MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 20, 2024

GARFIELD TOWNSHIP HALL, ENGADINE, MI 49827

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY SUPERVISOR BUTKOVICH AT 6:32 P.M. WITH THE PLEDGE.

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

MINUTES: **MOTION BY** S. BUTKOVICH, SECONDED BY MACARTHUR TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 21ST REGULAR MEETING AS PRINTED. MOTION CARRIED.

TREASURER’S REPORT: **MOTION BY** FILLMAN, SECONDED BY D. BUTKOVICH TO APPROVE THE TREASURER’S REPORT AS OF FEBRUARY 29TH AS PRINTED. MOTION CARRIED

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

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| GENERAL FUND |  |
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| HALLAHAN & ASSOCIATES | $497.25 |
| KCI  | $709.93 |
| THE ADVISOR | $347.10 |
| DAN SMITH & COMPANY | $775.00 |
| LMAS DISTRICT HEALTH DEPT | $322.00 |
| D & D HOME CENTER | $495.51 |
| MILL POND COTTAGE | $816.75 |
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|  | $3,963.54 |
| FIRE FUND |  |
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| DANNY'S AUTO VALUE | $251.06 |
| JW2 FIRE CONSULTANTS | $2,500.00 |
| D & D HOME CENTER | $253.08 |
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|  | $3,004.14 |
| AMBULANCE FUND |  |
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| AIRGAS | $409.10 |
| BEAUDOIN SERVICE | $6,294.07 |
| BEAUDOIN SERVICE | $1,800.00 |
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|  | $8,503.17 |

AMBULANCE REPORT:

**MOTION BY** S. BUTKOVICH, SECONDED BY MACARTHUR TO HIRE JORDAN HOOD AS AN EMT TO THE AMBULANCE CORP. MOTION CARRIED.

FIRE REPORT:

R&R REPAIR ESTIMATES: THE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS DECIDED TO GIVE R & R FIRE TRUCK REPAIR ANOTHER SHOT AT DOING THE REPAIR WORK ON THE VEHICLES. ALL THE OTHER COMPANIES THEY CONTACTED WOULD HAVE TO START FROM SCRATCH WITH INSPECTIONS AND SINCE THERE ARE SO FEW COMPANIES, THE TIME FRAME TO GET ON THE SCHEDULE WOULD TAKE TIME. THEY WILL REVIEW THE LIST OF SUGGESTED REPAIRS AND DECIDE WHAT WORK THEY WANT DONE.

HIRING COMMITTEE: **MOTION BY** D. BUTKOVICH, SECONDED BY MACARTHUR TO APPOINT, SEAN FENELEY, DAVE FRAZIER, DAVID BUSS, AARON OBERLE AND CASEY WENDT TO THE HIRING COMMITTEE. MOTION CARRIED.

DISCIPLINARY POLICY: **MOTION BY** MACARTHUR, SECONDED BY FILLMAN TO SEND THE REVISED DISCIPLINARY POLICY TO FOSTER SWIFT ATTORNEYS FOR REVIEW. MOTION CARRIED.

RESCUE CONVERSION KIT: **MOTION BY** D. BUTKOVICH, SECONDED BY MACARTHUR TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF AN ATV RESCUE CONVERSION KIT FOR $1,443.00 WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND AMBULANCE CORP EACH PAYING 50% OF THE COST. MOTION CARRIED.

THERE HAS BEEN AN ISSUE WITH THE PASSAGE WAY DOOR ON CLOSING AND LOCKING AT THE NAUBINWAY FIRE HALL. REQUESTING MAINTENANCE TO LOOK AT IT.

REQUEST FOR A CELL PHONE FOR THE DEPARTMENT. CLERK FILLMAN WILL CONTACT VERIZON.

ROADS:

TRUSTEE MACARTHUR PRESENTED A LIST OF SUGGESTED ROAD PROJECTS AND ESTIMATED COSTS. THE BOARD REVIEWED THE LIST AND ASKED FOR QUOTES FOR FIVE OF THE PROJECTS.

CHLORIDE BIDS: **MOTION BY** D. BUTKOVICH, SECONDED BY S. BUTKOVICH TO HIRE WILKINSON CORPORATION TO APPLY THE ROAD CHLORIDE FOR $.405 PER GALLON. MOTION CARRIED.

