

NOVESTA TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ELECTORATES
Held March 29, 2025 at the Novesta Township Hall at 10:00 am.

Chad Daniels, Supervisor; Pennie Rienas, Clerk; Deidra Zdrojewski, Treasurer; Dan Bera, Trustee; and Jesse Robinson, Trustee; present.

Others present were: Kim Michalski, Greg Michalski, Jon Zdrojewski, Dave Robinson, Dave Little, Wes Yeo, Bob Dickson, Gary Anderson, Mark Copeland, Sue Copeland, Mason Copeland, Riley Copeland, Evan Laurie, Dennis Hendrick, Lyle Severance, Melissa Kelly, Russel Rienas.

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Supervisor/Moderator Chad Daniels. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
 - Controversy started about the Annual Meeting vs the Annual Meeting of the Electorates. Moderator Daniels read from Michigan Compiled Law to clear up questions on this subject, stating they are one in the same. He also read statements from the township attorney stating they are one in the same. After reading this information the controversy continued. Moderator Daniels stated he was going to take the attorneys interpretation over Mr.Yeo's.
2. Motion made by Mark Copeland and Sue Copeland to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.
3. Motion made by Chad Daniels and Kim Michalski to approve the March 30, 2024 minutes as presented. Motion carried
4. **New Business:**
 - a. **Supervisor Salary:** Motion by Lyle Severance and Mark Copeland to approve a \$5,000.00 recommended increase to the resolution per year making the Supervisor salary \$15,500.00. Discussion was held with Chad Daniels stating the thought that was to much. Bob Dickson started giving the history of the Annual meeting and a "Call to Vote" was given by Dave Little and Kim Michalski. Show of hands vote was taken 16-Yes, 2-No, with 1- Abstain being Chad Daniels. Motion carried.
 - b. **Clerk Salary:** Motion by Dave Robinson and Gary Anderson to approve a \$5,000.00 recommended increase to the resolution per year making the Clerk salary \$20,000.00. Discussion was held. Show of hands vote was taken 17-Yes, 2-No, with 1- Abstain being Pennie Rienas. Motion carried.
 - c. **Treasurer Salary:** Motion by Lyle Severance and Dave Robinson to approve the resolution as presented with no increase the Treasurer Salary remaining at \$12,500.00. A friendly amendment by Gary Anderson agreed upon by Lyle Severance and Dave Robinson to increase the salary by 5% for a total of 625.00 increase making the salary \$13,125.00. . Show of hands vote was taken 15-Yes, 4-No, with 1- Abstain being Deidra Zdrojewski. Motion carried.

- d. **Trustee Salary:** Motion by Dave Robinson and Chad Daniels to approve a recommended increase of \$20.00 per meeting to the resolution. Discussion was held with an amendment to the motion agreed upon by Dave Robinson and Chad Daniels to state an increase of \$20.00 per month. Show of hands vote was taken 16-Yes, 2-No, with 1- Abstain being Dan Bera. Motion carried.
- e. **Trustee Salary with liaison pay:** Motion was made by: Motion by Lyle Severance and Mark Copeland to approve a \$10.00 recommended increase to the resolution per year making the Liaison salary \$1320.00 Discussion was held with Friendly amendment made by Pennie Rienas to increase by \$50.00 per month agreed upon by Lyle Severance and Mark Copeland. and Show of hands vote was taken 17-Yes, 2-No, with 1- Abstain being Jesse Robinson. Motion carried.
- f. **Public Comment:** Public comment was held with several speaking.

5. Motion was made by Chad Daniels and Pennie Rienas to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 am. Approved.

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Chad Daniels, Supervisor

Pennie Rienas, Clerk