

Kenockee Township Annual Meeting

March 29, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Supervisor Tod Molesworth called meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance: was led by Trustee Gerry Hawks

Present: Supervisor Molesworth, Clerk Hill, Treasurer Shappee, Trustees Hawk and Schieweck.

Absent: None

Residents in attendance: 10

Approval of the Meeting Agenda: Motioned by Trustee Schieweck; 2nd by Trustee Hawks. All in Favor 5-0.

Approval of 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes: Approval of the Annual 2021 Meeting with one adjustment. Motion made by Treasurer Shappee; 2nd by Trustee Schieweck to change Harry Mericle employment status in the minutes as a township employee and not a 1099 employee. Motion Passed 5-0.

Financial 2021-2022 Fiscal Report: Treasurer Shappee advised that there was missing information that was not transferred in the software update. The Board members made the decision to rescind financial discussion regarding the budget until the software could be properly merged and Supervisor Molesworth to could prepare an accurate 2022 budget.

The Board tabled Reviewing Financial Report for fiscal year 2020-2021, Salaries for Elected Officials and Township Employees and Budget for fiscal year 2021-2022 until the next meeting.

Treasurer Shappee stated that the MTA has put together a webinar regarding state revenue sharing. She stated that throughout the year the treasury site will needed to be checked to see if the revenue sharing amounts change, because the State of Michigan is advising that they may not be able to give the funds to the townships.

Motion made by Treasurer Shappee; 2nd Trustee Schieweck to continue with Choice One Bank and Huntington Bank as the township banks of record. Vote: Ayes 5 Nays 0. Motion Passed 5-0.

Motion made by Treasurer Shappee; 2nd by Clerk Hill to continue with The Yale Expositor as the Newspaper of Record for the township. Vote: Ayes 5 Nays 0. Motion Passed 5-0.

Township Board Meeting Times and Dates:

Motion made by Trustee Hawk's; 2nd by Trustee Schieweck to keep all township board meetings as is the 2nd Tuesday of each month with the start time of 7:00 p.m. with the exception of months where an election falls. Vote: Ayes 5 Nays 0. Motion Passed 5-0.

Planning Commission Meetings will be held the 1st Tuesday of the Month at 7:00p.m.

Parks and Receptions Meetings will be announced.

ZBA Meeting will be announced

Fire Commission Meetings will be held on the 1st Monday of each month.

BOR Statutory Dates are as follows:

2nd Tuesday in December.

BOR Organizational Meeting will be held on Tuesday the following 1st Monday in March.

July Meeting will be held on the 3rd Tuesday.

Supervisor Molesworth inquired if we need to consider hiring a new township attorney that is more familiar with township law.

Motion made by Trustee Hawks; 2nd by Treasurer Shappee to make inquiries to hire a new attorney familiar with township law and able to add us as clients. Vote Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Passed 5-0.

St. Clair County Roads and Bridges: Supervisor Molesworth advised; no contracts have been received by the township at this time. He stated Thomas Road is closed at this time due to a collapse culvert until further notice. St Clair County Roads has ordered the culvert and will provide the full work order and invoice detailing full replacement costs once the culvert is received.

Supervisor stated that Fargo Road between Rynn and Lapeer Roads is a washout and closed at this time. He stated that the road is horrible from Lapeer Road to Imlay City Road.

Township Bills were tabled until the April 12th, 2022 meeting.

Comments from the Floor: Resident K. Goeschel inquired about a budget line appearing to be added twice in the column. Supervisor Molesworth advised it could be by mistake and will be looked at closer. Some of the lines did not merge properly and need to be addressed before the next meeting. Resident Mr. Goeschel stated that the new system seemed complicated. Treasurer Shappee advised that it was not it did not roll over as smoothly as hoped. BS&A responds quickly if we have an issue to help correct any problems that may occur.

Assessor Heather Stewart: advised the board that our 2018 that the township fire voted millage started in August of 2018 following the vote and started immediately following. So, the full millage was collected. She stated when the new roads millage was done by the previous board it was voted on in November 2020 but the millage did not start until 2021. She stated, that because of that it made the township do a rollback on the millage. The amount difference of \$662.38 in funds was lost from the millage.

She stated that the reason she was addressing this was that her other townships and Kenockee township has always collected the full millage rate during the year it was voted in. She does not know why it was changed. She stated that it is difficult to change it now. She stated that even though it is \$662.38 a year after 4 years it totals \$2649.52 loss to the township. She stated that this will happen to the new upcoming Fire Millage when voted on. If we do not start the millage on the year it is voted. The fire millage will also lose funds. She is advising to contact our township attorney to address the millage wording. She stated that it is her responsibility to notify the board if there will be a penny lost. She stated that it is very important that the township contact the attorney to get this issue corrected to prevent loss of revenue for the township.

Supervisor Molesworth advised to follow through with Attorney James Downey and forward the millage wording for review. Millage wording was forwarded to the Attorney James Downey by Jim Muldoon.

Resident David Powers addressed the board regarding Beard Roads condition with the culverts. He stated that previous board knew of the conditions and it apparently was not addressed while they were in office. He stated he is hoping that our board can address these culverts and fix some of the issues. Supervisor Molesworth advised that He has been speaking with the county in regards to which culverts need to be addressed immediately. He stated that the board is planning on working on some of the culvert issues this year.

A Motion to Adjourn the Annual Meeting was made by Treasurer Shappee; 2nd by Trustee Hawk All in Favor: 5-0 Motion Passed.

Annual Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Brenda Hill Kenockee Township Clerk