

Champion Township Board Meeting  
April 11, 2022

- I. **Call to Order:** The Supervisor, Larry Arsenault called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
- II. **Members Present:** Catherine Pratt, Clerk, Larry Arsenault, Supervisor, Ron Miller, Trustee, and James Belpedio, Trustee  
  
**Members Absent:** Linda Pelkola, Treasurer  
  
**Visitors:** Tanya Bowen, Mike Simula, Heidy Pelkola, Dulcee Ranta, Betty Brotherton, Sara Hupp, Carl Pratt, Diane and Gary Hamel
- III. Pledge of Allegiance was said
- IV. **Approval of Minutes:** Larry makes motion to accept. Jim supports, AIF
- V. **Treasurer's Report:** Read and filed. Need ideas on how to use up the Wetland funds and close it out.
- VI. **Approval of the Agenda: Old Business: d. Rental Agreement for Fire Hall Updated.** Catherine made motion to accept with additions. Ron supports AIF.
- VII. **Committee Reports:**
  - a) **Fire:** No meeting was held last week due to not enough information for agenda. Will be having a meeting this Thursday. Fire Department has received Danielle Garnett's equipment and are in the process of getting Chelsea's equipment back.
  - b) **Planning Commission:** Discussed the answers from the lawyer about the new ordinances. Went over information about marijuana distribution from other areas. Next meeting is on May 10th @ 6:30 p.m. due to the election.
  - c) **Zoning Admin:** Spring is in the air. Mike has received one zoning application which is the process of being revised. Violations letters are still on hold due to the snow.
  - d) **Assessor:** Rollover is good to go for 2023. L-4023 Agricultural is assessed at \$45,300 and ratio is at 46.90%. Commercial is assessed at \$321,700 and ratio is at 50.33%. Industrial is assessed at \$5,452,600 and ratio is at 50.00%. Residential is assessed at \$18,622,000 and ratio is at 49.55%. Residential is an increase of 1.22%. Timber is assessed at \$3,877,400 and ratio is at 51.27%.
- I. **Public Comment:** Betty Brotherton wants to know since the assessments are on the increase if that means the township will be getting more money. Yes, an increase in an assessment results in an increase in taxes. Gary Hamel asked about what is going on with the school. Court on June 11<sup>th</sup>.
- II. **Claims:** Additions: Superior locks for township file cabinets and the Absentee Election box. Mileage for Heidy for classes. Catherine makes motion to pay. Larry supports AIF
- III. **Communications:** none

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**IV. Old Business:**

- a. Lions Club:** Need to find a contractor so that the township can have a breakdown of costs (estimate).
- b. Need 1 person who has authority for Rural Development:** Catherine is going to be the contact person.
- c. Wetlands \$437.50:** Come to next meeting with ideas on what to do with the money.
- d. Firehall Rental Agreement:** Updated to say that Fire/EMS workers for Champion and Humboldt Township can you use the hall for free. Larry makes motion to approve. Catherine supports AIF.

**V. New Business:**

- a. Dumpster Days/Transfer Tickets:** Dumpster days are going to be May 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>. The township is going to give each resident 2 dump tickets when asked for.
- b. Recycling:** Recycling is going to start May 20<sup>th</sup> and the township going to try for a 3-month period. The township worker will start going around town one day a week picking up recyclables.
- c. Newsletter:** Clerk is in the process of working on newsletter. Need to decide if we are doing something for Memorial day.
- d. How to spend Covid \$:** Just put infrastructure on there. Playgrounds-got \$10,000 from Eagle Mine and the Township is going to put \$10,000 in so think of ideas for the park and which park we want to start with.
- e. Firehall Locks:** Going to cost \$824 to get locks changed. The fire chief is discussing a code they would like to use. Get back to Larry so he can talk to the locksmith.
- f. All expenditures must go through the supervisor/clerk and use Company Credit card**
- g. New receipts must have what is purchased and turned into the clerk**

**VI. Public Comment:** Gary Hamel asked how much we are looking to put into the Lions Club building. Larry said we asking for \$200,000 and use that to update.

**VII. Adjournment:** Ron made a motion to adjourn, Jim supports AIF. Meeting ended at 7:32 p.m.