

## Custer Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2023

Supervisor Mark Anderson called the meeting to order at 1:30pm. Members present besides Mark Anderson were Larry Larr, Trustee; George Allison, Trustee; Staci Wood, Clerk. Members not present Carey Jolly, Treasurer.

The minutes for the July Custer Township meeting were presented for review, with no changes or discussion, Larry Larr made a motion to approve the minutes as presented George Allison seconded Ayes =4 Nays=0 motion carried.

Staci Wood presented the bills for review, with a change of Ck#6136 to Thomas Nelson for \$800.00 to a new amount of \$750.55 and a new grand monthly total of \$8940.45 Larry Larr made a motion to approve the payables report with the changes George Allison seconded. Ayes =4 Nays=0 motion carried.

Visitor's: Ron Bacon stated that the City of Scottville is still looking to have the county help them with filling a position of a police officer. This would be a full-time position to work the streets of the City of Scottville as well as help with the patrol of the Mason County Central School.

Mary from the Mason County Road Commission stated she had a meeting with West shore Community college, and they are asking to put in a skid pad at the new Mason County Road Commission site for training of CDL drivers and for the police officers in training. It would take up about 10 acres of the land.

Clerk's Report: Staci Wood stated that the body of Jacqueline Wing was exhumed and moved to the proper place on Monday July 31, 2023. The vault company has only charged the township \$400.00 vs the \$500.00 we were quoted. I need to make a check to the Wyman Funeral Home for this but wanted to check with the board to get approval of the change in price. Approved

Stated she is working with Molly Leslie from the insurance company about the claim for this move and so far, the claim has been denied. Staci stated that she had spoken to Paul Olson about the denial letter and he stated that his company would send us a check for the amount to cover the cost of the claim.

Staci Wood stated she had been dealing with a gentleman by the name of Mark Esposito at a cremation burial for his mother Joyce O'Brien. Mr. Esposito called the hall and left a message and I tried to return his call with no answer. He is claiming that he never received a call back and took it upon himself to place a headstone for his mother at the cemetery in the middle of a grave site of his grandmother and was planning on digging the hole for the remains of his mother himself. I informed Mr. Esposito that this was not something that he could do on his own and that I would need to have our sexton scheduled to come dig the hole. Mr. Esposito was very upset that he would need to pay the township the money for the burial service, stating he

could do it on his own. I also informed Mr. Esposito that he would need to remove the headstone that was placed and that he could, however, place it at the end of the plot but would need to be ground level. I informed him that he could leave the headstone there for the funeral but that it would have to be moved to its proper location by Friday September 1st, 2023.

Staci stated that she will be attending the Clerk's association meeting in September to get a better understanding of the new rules for proposal 2. I will report at the September meeting what we learn.

Treasurer Report: We received a letter from the local community stabilization authority, that stated there was an error made on the amount of the check we received in May/ June 2023. We received \$5442.26 and it should have been \$7348.75 which is a difference of \$1906.49. Carey sent them an email that stated we would like to receive our refund this year. We are currently getting a 5.31% interest rate monthly from our MIClass savings account. The error of \$101.24 monthly which is a total of \$1214.88 for the year. Carey will keep the board updated on this.

As of today, BS&A charge mortgage companies, title companies and other businesses a \$3.00 per parcel search. A parcel owner does not receive a charge for the search. On September 5, 2023, there will be an increase to \$6.00, parcel owners will still be able to search at no charge. The township will not be charged for any search Carey has not heard if the 3% payment online will charge.

Carey has received an email from BS&A about some updates to the system that will become available to the treasurer software. Carey has requested more information on the upgrade. Our current software has not been upgraded since 2008. Carey will keep the board updated as new information comes in.

Supervisor's Report: Mark Anderson asked Staci to follow up with Mike on this risk assessment report. Darr/Filburn road project is complete.

New Business: Great Lakes Energy and the Tribe are requesting an easement to get power to the Indian Cemetery all power lines will be underground far enough not to disrupt any burials or any upcoming burials as well as water lines that maybe there. Mark Anderson has asked Staci Wood to go out to the Cemetery and mark the proposed easement between Section 7 and 8 on the west side of the cemetery for Great Lakes. As soon as it is marked/flagged GLE will mark the rest of their proposed path. The Board has agreed to give Great Lakes Energy the go ahead with mapping/gps and the writing of the proposed project. They are proposing to start from the Tribes property, then proceed east to Custer Road for the final connection. The board has approved to allow GLE to proceed with the proposed easement to be reviewed by the board prior to final approval.

Mark Anderson submitted his resignation effective November 30, 2023

Old Business: none to report.

With no other business presented to the board Larry Larr made a motion to adjourn, George Allison seconded Ayes =4 Nays=0 motion carried. Next meeting September 18,2023

Respectfully submitted.  
Staci K Wood Clerk