

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
EAGLE HARBOR TOWNSHIP BOARD
December 12, 2022

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Supervisor Probst called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:01PM

Supervisor Probst led the Township Board and those in attendance and on zoom in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Supervisor Probst, Clerk Olson, Trustee Schaefer and Treasurer Asselin

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Trustee Bailey

AGENDA ADDITIONS AND APPROVAL:

Motion by Treasurer Asselin **Second** by Trustee Schaefer to approve the agenda with 'Open Skies Water Contract added to Unfinished Business and 'Keweenaw Community Grant Agreement' added to New Business **Vote:** Unanimous **Motion Carried**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

☐ None

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL:

- ☐ Approve Minutes of November 14, 2022 Regular Meeting
- ☐ Accept Treasurers Report
- ☐ Approve Payment of Bills:
 - General Fund - \$25,495.69
 - Water Fund -\$3,090.67
 - Solid Waste Fund - \$4,525.38
 - Emergency Services - \$1,374.89
 - For a final Total of \$34,486.63

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SUPERVISOR'S REMARKS AND CORRESPONDENCE

- ☐ Keri Ellis wants to do some remote volunteer work for the Township. Work would consist of web page updating, keeping an updated calendar of events and possibly social media.
- ☐ Herb Marutz died this week. He was a long serving BOR member

- BOR and ZBA have open positions as well as Township Trustee. If you know of anyone who is interested, please have them contact Rich.
- Rick Draper – Silver River Bridge Project update – Spoke with Rob Tervo at length after the last meeting. It is clear that the old bridge is going to be removed. The old stones will be saved to be used on future WPA project restorations. Project is slated to last 10 weeks and there will be incentives to finish on time or early. If interested in being on a list to be kept informed, please contact Rick Draper or Rich Probst

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- **Assessing** - Rich Probst- Busy. The Inflation rate multiplier that is established by the state for 2023 is 1.05, which is the highest it can be. The current inflation rate is 7.9%. Next BOR is 12/13/22 at 10AM
- **Cemetery Sexton** –Jon Bowles – No Report
- **Elections** - Jeane Olson – No Report
- **Emergency Medical Responders** – Mary Ann Hohner – 3 calls this month. Have a Merry and Happy Christmas and stay safe
- **General Maintenance Department** - Marlin Wingard – Solid Waste Building work is near finish
- **Grounds Maintenance** – Brad Black – No Report
- **Planning Commission** – Laura Bonde – The Planning Commission met on December 1st for our regular meeting. We met with Patrick Coleman of North 45: Responsive Urban and Town Planning. At our request, Mr. Coleman submitted a bid and scope of his services with time estimates to assist our efforts to incorporate the STR draft regulations into the Zoning Ordinance document. It was our recommendation to Rich and to the Board that we accept Mr. Coleman’s bid. We updated the list of topics for future consideration and discussed shipping containers as storage sheds.
- **Solid Waste Department** – Jon Bowles – The solid waste facility will be open, as usual, over the Christmas and New Year holiday. The gate has been removed for the winter. Yard waste debris pile was burned by the VFD. Improvements are progressing on Recycling Building and the heat upgrade nearing completion.
- **Tax Department** - Patty Asselin – Tax bills have been sent out.
- **Volunteer Fire Department** – Mike Radigan/Bryce Holden – Two meetings this month with 6 members in attendance. Started and ran all engines. Reviewed our procedures and tactics. Assisted the First Responders on an emergency run and sent the monthly report to the NFIRS. Burned the debris pile at the SW facility.
- **Water Department** - Marlin Wingard – No Report
- **Zoning Administrator** – Marjie Marshall – No Report
- **Zoning Board of Appeals** – Jean Ellis – At the December meeting, Susan Hockings reported she had recruited a new member.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- ☐ **Parks & Recreation Committee** – Rich Probst Jr– No Report
- ☐ **Beach Committee** – Jim Boggio/Doug Slowik – No Report
- ☐ **Park Committee** – Bryce Holden – 1 meeting in November. Working on the Hiking and Ski Trail easements and signage. We were awarded a \$2200.00 grant from the Keweenaw Community Foundation Cross Country Skiing Fund, to aid in the making and posting of signs on the hiking and ski trails. As soon as there is sufficient snow we will begin grooming the cross country ski trails for the season.
- ☐ **Recreation Committee** – Barb Sickler – No Report
- ☐ **Solid Waste Committee** – Jon Bowles –No Report
- ☐ **Eagle Harbor Marina Committee** – Rich Probst – Had in informal meeting to get a brief update on the project from the DNR. Progress is going as planned.
- ☐ **ARPA Fund Committee** – George Bailey – No Report
- ☐ **Sewer System Committee** – Patty Asselin – Rich – Attended a webinar from the State Clean Water Initiative.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- ☐ **Superior Bank Proposal** – Patty – Going to contact SNB and try to negotiate the fees associated with online and mobile banking. Item tabled.
- ☐ **Open Skies Water Contract** – **Motion** by Clerk Olson **Second** by Treasurer Asselin to accept the bulk water sales contract as written **Roll Call Vote: 4 Yes Motion Carried**

