**Custer Township Regular Meeting Minutes**

**November 20,2023**

Mark Anderson called the Custer Township Regular Meeting to order at 1:30pm, Members present besides Mark Anderson were Larry Larr, Trustee; Carey Jolly, Treasurer; Staci Wood, Clerk members not present George Allsion, Trustee.

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

Staci Wood presented the bills for review, with no changes or discussion Carey Jolly made a motion to approve the payables report as presented Larry Larr seconded. Ayes =4 Nays=0 motion carried.

Visitors: Ron Bacon stated the county has found a replacement for Fabian Knizacky she will taking over on January 2, 2024. Ron Stated that the County has set aside 5 million dollars to build low-income housing behind the Airport in Ludington.

Sheriff Kim Cole gave the monthly incident report. He spoke about the number of deer that have been killed by car/ deer accidents that are laying on the side of the roads due to EGLE not allowing the Road Commissions to pick up the carcasses anymore. He stated that EGLE has changed this rule again and the letters have been sent to the Road Commissions and they will be able to start picking up some of the deer again but there will be many rules and regulations to the rule.

Clerk’s Report:

Staci Wood stated that the November election went good with a total of 100 voters everything was done at the hall by 9:15pm and done at the Court House by 10pm. We had a small issue with a voter that had on school clothing on and she was asked to remove before voting she was upset but did however comply I reported this issue to the county clerk and she informed us that the rules have changed and that as long as the person voting does not loiter and comes in and votes and leaves right away they are able to vote. After the election I had trouble uploading the voter history to QVF but after speaking with the QVF help desk I was able to get it uploaded in time.

Staci stated she will now be starting to work on the February primary election. She will have public testing done on Wednesday January 17th, 2024, at the PM Township Hall.

Early voting will start on February 17, 2024, at the Mason County District Library in Scottville. We are still working on the schedule for the days each township will be responsible for. At this time Custer Township will be responsible for the VAT testing for this election.

Staci stated she was able to meet with Mark Anderson and Tom Trenner this month and they went over the budget again and made some changes. She has a call into Sarah with Lake Michigan CPA to go over some questions we have about the Covid accounts. They have been playing phone tag hoping to hear back from her soon.

Staci stated she received a letter from the Michigan Department of Treasury. Stating that they will change our filing frequency from once a month to annual filling starting Jan 1,2024 and that our Annual Return is due February 28th after the tax year ends.

Treasurers Report:

Carey Jolly stated that we received our revenue sharing in the amount of $21,107.00. She stated that she has been having problems with her computer and called DMC Unlimited and they came to the hall and replaced some parts for the Wi-Fi, and it has fixed the issues.

She stated that she has all the winter tax information complete and ready to be sent out on December 1,2023.

She stated that she received an email from Roger for DMC Unlimited stating that we don’t have any anti-virus on our computers, and he quoted us a software that the township can purchase for $120.00 but didn’t know how much it would be per month. Carey stated she would ask them and present the bid to the board at the next meeting.

Supervisor’s Report: Mark Anderson asked Carey or Staci if they could go into his email and clean up the email contacts so it will be cleaned up for the next Supervisor. Staci Wood stated she would investigate this.

Mark stated that the Ottawa Indian tribe has put a hold on putting in electricity to the Cemetery due the cost of the project.

Mark stated they have new dates for the Board of Reviews which will be March 11 and 12, 2024 from 1:30pm to 7:30pm. Stated we needed to get this posted on the website and on the front window of the township hall.

The Board of Reviews will need a new person and Larry L. stated that Jim Leharbass may be interested in this position, Tom Trenner will reach out to him.

Mark stated that he is working with the Mason County Road Commission for 2 bids, one is for Stephens Road south of US-10 and the other is to finish the Wilson Road project (2023 bid).

Mark read a letter addressed to the Township Board from Larry Larr announcing his resignation as the Custer Township Trustee effective March 1,2024. Jim Leharbass is interested in replacing Larry Larr.

Old Business: The township Board had interviews for the Supervisor’s position and has elected Thomas Trenner to be the new Supervisor of Custer Township, his appointment will begin 12/1/23.

New Business: none to report

With no other business presented to the board Larry Larr made a motion to adjourn, Carey Jolly seconded Ayes=4 Nays=0 motion carried. Next meeting is December 18,2023

Respectfully submitted.

Staci Wood Clerk