

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

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

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call: Cadwell, yes; Ambuehl, yes; Moore, yes; Sapino, yes; and Isola, yes. All present.

A motion by Isola and a second by Moore was made to approve the agenda as presented with the following additions: Property donation, Payment to Bacco Construction, Payment to Traverse Engineering and Bootjack Fun Run. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion by Moore and a second by Ambuehl was made to approve the minutes from the July 15, 2020 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence: Two letters from Charter on July 15, 2020. On August 11, 2020 announcing the launch of a Black News Channel on SPP Tier 1 on Channel 178. The second letter announces a new channel #694 BYU tv.

Michigan American Water Company is terminating a billing agreement between Michigan American Water Company and Torch Lake Sewage Authority effective 12-31-20.

A thank you note was received from the Jacobsville Community Club for the \$500.00 contribution to them to help with the upkeep of the Community Club.

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

A motion was made by Ambuehl and a second by Moore to approve the prepaid bills of \$20795.16 from the General Fund, \$16652.98 from the Garbage Fund and current bills from the General Fund of \$11898.29. Also, a check for \$2040.00 to Tony Burcar Contracting for water main repairs on 17<sup>th</sup> Street from the Water Fund and two Milfoil checks. One to PLM for August 4, 2020 Milfoil treatment for \$2953.08 and another to Bensinger, Cotant and Menke for \$168.00 for legal advice to Wayne Henry on Milfoil issues. Roll call: Ambuehl, yes; Cadwell, yes; Isola, yes; Moore, yes and Sapino, yes; All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer Moore reported that she is in the office on Thursdays from 9 am to 4 pm to collect property taxes. A motion by Isola and a second by Sapino was made to approve placing the Treasurer's report on file. All in favor, motion carried.

## **Committees:**

**Sewage:** Committee still working on grants for lagoon improvements.

**Refuse:** The July weight study is complete and a second week will be done in January. The refuse workers have been using a Ford Pickup owned by Schoolcraft Township. Schoolcraft is thinking of selling and the Joint Refuse would like to purchase it.

**Fire:** J street hydrants have all been flushed and working and need to be painted red along With a couple on 18<sup>th</sup> that are gold need to be red.  
A hole by J & 17 also needs fixing  
New Air packs were received through a FEMA grant. \$120,000.00 worth of equipment for \$6000.00.

**Parks:** Returnables are still unable to be returned due to limits on quantities and time frames.

**Roads:** The Hubbell flood damage is pretty much all complete. Ave. D, 13<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> still need some work but should be done next week.

**Old Business:** Report on blight. Blight on 17<sup>th</sup> street has been all cleaned up and 21<sup>st</sup> street is slowly getting there. Two other properties are in the works at being on cleaned up. Supervisor Cadwell will follow up with them.

**New Business:** A motion by Cadwell and a second by Scott was made to approve the sale of land from Judy Crotty to Bob Gilreath. All in favor, motion carried.

Margaret Rheault recently sent the Township pictures of appliances and asbestos pipe being dumped on her property. She spent \$1900.00 to clean up the area by UP Abatement Company and asked for Township help with the bill. A motion was made by Cadwell and seconded by Isola to pay \$500.00 toward the bill to remove the asbestos. Roll call: Cadwell, yes; Ambuehl, yes, Sapino, yes; Moore, no and Isola, yes. Four yes votes and one no vote. Motion carried.

Houghton County Veterans Service Office is inviting municipalities of Houghton and Keweenaw Counties to participate in a Veteran's Banner program where banners with local Veterans will be placed on power poles in the area around the VFW in Hubbell.

A motion was made by Ambuehl and a second by Moore to participate in the program. All in favor, motion carried.

Michael Conquest has a piece of property in Torch Lake Township that he would like to donate to the Township. A motion was made by Sapino and seconded by Cadwell to decline the donation as the Township does not have a use for it. All in favor, motion carried.

Bacco Construction has completed work on 17<sup>th</sup> and J Avenue for \$97245.68. It is recommended by Traverse Engineering that the Township pay the bill and FEMA will reimburse the Township for the full amount. A motion by Cadwell and a second By Isola was made to pay Bacco for their services. Roll call: Isola, yes; Ambuehl, yes; Moore, yes; Sapino, yes and Cadwell, yes. All in favor, motion carried.

Traverse Engineering presented a bill for \$18865.00 for Storm Sewer work from April 2020, to August 2020. This money will be reimbursed to the Township by FEMA. A motion by Ambuehl and a second by Isola was made to pay Traverse Engineering. Roll call: Moore, yes; Isola, yes; Cadwell, yes; Ambuehl, yes and Sapino, yes. All in favor, motion carried.

Bootjack Fun Run held August 8, 2020 raised \$4500.00. The money was presented to the Torch Lake Township to be used for improvements to White City Park. \$2000.00 will be used to upgrade playground equipment in the memory of Bill Fezzey. The check was presented to Supervisor Cadwell by Croze, Krans and Lizzie.

**Public comment:** Tim Rietz inquired about a “hot spot” being put at the Bootjack Fire Department parking lot as the internet in Jacobsville is sketchy.

There being no further business, a motion by Sapino and a second by Isola was made to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully,

Mary Isola, Clerk