

Whitefish Township Board Meeting

February 4, 2021

- A. Call to order at 7:00 PM. Board members present: Frank Lada, Sue Lada, Gomery, Gratopp, Forrester. Board members absent: none.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. Amendments to Agenda- Frank Lada introduced three amendments.

The first amendment was from Whitefish EMS requesting permission for Whitefish EMS to change Medical Control Authority from Eastern Upper Peninsula Medical Control Authority to the Luce County Medical Control Authority.

The second motion was to approve the credit card limit for Whitefish EMS from \$2000 to \$5000.

The third motion to the agenda was to allow discussion of Rowland Bell for Blight Coordinator.

The motions were made by Frank Lada and seconded by Forrester. All three motions to amend the agenda were unanimously approved by Frank Lada, Sue Lada, Gomery, Forrester, and Gratopp.

- D. Review of Minutes- The last meeting minutes were unanimously approved by Gomery, Forrester, Sue Lada, Frank Lada, and Gratopp.
- E. Clerks Report given by Glenn Gomery.
- F. Treasurers report given by Sue Lada.
- G. Supervisor report given by Frank Lada. Frank made a motion seconded by Forrester to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2021. The motion was unanimously approved.
- H. Presentation of Bills- A motion was made by Forrester with a second from Gratopp to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$67,771.58. The motion was carried unanimously.
- I. Correspondence/Recognition/Announcements- Frank recognized the fact that Joy Marske is leaving the senior meals program and the board thanked her for her service.
- J. Public Comments- Comments from the public included an idea to change the name of Saturn Park to Tom Brown Park. Other comments included some public members wanting the board to look at blight problems in the community and to revisit the short-term rental policy.
- K. Departmental/Committee Reports

Fire Department- Report given by Edson Forrester.

EMS- Report from Renee Gray read by Frank Lada.

Custodian- None.

Transfer Station- Report given by Scott Erickson who requested that the board look at paving part of the station.

Library- None.

Zoning- Report given by Edson Forrester.

OEO- No report.

Zoning Board of Appeals- None.

Planning Commission- No report.

Assessor- None.

WTF- None.

L. Old Business

CCRC Property- Frank Lada is having continuing discussions with the road commission.

Saturn Park- The board will have to decide how to approach the park issue. Frank will call Rogers Surveying.

Mountain Stone- Frank will contact Mountain Stone.

M. New Business

USDA Loan- Clerk Gomery and Treasurer Lada will try to decide if we can afford to pay this off.

Township Letter to the Governor- A resolution was read aloud by Frank Lada. The resolution is to seek board approval to send a resolution to the governor requesting that businesses be allowed to fully open. Motion by Forrester Second by Gratopp. The resolution was unanimously approved by Forrester, Gratopp, Gomery, Frank Lada, and Sue Lada.

Fire Policy- Edson Forrester will follow up on policy updates

March BOR- The first resolution states that the Board of Review can accept written protest from taxpayers from the first Tuesday in March through the adjournment of the last meeting in the second week of March. Motion by Forrester, second by Gratopp. The resolution was passed unanimously by Gomery, Forrester, Gratopp, Sue Lada and Frank Lada.

The second resolution is authorization to the March Board of Review to have the first meeting for protests to be held on a day other than the second Monday in March. Motion by Frank Lada second by Forrester. Unanimously approved by Forrester, Gratopp, Gomery, Frank Lada, Sue Lada.

N. Notice of Assessment Printing- Motion by Frank Lada Second by Gratopp to approve of the printing of assessment notices for \$1383.60. Unanimously approved by Gomery, Frank Lada, Sue Lada, Forrester, and Gratopp.

O. Credit Card Limit for EMS- Motion by Frank Lada Second by Gratopp to expand the limit on the EMS credit card to \$5000. Approved unanimously by Gomery, Gratopp, Forrester, Frank Lada, Sue Lada.

P. Changing Medical Authorities for EMS- A motion was made by Frank Lada, seconded by Gratopp to change medical control authority from the Eastern Upper Peninsula Medical Control Authority to the Luce County Medical Control Authority. Approved unanimously by Gratopp, Frank Lada, Sue Lada, Gomery, Forrester.

- Q. EMS Credit Card Bill- Motion by Forrester seconded by Frank Lada to pay off the Soo Credit Union bill for EMS so EMS is able to use the card. Approved unanimously by Gomery, Forrester, Gratopp, Frank Lada, and Sue Lada.
- R. Blight- Motion by Frank Lada seconded by Gomery to accept an application from Rolland Bell to become zoning administrator/enforcement officer. Unanimously approved by Gomery, Frank Lada, Sue Lada, Forrester, and Gratopp.
- S. Land Division- Motion by Gratopp seconded by Forrester to approve the land division resolution, Feb. 1-D, parcel # 016-153-016-00. Resolution approved unanimously by Frank Lada, Sue Lada, Gomery, Gratopp, and Forrester.

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