

Wednesday May 12, 2021. 6:00 P.M.

Meeting held at township hall with phone conference call in option in accordance with MDHHS guidelines.

1. **Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance:** Called to order @ 6:00 p.m. by Supervisor Larry Grimsby followed by Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
2. **Roll Call:** present: Larry Grimsby, Jim Anderson, Bill Hellen, Betty Perkis, and 7 guests. By phone: Roberta Nuce.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda by Hellen, support by Anderson. Carried.
4. **Public Comment on Agenda Items**-none
5. **Approval of minutes.** Motion to approve **April 14, Regular Board Meeting** minutes by Anderson, supported by Hellen. Carried.
6. **Consent Agenda:** Motion to approve with Ambulance letter to be kept on file by Perkis, supported by Grimsby. Carried.
7. **Approval of Payment of Bills-Clerk's Report**-Betty Perkis.
 - Total of 10 checks, 4 Auto pays for May, 1 QuickBooks Payroll processing Fee. Total of \$4636.28 to be paid in May.
 - Motion to pay bills as presented as well as autopays by Anderson, supported by Grimsby. Carried.
 - Website updates going well. Marlene Saari (Deputy Clerk) is doing the posting.
8. **Treasurer's Report**-Roberta Nuce.

Beginning April balance of \$171,249.86. Receipts total \$344 (trash and recycling). 5 CD's totaling \$128,197.20. \$75.84 interest paid in April. Motion to acknowledge the current Treasurer's report by Grimsby, supported by Perkis. Motion carried.
9. **Supervisor's Comments-Larry Grimsby:**
 - a. **Request for 'slow children' signage (South of Helgren Rd).** Motion to approve by Anderson, supported by Grimsby. Motion Carried.
 - b. Spring Inspection of landfill (Black River Rd) completed by Grimsby and submitted to state.
 - c. **'Drive around' to access needs was completed with Barry Bolich (Road Commission Manager). Working on a five year plan.** Maximum that the County has allotted the township is \$33,000. This includes gravel land ditching. Note: new foreman Jeff Lakey has been doing an outstanding job.
 - d. **Ambulance.** County Board is taking over to decrease lag time.
 - Contract end at end of 2021
 - Mileage renewal on November ballot
 - Beacon upgrades include new ambulance and equipment
 - Addressing needs for coverage in a timelier manner for east end (by Watersmeet).
10. **Old Business**
 - **Use of Hall by Community**-motion to open the Hall for use by Community with the stipulation that state COVID guidelines be followed (i.e. <25 people), with Perkis drawing up simple contract, by Nuce, supported by Hellen. Motion carried.
11. **New Business**
 - **Gravel Road Basics for Local Officials** Training offered (free, ZOOM). May 26-open to all. Motion that Board Members attend by Grimsby, supported by Perkis. Motion carried.

- **Sale of old mower.** Bessemer Small Engine established its worth at between \$800-1000. Motion to sell old mower to Erwin Township Historical Society (ETHS) for \$800 by Anderson, supported by Grimsby. Motion carried.

12. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (3 minute limit)

- Request from ETHS to use Township garage for temporary storage of mower. Motion to approve garage rental for summer at the cost of \$1 by Grimsby, supported by Anderson. Motion carried. (Note: rental fee of \$1 paid by Grimsby)

13. Adjournment. Motion to adjourn at 6:30 by Anderson, supported by Grimsby. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Perkis, Township Clerk

Larry Grimsby, Township Supervisor