

ATTICA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
November 14, 2024
Valerie Schultz, Clerk

At a meeting of the Attica Township Board held November 14, 2024 at the Attica Township Hall, 4350 Peppermill Road, Attica, Michigan. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Al Ochadleus. PRESENT: Supervisor Al Ochadleus, Clerk Valerie Schultz, Treasurer Pam Mason, Trustee Nancy Herpolsheimer and Trustee Bill Winslow. Absent: None. ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Gildner and the public per the sign-in sheet attached.

Pledge of Allegiance

ACCEPT AGENDA:

MOTION by Schultz, seconded by Mason, 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, 2024 regular Board meeting were reviewed by the Board; and there being no additions, corrections, or deletions;

MOTION by Winslow, seconded by Herpolsheimer, to approve the October 10, 2024 regular Board meeting minutes as presented. A vote was taken. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

PUBLIC HEARING: Lake Pleasant Special Assessment District

Supervisor Ochadleus opened the Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m. to hear comments or objections to the distribution of the special assessment levy for aquatic weed control of Lake Pleasant.

Supervisor Ochadleus gave a brief history the Lake Pleasant Special Assessment and explained the upcoming years of costs.

Resident Dana DeClark spoke on behalf of the residents of Lake Pleasant and thanked the Board for all that they have done for the aquatic weed control.

There was discussion.

Supervisor Ochadleus declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:07 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. A letter was submitted regarding the Elk Lake Special Assessment, resident is asking for assistance in Beaver control. Resident informed the Board that they are having issues with beavers on Elk Lake and that she has spent \$675.00 of her own money.

There was discussion.

The Board decided that they are not interested in assisting Elk Lake with the Beaver issues and that they will only assist in the aquatic weed control.

2. A letter was submitted from a walker in the park. She recently had an encounter with loose dogs charging up to her and her leashed dog while walking the path at the park. She stated that while being 38 weeks pregnant and having these dogs' approach her, she did not feel safe for herself or for her dog. She wanted the Township to be aware that people are allowing their dogs to be off leash.

Resident Phil Foley was present and stated that those were his dogs. He claimed that got away from him.

There was discussion on getting more signage.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Mason gave the following Treasurer's Report: General Fund Beginning Balance of \$421,177.32 receipts of \$32,112.21; interest of \$312.57; Distributions of \$94,725.01 for a New Balance of \$358,877.09 General Fund; CDARS savings account has \$220,873.72; General Fund ICS has \$285,726.49; Public Safety has \$43,845.78; Public Safety ICS has \$5,115.47; Fire Millage has \$164,297.16; Fire Millage CDARS savings account has \$55,218.62; Fire Millage ICS has \$1,064.46; Fire Equipment Millage has \$26,615.42; Fire Escrow has \$2,691.56; Deposited Escrow has \$25,320.21; Covid Funds -\$47,845.71.

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

POLICE REPORT:

New Deputy, Jordan Hiltz was introduced.

Deputy Sheriff Jason Hiltz gave the following police report: there were 112 calls received in the month of October, with 78 of the calls handled by Township deputies.

PUBLIC TIME: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Accept Audit:

Supervisor Ochadleus had some questions with the Audit Report and he explained to the Board the clarification he received from King & King. He recommended to the Board that they accept the audited financial report.

MOTION by Mason, seconded by Herpolsheimer, to accept the Township of Attica audited financial report by King & King CPAs. LLC. as presented. A roll call vote was taken. Herpolsheimer: Aye; Schultz: Aye; Winslow: Aye; Ochadleus: Aye. Mason: Aye. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Adopt new Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map:

Zoning Administrator Jerry Fackler gave a quick review on the three major changes that have been made to accessory buildings.

MOTION by Herpolsheimer, seconded by, Schultz, to adopt the new Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map as presented. A roll call vote was taken. Winslow: Aye; Schultz: Aye; Mason: Aye; Ochadleus: Aye; Herpolsheimer: Aye. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Letter from Mike Mueller regarding Disc Golf Course.

Mike Mueller with the Attica and Imlay City Free & Accepted Masons was present. He gave the Board an overview of what they would like to do in the park. He expressed that this would be of no charge or fees to Attica Township. They have already been approved for the funds.

There was discussion.

MOTION by Winslow, seconded by, Schultz, to approve a motion of interest to move forward with getting a more accurate map and layout for the proposal of a Disc. Golf Course provided by the Attica and Imlay City Free & Accepted Masons. There was a roll call vote taken. Mason: Aye; Winslow: Aye; Schultz: Aye; Herpolsheimer: Aye; Ochadleus: Aye. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

4. Lake Pleasant Special Assessment District:

Attorney Mike Gildner provided the Board with information on how to proceed with the Lake Pleasant Special Assessment. He stated that a motion needs to be made directing the Supervisor to prepare a role of each property owner and what they will be paying. The Supervisor will then file it with the Clerk's office which then will be followed by a Final Public hearing in the month of December. Gildner stated that he will assist with the notice.

There was discussion.

MOTION by Herpolsheimer, seconded by Mason, to have a Public Hearing on December 12, 2024 to finalize the Lake Pleasant Special Assessment. A roll call vote was taken. Winslow: Aye; Herpolsheimer: Aye; Schultz: Aye; Ochadleus: Aye; Mason: Aye. Absent: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. FIRE: None.
2. PARK: None.
3. PLANNING and ZONING: Planning Commission meeting scheduled for November and December have been cancelled.
4. ATTORNEY REPORT: Attorney Gildner updated the Board on the Vasbinder case. He stated that the settlement offer that was accepted by both the Board and Vasbinder is no longer valid due to a neighbor of the Vasbinder's. They have joined the law suit and do not agree with the settlement. This case is back to litigation.
5. AMBULANCE: None.
6. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT: Commissioner Hamilton was present and updated the Board.
7. BOARD: Clerk Schultz presented Supervisor Ochadleus with a plaque to recognize his 40+ years of dedication and service to Attica Township.

REVIEWING AND PAYING BILLS:

The bills were reviewed by the Board for the General Fund for the amount of \$95,605.07 (check # 25377 through check # 25464) the Fire Fund for the amount of \$21,767.98 (check #7144 through check #7173) Public Safety for the amount of \$13,428.79 (check #1323) for a total of \$130,801.84

MOTION by Winslow, seconded by Herpolsheimer, to approve the bills as presented in the amount of \$130,801.84. A roll call vote was taken. Schultz: Aye; Ochadleus: Aye; Winslow: Aye; Mason: Aye; Herpolsheimer: Aye. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

There being no further business before the Board, **MOTION** by Winslow, seconded by Herpolsheimer, to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. A vote was taken. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Absent: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

Valerie Schutzl, Clerk

Giovanna Raimondo, Deputy Clerk