

ATTICA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

May 14, 2020

Nancy Herpolsheimer, Clerk

At a meeting of the Attica Township Board held March 14, 2020, at the Attica Township Hall, 4350 Peppermill Road, Attica, Michigan. The meeting was also live on the internet through ZOOM. The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Supervisor Al Ochadleus. PRESENT: Supervisor Al Ochadleus, Clerk Nancy Herpolsheimer, Treasurer Pam Mason and Trustee Rich Lacey. Absent: None. ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Mike Gildner (via ZOOM) and the public per the sign-in sheet attached.

Pledge of Allegiance

**ACCEPT AGENDA:**

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

**REVIEW MINUTES:**

The minutes of March 12, 2020 regular Board meeting were reviewed by the Board; and there being no additions, corrections or deletions;

**MOTION** by Lacey seconded by Herpolsheimer, to approve the March 12, 2020 regular Board meeting minutes as presented. A vote was taken. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Mason gave the following Treasurer's Report: General Fund Beginning Balance of \$348,027.75 receipts of \$20,843.74 Interest of \$27.21; Distributions of \$33,472.50 for a New Balance of \$335,426.20; General Fund CDARS savings account has \$204,193.97; General Fund ICS has \$343,519.17; Public Safety has \$100,377.29; Public Safety CDARS Savings account has \$51,048.55; Public Safety ICS has \$25,049.73; Fire Millage has \$83,644.20; Fire Millage ICS has \$1,053.26; Fire Escrow has \$2,690.08; Fire Escrow ICS has \$41.52; Deposited Escrow has \$50,060.85.

**MOTION** by Lacey, seconded by Herpolsheimer, to approve the Treasurer's Report as PRESENTED. A vote

was taken. Ayes: All; Nays: None. Absent: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**POLICE REPORT:** None.

**PUBLIC TIME:** None.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

**MOTION** by Mason seconded by Herpolsheimer, to go into closed session at 7:05 p.m. regarding the subject of a letter from Attorney Gildner written to the Board. A roll call vote was taken. Lacey: Aye; Ochadleus: Aye; Mason: Aye and Herpolsheimer: Aye. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Board reconvened to Public Session at 7:15 p.m.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Appoint Trustee:**

Supervisor Ochadleus recommended appointing Dale Zehr as Trustee of the Attica Township Board to fill the position left vacant by the passing of Trustee Phil Madeline.

**MOTION** by Herpolsheimer, seconded by Mason, to appoint Dale Zehr as Trustee of the Attica Township Board to fill the remaining term of the position left vacant by the passing of Trustee Phil Madeline. A roll call vote was taken. Ochadleus: Aye; Lacey: Nay; Mason: Aye and Herpolsheimer: Aye. Ayes: Three; Nays: One. Absent: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Dale Zehr took the Oath of Office administered by Clerk Herpolsheimer.

**2. Budget Presentation:** Supervisor Ochadleus presented and reviewed the budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

**3. Township Land Bids:** Supervisor Ochadleus stated that one bid to farm the vacant land, owned by the township, was received by the deadline and it didn't meet the requirement of \$100 per acre minimum. A second bid was submitted for \$100 per acre but was submitted after the deadline. Neither met

the criteria set by the Board. The property was put on the tax roll due to the plan to rent the property. There was discussion.

**MOTION** by Herpolsheimer, seconded by Lacey, to reject both bids to farm vacant township owned land due to the fact that neither met the criteria set by the Board. A roll call vote was taken. Herpolsheimer: Aye; Mason: Aye; Lacey: Aye; Ochadleus: Aye and Zehr: Aye. Ayes: All; Nays: None. Absent: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**4. Appoint ZBA Member:**

Supervisor Ochadleus recommended appointing Jerry Fackler to the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill a vacant position.

**MOTION** by Herpolsheimer, seconded by Mason, to appoint Jerry Fackler to the Attica Township Zoning Board of Appeals. A roll call vote was taken. Zehr: Aye; Herpolsheimer: Aye; Mason: Aye; Lacey: Aye and Ochadleus: Aye. Ayes: All; Nays: None. Absent: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**5. Closed Session Review:**

**MOTION** by Mason second by Zehr to authorize Clerk Herpolsheimer handle the cemetery lot sale transaction discussed in closed session. A roll call vote was taken. Ochadleus: Aye; Herpolsheimer: Aye; Mason: Aye; Lacey: Aye and Zehr; Aye. Ayes: All; Nays: None. Absent: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. FIRE: None.
2. PARK: None.
3. PLANNING COMMISSION: Planning Commission Secretary Lemons reported that the May Planning Commission meeting has been cancelled.
4. ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Gildner reported that blight issues are being worked on and that courts were closed until May 1<sup>st</sup>. Hearings have been opened using ZOOM. There will be delays due to the pandemic.
5. AMBULANCE: None.

6. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: None.
7. Board: Trustee Lacey asked about the road being added behind the township hall.
8. Public Time: None.

**REVIEWING AND PAYING BILLS:**

The bills were reviewed by the Board for the General Fund for the amount of \$37,715.19 (check #21454 through check #21515); the Fire Fund for the amount of \$5,715.58 (check #5642 through check #5673); and Public Safety for the amount of \$11,535.19 (check #1267). For a total of \$54,965.96. There being no further questions:

**MOTION** by Mason, seconded by Lacey, to approve the bills as presented in the amount of \$54,965.96. A roll call vote was taken. Ochadleus: Aye; Herpolsheimer: Aye; Lacey: Aye; Mason: Aye and Zehr: Aye. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

There being no further business before the Board, **MOTION** by Lacey, seconded by Mason to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. Ochadleus: Aye; Herpolsheimer: Aye; Lacey: Aye; Mason: Aye and Zehr: Aye. 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