

ATTICA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

April 8, 2021

Valerie Schultz, Clerk

At a meeting of the Attica Township Board held April 8, 2021, 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 Valerie Schultz, and Trustee Nancy Herpolsheimer. ABSENT: Treasurer Pam Mason and Trustee William Winslow. ALSO, PRESENT: Attorney Michael Gildner and the public per the sign-in sheet attached.

Pledge of Allegiance

**ACCEPT AGENDA:**

Supervisor Ochadleus added item #3 under new business, 2021-2022 budget workshop and item #4 medical marijuana moratorium extension.

**MOTION** by Herpolsheimer, seconded by Schultz, to accept the agenda as amended. A vote was taken. Ayes: All; Nays: None. Absent: Two (Mason and Winslow). **MOTION CARRIED.**

**REVIEW MINUTES:**

The minutes of the March 11, 2021 regular Board meeting were reviewed by the Board; and there being no additions, corrections or deletions;

**MOTION** by Schultz, seconded by Herpolsheimer, to approve the March 11, 2021 regular Board meeting minutes as presented. A vote was taken. Ayes: All; Nays: None. Absent: Two (Mason and Winslow). **MOTION CARRIED.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Mason gave the following Treasurer's Report: General Fund Beginning Balance of \$409,477.25 receipts of \$88,892.08; interest of \$38.14; Distributions of \$45,003.16 for a New Balance of \$453,405.31; General Fund CDARS savings account has \$204,572.86; General Fund ICS has \$343,724.53; Public Safety has \$117,798.84; Public Safety ICS has \$5,061.86; Fire Millage has \$122,142.09; Fire Millage CDARS savings account has \$51,143.40; Fire Millage ICS has \$1,057.72; Fire Escrow has \$2,691.14; Fire Escrow ICS has \$41.52; Deposited Escrow has \$25,067.59.

**MOTION** by Schultz, seconded by Herpolsheimer, to approve the Treasurer's Report as PRESENTED. A vote was taken. Ayes: All; Nays: None. Absent: Two (Mason and Winslow). **MOTION CARRIED.**

**POLICE REPORT:**

Supervisor Ochadleus gave the following police report: there were 125 calls received in the month of February with 44 of the calls handled by the Township police.

**PUBLIC TIME:**

Marvin Brihko, 1571 Force Road wanted to discuss the approval of his Electrical Compliance application. Supervisor Ochadleus asked him to wait until the Board discussed the Medical Marijuana Moratorium under new business.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Appoint Gerri Berry and Cara Capizzo to the Planning Commission for a three-year term:**

**MOTION** by Herpolsheimer, seconded by Schultz, to appoint Gerri Berry and Cara Capizzo to the Planning Commission for a three-year term. A vote was taken. Ayes: All; Nays: None. Absent: Two (Mason and Winslow). **MOTION CARRIED.**

- 2. Rick Thornton to discuss the cultivation of cannabis cultivation:**

Mr. Thornton presented a detailed business plan to have a recreational marijuana grow operation at his property at 4152 Newark Road, Attica. The Board thanked him for his presentation, but reiterated that Attica Township has opted out of recreational marijuana.

- 3. Budget workshop:**

Supervisor Ochadleus informed the Board that there will be a budget workshop at 10:00 am on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021. All departments need to have their budget numbers to the Clerk by April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

- 4. Extension of the medical marijuana moratorium:**

Supervisor Ochadleus discussed the meeting he had with Attorney Gildner, Lonnie Hayes of CCA, Zoning Administrators Lemons and Schultz and Assessor Gottschalk to discuss the Medical Marijuana ordinance and caregiver home occupation. There was a lengthy discussion.

**MOTION** by Schultz, seconded by Herpolsheimer, to extend, for 90 days, the October 2020 moratorium on issuing Home Occupation/Medical Marijuana Caregiver permits for the growing of medical marijuana. Based on fact finding the intent of the extension is to ensure and protect the health, safety and welfare of residents of Attica Township and to allow time for the Planning Commission and the Attica Township Board to ensure all concerns are reviewed before finalization. A roll call vote was taken. Schultz: Aye; Herpolsheimer: Aye and Ochadleus: Aye. Ayes: All; Nays: None. Absent: Two (Mason and Winslow). **MOTION CARRIED.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. FIRE: None.
2. PARK: None.
3. PLANNING BOARD: Zoning Administrator Lemons reported:
  - a. The Planning Commission has started the process of updating the Townships Master Plan.
4. ATTORNEY REPORT: None
5. AMBULANCE: None
7. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: None
8. BOARD: Supervisor Ochadleus reported:
  - a. The Township will receive \$465,000.00 from the covid relief fund.
9. PUBLIC TIME: Mr. Marvin Brihko questioned when he can get his electrical compliance approved. Supervisor Ochadleus advised him to check back in June before the medical marijuana moratorium had expires.

**REVIEWING AND PAYING BILLS:**

The bills were reviewed by the Board for the General Fund for the amount of \$36,944.99 (check #22197 through check #22254); the Public Safety fund for \$12,182.16 (check #1278); the Fire Fund for the amount of \$10,065.93 (check #5947 through check #5976). For a total of \$59,193.08. There being no further questions:

**MOTION** by Herpolsheimer, seconded by Schultz, to approve the bills as presented in the amount of \$59,193.08. A roll call vote was taken. Ochadleus: Aye; Herpolsheimer: Aye and Schultz: Aye. Ayes: All; Nays: None. Absent: Two (Mason and Winslow). **MOTION CARRIED.**

There being no further business before the Board, **MOTION** by Herpolsheimer, seconded by Schultz, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. A vote was taken. Ayes: All; Nays: None. Absent: Two (Mason and Winslow). **MOTION CARRIED.**

Submitted by:

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Maureen Lemons, Deputy Clerk

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Valerie Schultz, Clerk