

Custer Township Regular Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2023

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

The minutes for the April Custer Township Board meeting were presented for review with no changes or discussion forthcoming Larry Larr made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Carey Jolly seconded Ayes=5 Nays=0 motion carried.

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

Visitor's: Nancy Vandervest (via email) stated the 2023 March Board of Review closed. There were a total of six property appeals. Three appeals were poverty exemption requests and three value appeals.

The new state Equalized Value for the township is \$65,681,200 which is a 10 percent increase over the last year. The new taxable value for the township is \$47,556,614 which is a six percent increase over the last year. There are a total of 1,009 parcels in the township which includes Real and Personal and 61 exempt parcels.

Nancy stated she has rolled over to start working on the 2024 Assessment Roll and will begin field work shortly.

The State of Michigan will be auditing Principal Residence Exemptions in 76 counties in the state. Questionnaires have been sent out and more will follow

Sheriff Kim Cole gave a monthly offense report see attached.

Clerk's Report:

Staci Wood stated that the May election went very well it was a very slow day with a total of 99 voters

She called Republic services again because the dumpster at the cemetery was scheduled to begin May 2nd and it did not get picked up. She called the local office and they said that it never got started. It is now scheduled for the summer and will be every 4 weeks.

Howard Wing dropped off the grave site receipt he had and I went to the cemetery with his paperwork and the paperwork from the township and I have marked where the plot is. The

vault is located in the wrong place. I will call Tom Nelson and see when he can come dig and I will contact Oak Grove Cemetery (the original funeral home that performed the service) and see if they can come and resume the vault and move to the proper location. I will then call Paul from the insurance company and get the claim started.

The Flags for Memorial Day are in and Carey Jolly will be picking them up and will be going to the Cemetery to place on grave sites.

Treasurer's Report:

The mortgage company emailed reminders to submit all their tax parcels by June 1 2023.

Warren Group paid \$250.00 for an emailed copy of the tax roll.

The positive pay at West Shore Bank has been canceled.

She is going to get ferns for the Memorial this week and get them put out before the weekend.

She picked up the flags for the cemetery they will be put out this week.

She stated she sent a letter to the State of Michigan Treasury Dept. and Michigan tax collection to please clear up the ongoing issue with the Federal ID number. She spoke to the collection office and they had received the letter. It is in for review and she didn't know how long it would take to clear up the issue.

Mark Anderson spoke with Sen. John Bumstead and he told us to contact Andrew in his office Carey spoke with Andrew and he in turn sent an email to the State of Michigan Treasury. She then had received a call from Sen Bumstead's office just this morning stating the correction had been made and a refund will be returned to us in about 10 days. The account has been corrected and the township is now up to date and correct.

She received the 2023 Millage request I-4029 from the Equalization office, needs Supervisor Mark Anderson and Clerk Staci Wood to sign so she can turn back into their office.

Supervisor's Report:

Mark Anderson stated that the Mason County Road Commission has been grading the roads and will be starting to brine next week weather permitting.

The road commission has started to do some work on Power Road, and will be starting to do ditching on Tuttle Road.

Stated that the Landing at the River has been graded

The Mason County Road Commission will be starting the Darr and Filburn Road Project next week.

Mark put up no dumping signs at the cemetery.

The Road at the cemetery will be fixed starting next week.

Old Business: none to report

New Business: Howard Wing just wanted to make sure the township had all the proper paperwork to locate the burial plots and wanted to be notified as to when the vault will be moved.

With no other new business brought to the board for review, Larry Larr made a motion to adjourn, George Allison seconded Ayes =5 Nays=0 motion carried next meeting June 19,2023

Respectfully Submitted,

Staci K Wood (Clerk)