

Torch Lake Township
Regular Monthly Meeting
Bootjack Fire Hall
Wednesday, February 19, 2020

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The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Torch Lake Township Board was called to order by Supervisor, Brian Cadwell, at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was observed for former Fireman, Jack Mishica who passed away last week.

Roll call: Sapino, Isola, Ambuehl and Cadwell present. Moore absent.

A motion by Ambuehl and a second by Isola was made to approve the agenda with the removal of the item: Consider allowing Recreational Marijuana sales in the Township . All in favor, motion carried.

A motion by Ambuehl and a second from Sapino was made to approve the minutes from the meeting held January 15, 2019 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence: A letter from Semco Energy received in January announced a rate increase of about \$4.03 a month per customer.

A letter from Dan Sarazin announcing he is stepping down as Medical Director of the Bootjack Volunteer Fire Department First Responders after 24 years.

A motion by Isola and a second by Sapino was made to place the correspondence on file. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion by Ambuehl and a second by Isola was made to approve payment of the prepaid bills from the General Fund of \$12679.44, from the Garbage Fund of \$12914.97 along with a check from the Garbage Fund of \$1683.75 for the balance on three new dumpsters and for current bills from the General Fund of \$28023.45. Roll call: Isola, yes; Cadwell, yes; Ambuehl, yes and Sapino, yes. All in favor, motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was read by Supervisor Cadwell announcing that the Township Office will be open Monday, March 2 for the final day of property tax collection. Isola made a motion and Cadwell made a second to place the Treasurer's report on file. All in favor, motion carried.

Committee:

Sewage: Sewage committee met January 27, 2020 to discuss a new rate structure raising rates by \$9.00. Their plan is to expand the lagoons. They are hoping for a grant to pay 75% of the lagoon work.

Refuse: We have received our three new dumpsters. The Mack Truck and the White Garbage truck both had a lot of maintenance work in January.

Fire: Chief Sarazin of the Bootjack Fire Department is applying for a grant for fire equipment: air packs, turn out gear etc. There is a \$500.00 filing fee for the grant.

A motion was made by Cadwell and seconded by Isola to approve paying the \$500.00 grant fee from the Bootjack Special Assessment fund. Roll call: Sapino, yes; Isola, yes; Ambuehl, yes and Cadwell, yes. All in favor, motion carried.

Parks: \$61.00 work of cans were returned.

Old Business: None

Supervisor Cadwell made mention that the Public Works Pole Building was insulated in February and should result in saving on heating bills.

Also, mentioned the current Loader used by Public Works has been having issues.

The new Website hopefully will be available next week.

New Business: Board of Review meetings are scheduled as follows: Organizational meeting Tuesday, March 3rd, 2020 at 6pm. Wednesday, March 11, 2020 from 3pm to 9pm, and Thursday, March 12, 2020 from 9:00 am to 3 pm. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Lou and a second was made by Scott to amend the Bootjack Fire Department fund \$2000.00, Amend the Bootjack Building and Grounds \$1500.00 and the DPW Pole Barn \$7000.00. Roll call, Sapino, yes; Ambuehl, yes; Cadwell, yes and Isola, yes. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion by Mary and a second by Ambuehl was made to pay Portage Health Foundation \$2000.00 for the 2020 Pledge for UPSET West. Roll call: Cadwell, yes; Isola, yes; Ambuehl, yes and Sapino, yes. All in favor, motion carried.

Public comment: Paul Bylkas made mention of the new handicap sign at the Old fire hall and the new light outside the building.

Cynthia Barth requested the election information on upcoming elections be included in the Summer and Winter Township newsletters and the website when available. She requested dates and times the Clerk would be in the office on the 7th of March. That would be 8am to 4pm on Saturday to assist voters with registration and Absentee ballots.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Sapino and was seconded by Ambuehl to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully,

Mary Isola
Clerk