MTA HAD AN EXCELLENT ARTICLE IN THE MARCH ISSUE OF THE TOWNSHIP FOCUS EXPLAINING WHAT LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY THE TOWNSHIP HAS WITH REGARD TO THE COUNTY ROADS. “… townships have no statutory obligation to maintain public roads…”

**COMMUNICATIONS:** NONE

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

THE M.L.S. FARM BUREAU WOULD LIKE TO PLACE A BALLOT INITIATIVE PETITION FOR SIGNATURES TO REVERT SOLAR ENERGY LAWS IN MICHIGAN IN THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL DO FIRST AID AND & AED TRAINING WITH THE HIAWATHA CLUB EMPLOYEES.

WEBSITE, NEWSLETTER OR SOMETHING TO SEND OUT INFORMATION TO TAX PAYERS?

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

ARPA FUNDS: CLOVERLAND ELECTRIC IS WORKING ON COST ESTIMATE FOR THE MARINA ROAD LIGHTING.

EGLE COMMUNITY ENERGY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM GRANT: SUPERVISOR BUTKOVICH REPORTED OUR GRANT WRITER IS WORKING ON THE GRANT AND THE QUOTE FROM CLOVERLAND ELECTRIC IS $72,368.00 TO REPLACE THE STREET LIGHT LIGHTING IN THE ENTIRE TOWNSHIP WITH LED LIGHTING.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

APPROVE 2024-2025 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE & ADVERTISE: **MOTION BY** D. BUTKOVICH, SECONDED BY FILLMAN TO APPROVE THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE AND ADVERTISE. MOTION CARRIED.

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION RENTAL LIST: **MOTION BY** FILLMAN, SECONDED BY S. BUTKOVICH TO APPROVE THE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION RENTAL LIST FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR. MOTION CARRIED.

GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION:

**MOTION BY** FILLMAN, SECONDED BY D. BUTKOVICH TO PASS RESOLUTION 2024-03 TO ADOPT THE GARFIELD TOWNSHIP BUDGETS AS A COST CENTER BUDGET AND TOTAL NUMBER OF ESTIMATED MILLS TO BE LEVIED IS 7.489. ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: FILLMAN, D. BUTKOVICH, S. BUTKOVICH AND MACARTHUR. NAYS: NONE. ABSENT: KETCHER. MOTION CARRIED. (ON FILE WITH CLERK)

CLEAN UP DAY: **MOTION BY** D. BUTKOVICH, SECONDED BY FILLMAN TO SCHEDULE CLEAN-UP DAY ON JUNE 15TH FROM 9 A.M. TO 1 P.M. AT THE ENGADINE TOWNSHIP HALL PARKING LOT. MOTION CARRIED.

ELECTRONIC RECYCLING – PORTAGE TOWNSHIP: PORTAGE TOWNSHIP HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR A AN ELECTRONIC RECYCLING GRANT AND WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE THE SURROUNDING TOWNSHIPS TO PARTICIPATE. THE BOARD AGREED THAT WE ARE INTERESTED AND ASK PORTAGE TOWNSHIP TO GIVE US MORE INFORMATION.

GRAYMONT GRANT: IT IS TO BE DETERMINED WHAT THE TOWNSHIP WILL APPLY FOR.

SEMCO ENERGY CAP PAYOFF: **MOTION BY** S. BUTKOVICH, SECONDED BY MACARTHUR TO PAY OFF THE CUSTOMER ATTACHMENT PROGRAM (CAP) WITH SEMCO ENERGY FOR THE NAUBINWAY PAVILION AND NAUBINWAY FIRE HALL FOR A TOTAL OF $6,967.20 SAVING A TOTAL OF $3,221.56 FOR THE LIFE TIME OF THE CAP. MOTION CARRIED.

NAUBINWAY MUSEUM COMMITTEE REQUEST: A LETTER WAS RECEIVED FROM KAREN FRAZIER REPRESENTING THE NAUBINWAY MUSEUM COMMITTEE REQUESTING TO INSTALL DISPLAY CABINETS IN THE NAUBINWAY PAVILION. THE BOARD DECIDED THERE WAS NOT ENOUGH INFORMATION TO MAKE A DECISION.

**MOTION BY** FILLMAN, SECONDED BY D. BUTKOVICH TO ADJOURN AT 8:22 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.)