**Custer Township Regular Meeting Minutes**

**October 16,2023**

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

The minutes for the August 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 =5 Nays=0 motion carried.

Staci Wood presented the bills for review, with no changes or discussion Carey Jolly made the motion to approve the payables report as presented Larry Larr seconded. motion carried.

Visitor’s: Ron Bacon nothing to report. Tom Trenner has nothing to report here for Supervisor interview. Sheriff Kim Cole gave a monthly incident report. Sheriff Cole stated that November 9th and 10th 2023 the Mason County Sheriff’s Department and the Tall Cop Organization will be holding a Human Trafficking event at all Mason County Schools to inform students and staff the dangers of human trafficking. They will also have an evening event on November 10th open to the public.

Clerk’s Report:

Staci Wood stated that she had public testing done on Wednesday September 27, 2023, at the Mason County Court House. All election equipment tests good. She stated that she also picked up the official ballots for the upcoming school special election and has started sending them out to AV Applicants.

She stated that she went to the Hart Cemetery and took pictures of their rules sign and emailed the pictures to the board for your thoughts. She has contacted North Woods signs and Tye signs to get quotes for one like the Hart one.

She stated she purchased a ID handheld reader for the upcoming elections this will be a mandatory piece of equipment starting in 2024. She wants the election workers to get use to using it with the upcoming election because this one is so small to make sure it works with our Epoll book.

She stated she will start the EPoll book downloads and all updates prior to the election and will download the election when it becomes available on November 6th, 2023, at 4pm.

With it being a very small election, she stated that she is going to only have three election workers including herself to work the election.

She stated that the election commission will be meeting today after this meeting to go over who the election workers will be.

She asked the board when they would like to stop the dumpster pick ups at the Cemetery for the season. The board agreed to have the pickups end at the end of this month.

She stated that she received an agreement from the County Clerk to sign for the use of the Mason County District Scottville Library for the early election site. She stated that she did sign it and returned to the Mason County Clerk.

Staci stated that she will be out of town on Sunday October 22 through Friday October 27 and should be able to be contacted by phone if there is service.

Staci stated that she will be working Saturday October 28, 2023, from 6am to 2pm by appointment only.

Staci presented to the board for review a copy of the budget with much discussion Staci will make the changes and present to the board an updated budget for review at the next meeting.

Treasurer’s report:

Carey Jolly stated we received the check from the Metro Act for the error that was made on their end.

She sent out reminders to the Mortgage Companies to submit their parcels before October 30,2023 to ensure the billing is correct on the winter taxes, that will be mailed out on 12/1/2023.

She has looked into the BS&A upgrade and feels it is too costly for what we would actually use at this time.

Stated the Covid funds have been used in full and account has been closed.

Supervisor’s report:

Mark Anderson presented to the board two quotes for tree removal at the Cemetery, one from Bulldog Unlimited LLC in the amount of $4300.00 for the removal of 7 trees and grind and clean up 12 marked stumps. The second quote was from Mac’s tree service in the amount of $4,745.00 for the removal of 8 tress and 17 stumps.

Larry Larr made a motion to hire Bulldog Unlimited LLC with the agreement that they provide the Clerk a copy of their insurance information listing Custer Township on there in insurance Carey Jolly seconded Ayes=5 Nays= 0 motion carried.

Mark Anderson stated that he spoke with Jim Galley, and he is going to bring the rules from some other cemeteries for our review so we can update our rules to the cemetery.

He stated that he may be on Jury duty the day of the next board meeting.

He stated that he spoke with the person that lives next to the township hall about the fence that runs along the property lines. The neighbor stated that the fence is not on his property line and it’s not his responsibility to remove the fence. The board discussed the removal of the fence, and the trustees will have this removed.

Mark Anderson asked Staci Wood if she would send a certified letter to Mr. O’Brien stating that he needs to pay for the cremation burial of his mother and he needs to remove the headstone he placed in the wrong spot and place in the correct location, if the burial is not paid for in two weeks from the receival of the letter the township will remove the stone and place in our building until the burial is paid for.

Old Business: none to report

New Business: Supervisor interviews will be conducted at this time.

With no other business presented to the board Larry Larr made a motion to adjourn, Geroge Allsion seconded Ayes =3 Nays=0 (Supervisor Mark Anderson and Clerk Staci Wood were not present due to Supervisor interviews) motion carried. Next meeting is November 20, 2023.

 Respectfully Submitted By

 Staci K Wood Clerk