly will be putting the flags out before Memorial Weekend.

Staci Wood has asked Larry Larr when he would like to meet with Howard Wing at the Cemetery to discuss the new placement of the Cross, Staci stated that she would like this meeting to take place and have the cross repaired and moved before Memorial Weekend.

Treasurer's Report:

Carey Jolly stated that she has been in contact with the State of Michigan trying to get the PILT money that the state has been holding for two years. They have stated that everything with the state has been changed to the corrected information and that we need to get the collections agency information changed and it should be taken care of. Carey Jolly stated she will continue to work on this to get the information updated and move forward with getting the money released to Custer Township.

Carey Jolly asked the board if we wanted flyers included with the tax bills that will be mailed out in July with any information that we would have. The board agreed that we have no important information that needs to be included so we will not be sending flyers with the tax bills.

Carey Jolly stated that the board will need a motion for the use of the Milledge funds for the upcoming year. Staci Wood made a motion to take the full 100% millage that is awarded to Custer Township which will be used for brining., Larry Larr seconded Ayes= 5 Nays=0 motion ca

Carey Jolly asked the board what their thoughts were about keeping positive pay on our West Shore Bank account. Carey stated that she does not feel it is necessary to continue to pay for this service since we have moved the money to the MI Class where it is protected. The board agreed to remove the positive pay from our checking account.

Supervisor's Report:

Mark Anderson stated that they had a total of 12 people show up for the Board of Reviews.

Mark Anderson stated that he has been working with PM Water Shed Council, the Michigan DNR and the Forest Service to try and get patrol officers on the Pere Marquette River from Custer Bridge to Scottville Bridge to control the disorderly, trespassers and litter that is taking place during the busy times on the river. According the groups he has been working with no one has the funds or staffing to patrol. Mark Anderson was told that in order to receive grant money for this type of service he would need data of river traffic. In order to get correct data, we would need to hire an intern to be at the river landing to collect the proper data for the grant. This would be at a cost of approximately \$7,000.00. Mark stated that he is going to speak with the Forest Services and Ottawa Indian groups as well as the Pere Marquette Watershed Council to see if they would help pay a portion of the interns wages while gathering information which will be used to be able to apply for this grant.

Mark Anderson went over the final draft of the upcoming budget report.

Mark stated that at the end of this year we will have \$59,478.43 in funds left to carry over to the upcoming year. He stated that with this money we could pay another principle payment this year of \$17,000.00 (principle only) on the West Shore Bank loan, and carry over \$42,319.00 into our savings, this carry over will be used to pay for additional road work during 2024.

Carey Jolly made a motion to pay \$17,000.00 on the principle of the West Shore Bank Loan and carry over \$42,319.00 into the upcoming year savings account, Larry Larr seconded Ayes=5 Nays=0 motion carried.

Mark Anderson stated that he needed to make a correction to the final budget draft stating that he needs to move the money (\$3,800) from Parks and Rec into Cemetery for roads.

With no other discussion or changes forthcoming Staci Wood made a motion to approve the 2023/2024 budget with the changes presented, Carey Jolly seconded Ayes=5 Nays=0 motion carried.

New Business: Staci Wood will contact Republic Services and start monthly pick-ups of the dumpster at the Cemetery for the season. The board agreed to have Dave Hallburg continue to mow the hall again this season.

Old Business: none

With no old business brought to the board for review, Larry Larr made a motion to adjourn the meeting George Allison seconded Ayes=5 Nays=0 motion carried next meeting April 17,2023

Respectfully Submitted by:

Staci Wood Clerk