NEW BUSINESS

- ☐ **Resignation of George Bailey** – **Motion** by Supervisor Probst **Second** by Treasurer Asselin to accept George Baileys written resignation to the Township Trustee position effective immediately **Vote: 4 Yes Motion Carried**
- ☐ **BOR Appointments** –
Motion by Supervisor Probst **Second** by Clerk Olson to appoint Ginny Schubert to the BOR for a term of 2 years ending in 2024 **Vote: 4 Yes Motion Carried**
Motion by Supervisor Probst **Second** by Treasurer Asselin to appoint Bryce Holden to the BOR for a term of 2 years ending in 2024 **Vote: 4 Yes Motion Carried**
Motion by Supervisor Probst **Second** by Clerk Olson to appoint Peg Carlson to the BOR for a term of 2 years ending in 2024 **Vote: 4 Yes Motion Carried.**
- ☐ **ZBA Appointments** – **Motion** by Supervisor Probst **Second** by Clerk Olson to appoint Mark Redrow to the ZBA for a term of 2 years ending in 2024 **Vote: 4 Yes Motion Carried**
- ☐ **Consultation Contract for STR Ordinance** – **Motion** by Clerk Olson **Second** by Treasurer Asselin to accept the contract for Patrick Coleman consultation services for no more than \$2000 **Roll Call Vote: 4 Yes Motion Carried**

- ☐ **Heartland Payroll Service Contract** – Tabled till January
- ☐ **Keweenaw Community Grant Agreement – Motion** by Treasure Asselin **Second** by Trustee Schaefer to accept and sign the agreement sent by Keweenaw Community Foundation for the \$2200 grant award **Roll Call Vote: 4 Yes Motion Carried**

Public Comment:

Jean Ellis – Presented the Board with her findings of the volunteer survey. From the information she has received back, which is only a portion of what was sent out; approximately 510 hours are donated per year which equates to \$17, 00.00 in saved spending for the township if the township were to pay for the services.

Pat Roche – Would banking changes help with ACH payments for those who wish to do so?

Duncan Wyeth – Work looks great at the SW facility. Also, wondering if there were other candidates that wanted to run for Trustee, following Richard Harrers passing, who should be considered?

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Treasurer Asselin **Second** by Supervisor Probst to adjourn **Vote: 4 Yes Motion Carried** Meeting adjourned at 8:17PM

Kelly Probst, Deputy Clerk
Eagle Harbor Township

- CERTIFICATION -

I, the undersigned, Jeane Olson, the duly qualified and elected Clerk for the Township of Eagle Harbor, Keweenaw County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Township Board of said Township at a regular board meeting held on December 12, 2022.

Jeane Olson, Clerk
Eagle Harbor Township