MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 21, 2024

GARFIELD TOWNSHIP HALL, ENGADINE, MI 49827

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY SUPERVISOR BUTKOVICH AT 6:30 P.M. WITH THE PLEDGE.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT – D. BUTKOVICH, FILLMAN, S. BUTKOVICH, MACARTHUR AND KETCHER.

MINUTES: **MOTION BY** KETCHER, SECONDED BY S. BUTKOVICH TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 17TH REGULAR MEETING AS PRINTED. MOTION CARRIED.

TREASURER’S REPORT: **MOTION BY** MACARTHUR, SECONDED BY FILLMAN TO APPROVE THE TREASURER’S REPORT AS OF JANUARY 31ST AS PRINTED. MOTION CARRIED

ADDITIONAL BILLS FOR APPROVAL: **MOTION BY** S. BUTKOVICH, SECONDED BY KETCHER TO APPROVE THE ADDITIONAL BILLS FOR PAYMENT. MOTION CARRIED.

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| GENERAL FUND |  |
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| HALLAHAN & ASSOCIATES | $616.59 |
| ACCIDENT FUND | $1,854.64 |
| MILL POND COTTAGE | $938.29 |
| PONTOM SOFTWARE | $885.00 |
| AMERICAN LEGION POST 290 | $450.38 |
| ELECTION SOURCE | $400.33 |
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|  | $5,145.23 |
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| FIRE FUND |  |
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| ACCIDENT FUND | $428.00 |
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| AMBULANCE FUND |  |
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| DANNY'S AUTO VALUE | $328.76 |
| COUNTY OF LUCE | $275.00 |
| CHRISTOPHER WENDT | $390.50 |
| AIRGAS | $431.32 |
| ACCIDENT FUND | $2,472.86 |
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|  | $3,898.44 |

AMBULANCE REPORT:

KLATHY’S PH&E WILL INSTALL THE NEW FURNACE AT THE “OLD AMBULANCE GARAGE” BUT THE DATE IS NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME.

THE BILLER, MY MICHIGAN MEDICAL CENTER SAULT, PRESENTED SUGGESTED FEE INCREASES FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES.

**MOTION BY** S. BUTKOVICH, SECONDED BY MACARTHUR TO INCREASE THE MILEAGE RATE TO $16.00 PER MILE, BLS NON-EMERGENCY RUNS TO $400.00 AND BLS EMERGENCY RUNS TO $550.00. THE ALS RUN CHARGE WILL REMAIN AT $700.00. MOTION CARRIED.

FIRE REPORT:

R&R REPAIR ESTIMATES: OTHER COMPANIES HAVE BEEN CONTACTED AND WAITING ON ESTIMATES FOR THE REPAIRS SUGGESTED BY R&R REPAIR.

TIRE QUOTE: **MOTION BY** D. BUTKOVICH, SECONDED BY S. BUTKOVICH TO PURCHASE THE TIRES FOR ENGINE 1 FROM POMP’S TIRE SERVICE FOR AN ESTIMATED COST OF $5,000.00. MOTION CARRIED.

DISCIPLINARY POLICY: CHANGES TO THE DISCIPLINARY POLICY WERE DISCUSSED.

EXTRACTION GLOVES: **MOTION BY** D. BUTKOVICH, SECONDED BY MACARTHUR TO PURCHASE 10 PAIR OF EXTRACTION GLOVES FOR AN ESTIMATED TOTAL COST OF $400.00 PLUS SHIPPING. MOTION CARRIED.

DISPOSAL: THE DEPARTMENT NEEDS TO RESEARCH HOW TO DISPOSE OF SOME OLD RADIOS AND EXTRACTION TOOLS.

ROADS:

SUPERVISOR BUTKOVICH ATTENDED THE ANNUAL PROJECT MEETING AT THE MCRC ENGADINE GARAGE. HE SUBMITTED A LIST OF PROJECTS FOR QUOTES. THE MILD WINTER HAS BEEN A SAVINGS TO THE COUNTY, SO THIS WILL ENABLE THEM TO DO MORE BRUSHING AND MOWING THIS SUMMER.

EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE: THEY MET AND REVIEWED R&R FIRE TRUCK SPECS FOR AN AMBULANCE. THE BUILD IS THREE YEARS OUT.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** NONE

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

THERE IS A BALLOT INITIATIVE TO REVERT SOLAR ENERGY LAWS IN MICHIGAN.

THERE IS AN OPEN SEAT ON THE VETERAN’S SERVICES BOARD IN MACKINAC COUNTY.

RECYCLING: A PRESENTATION BY E.U.P. PLANNING WILL BE AT A COUNTY BOARD MEETING.

OPIOID: MONIES ARE AVAILABLE TO CREATE COUNSELING CENTERS.

WHY DOESN’T THE TOWNSHIP HAVE THE MONEY INVESTED?

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

ARPA FUNDS: A DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON THE NEXT ITEMS ON THE SPENDING LIST FOR THE ARPA MONEY. IT WAS DECIDED NOT TO DO THE WARING SIRENS FOR ENGADINE AND NAUBINWAY FIRE HALLS. THE NEXT ITEM ON THE LIST IS STREET LIGHTS FOR THE MARINA ROAD. SUPERVISOR BUTKOVICH WILL GET AN ESTIMATE FROM CLOVERLAND ELECTRIC FOR THE LIGHTS.

POVERTY EXEMPTION & ASSET TEST RESOLUTION: **MOTION BY** FILLMAN, SECONDED BY S. BUTKOVICH TO ADOPT THE POVERTY EXEMPTION INCOME GUIDELINES AND ASSET TEST RESOLUTION 2024-1. ROLL CALL: YES: FILLMAN, S. BUTKOVICH, D. BUTKOVICH, MACARTHUR AND KETCHER. NO: NONE. MOTION CARRIED.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

SET DATE FOR BUDGET HEARING & ADVERTISE: **MOTION BY** D. BUTKOVICH, SECONDED BY S. BUTKOVICH TO SET THE BUDGET HEARING FOR MARCH 19TH AT 1 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.

EGLE COMMUNITY ENERGY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM GRANT: SUPERVISOR BUTKOVICH DISCUSSED THIS GRANT TO REPLACE THE STREET LIGHT LIGHTING IN THE TOWNSHIP WITH LED LIGHTING. CLOVERLAND ELECTRIC WILL BE CONTACTED FOR THE COST.

**MOTION BY** MACARTHUR, SECONDED BY KETCHER TO APPLY FOR THE EGLE COMMUNITY ENERGY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM GRANT TO UPGRADE THE TOWNSHIP STREET LIGHTING TO LED LIGHTS. MOTION CARRIED.

MARIHUANA ESTABLISHMENT & FACILITIES APPLICATION EXTENSION: **MOTION BY** D. BUTKOVICH, SECONDED BY FILLMAN TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 2024-2 TO EXTEND THE RECEIPT PERIOD FOR APPLICATIONS FOR AUTHORIZATION OF MARIHUANA ESTABLISHMENTS AND MARIHUANA FACILITIES UNTIL MAY 15, 2024. ROLL CALL: YES: D. BUTKOVICH, FILLMAN, MACARTHUR, AND KETCHER. NAYS: S. BUTKOVICH. MOTION CARRIED.

ADVERTISE TOWNSHIP BOARD FILING: **MOTION BY** S. BUTKOVICH, SECONDED BY KETCHER TO ADVERTISE THE FILING DATE FOR TOWNSHIP ELECTED POSITIONS. MOTION CARRIED.

CLERK FILLMAN STATED THE GRAYMONT GRANT APPLICATION CYCLE HAS OPENED AND THE CLOSING DATE IS MAY 31ST.

**MOTION BY** KETCHER, SECONDED BY MACARTUR TO ADJOURN AT 8:32 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

PAULA FILLMAN

GARFIELD TOWNSHIP CLERK

(THESE DRAFT MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO CORRECTION AND APPROVAL AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING.)