

ATTICA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

November 14, 2019

Nancy Herpolsheimer, Clerk

At a meeting of the Attica Township Board held November 14, 2019, at the Attica Township Hall, 4350 Peppermill Road, Attica, Michigan. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Supervisor Al Ochadleus. PRESENT: Supervisor Al Ochadleus, Clerk Nancy Herpolsheimer, Treasurer Pam Mason, Trustee Phil Madeline and Trustee Rich Lacey. Absent: None. ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Mike Gildner and the public per the sign-in sheet attached.

Pledge of Allegiance

**ACCEPT AGENDA:**

**MOTION** by Lacey, seconded by Madeline, to accept the agenda as presented. A vote was taken. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**REVIEW MINUTES:**

The minutes of October 10, 2019 regular Board meeting were reviewed by the Board; and there being no additions, corrections or deletions;

**MOTION** by Lacey, seconded by Madeline, to approve the October 10, 2019 regular Board meeting minutes as presented. A vote was taken. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Clerk Herpolsheimer read a letter thanking the township for the use of the hall for a craft day fundraiser for the Attica Food Bank.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Mason gave the following Treasurer's Report: General Fund Beginning Balance of \$240,720.14 receipts of \$7,154.68; Interest of \$217.67; Distributions of \$65,834.62 for a New Balance of \$182,257.87; General Fund CDARS savings account has \$203,967.26; General Fund ICS has \$300,415.66; Public Safety has \$26,108.54; Public Safety CDARS Savings account has \$50,991.82; Public Safety ICS has \$25,043.50; Fire Millage has \$7,047.29; Fire Millage CDARS Savings account has \$50,991.82; Fire Millage ICS has \$20,049.51; Fire Escrow has \$50,035.89; Fire Escrow ICS has \$41.52; Deposited Escrow has \$50,035.89.

**MOTION** by Lacey, seconded by Madeline, to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. A vote was taken. Ayes: All; Nays: None. Absent: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Supervisor Ochadleus requested authorization to pay off the fire truck, if feasible, leaving the Township with zero indebtedness. There was discussion.

**MOTION** by Herpolsheimer, seconded by Mason, to authorize Supervisor Ochadleus and Treasurer Mason to review financial statements and pay off the fire truck, if feasible. A roll call vote was taken. Ochadleus: Aye; Herpolsheimer: Aye; Madeline: Aye; Mason: Aye and Lacey: Aye. Ayes: All; Nays: None. Absent: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**POLICE REPORT:** Supervisor Ochadleus gave the following police report: there were 89 calls in the month of October with 55 of the calls handled by township deputies.

**PUBLIC TIME:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Fireworks Ordinance:**

Supervisor supported passing the fireworks ordinance as proposed.

**MOTION** by Mason, seconded by Herpolsheimer, to adopt the attached Fireworks Ordinance. A roll call vote was taken. Ochadleus: Aye; Lacey: Aye; Herpolsheimer: Aye; Mason: Aye and Madeline: Aye. Ayes: All; Nays: None. Absent: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

2. **Dangerous Building Status-4185 Northway Drive:**

Supervisor Ochadleus updated the board on the status of the dangerous building at 4185 Northway Drive. A permit has been issued for demolition and the owner would like to rebuild on the lot. Attorney Gildner is working on this matter.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Section 4.2 Ordinance Amendment:**

Supervisor Ochadleus reviewed the amendment and there was discussion.

**MOTION** by Ochadleus, seconded by Mason, to amend Section 4.29.1 Agribusiness Uses of the Attica Township Zoning Ordinance (attached), as recommended by the Planning Commission, removing:

1. All such uses shall be located on a paved, County Primary Road unless the use is seasonal in nature and has no permanent buildings for use by the public.

A roll call vote was taken. Lacey: Aye; Ochadleus: Aye; Herpolsheimer: Aye; Mason: Aye and Madeline: Aye. Ayes: All; Nays: None. Absent: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**2. Planning Commission Resignation of Robert Stockwell:**

**MOTION** by Herpolsheimer, seconded by Madeline, to accept Robert Stockwell's resignation from the Planning Commission. A vote was taken. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**3. Planning Commission Member Appointment:**

Supervisor Ochadleus recommended the appointment of Mary Tullio to the Planning Commission.

**MOTION** by Mason, seconded by Herpolsheimer, to appoint Mary Tuillio to the Planning Commission to fill the vacancy left by Robert Stockwell (term ending March 31, 2020). A vote was taken. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**4. Accept Audit:**

Supervisor Ochadleus stated that he has an issue with a note in the audit regarding uninsured, uncollateralized funds. Treasurer Mason and Supervisor Ochadleus have spoken with the bank and are under the belief that all money is insured. There was discussion. Supervisor Ochadleus recommended the board not approve the audit and put the approval on December's board meeting agenda. Clerk Herpolsheimer, Treasurer Mason and Attorney Gildner will look into the issue.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. FIRE: None.
2. PARK: Park Manager Madeline reported that the signs and chains are up and the park is closed.
3. PLANNING COMMISSION: Planning Commission Secretary Lemons reported that in lieu of a Planning Commission meeting in November, Planner Habben will conduct a Planning class for the Planning Commission members. The class will be held November 21<sup>st</sup> due to the Thanksgiving holiday.
4. ATTORNEY REPORT: None.
5. AMBULANCE: Supervisor Ochadleus informed the board that EMS plans on having a renewal of an existing millage on the March primary ballot.
6. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Commissioner Jarvis reported:
  - a. There will be a Thanksgiving Feast at Harmony Hall on Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:45 a.m.

b. The Historical Courthouse Holiday Gala fundraiser will be held on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

7. Board:

a) Supervisor Ochadleus informed the Board that new computers have been purchased for the Township offices and presented a resolution to sell the old computers.

**MOTION** by Herpolsheimer, seconded by Mason, to adopt the Resolution 2019-1 (attached). A roll call vote was taken. Lacey: Aye; Ochadleus: Aye; Madeline: Aye; Herpolsheimer: Aye and Mason: Aye. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

b) Supervisor Ochadleus informed the Board that he received a notice from County Treasurer, Dana Miller, stating that effective September 2019 land divisions cannot be approved unless the owner has certification that all taxes are paid up to date from the County Treasurer.

8. Public Time: None.

**REVIEWING AND PAYING BILLS:**

The bills were reviewed by the Board for the General Fund for the amount of \$67,561.79 (check #21000 through check #21107); Public Safety for the amount of \$11,200.12 (check #1260) and the Fire Fund for the amount of \$8,523.10 (check #5460 through check #5489). For a total of \$87,285.01. There being no further questions:

**MOTION** by Lacey, seconded by Madeline, to approve the bills as presented in the amount of \$87,285.01. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**  
**Phil al rich Nancy pam yes**

There being no further business before the Board, **MOTION** by Lacey seconded by Madeline to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. A vote was taken. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Submitted by:

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Valerie Schultz, Deputy Clerk

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Nancy Herpolsheimer, Clerk