Torch Lake Township Regular Monthly Meeting Held Virtually Goodle Meet Wednesday, November 25, 2020



The Regular Monthly meeting of the Torch Lake Township Board was called to order at 6 pm by Supervisor Cadwell.

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

Motion was made by Isola and a second by Sapino to accept the agenda as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Moore and a second by Ambuehl to accept the minutes from the October 21, 2020 meeting with the exception of page 2 paragraph showing the Bond Building, a u is missing on clean up. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence: Charter sent a letter advising an increase in the Silver and Gold packages of \$5.00. Motion by Sapino and a second by Moore to place the correspondence on file. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion by Moore and a second by Cadwell was made to approve the prepaid bills from the General Fundof \$16481.31, Garbage bills of \$15220.07. current bills from the General Fund of \$14404.56.

Also a check to Tony Burcar for \$400.00 from the Fire Protection Fund for adjusting a valve stand on 17th and J street. And a check to B & B Construction for \$150,283.03 from the Road Assessment for paving of the Hubbell streets. Roll Call: Moore, yes; Sapino, yes; Ambuehl, yes; Cadwell, yes and Isola, yes. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer Moore reported the SNB would reverse the service charge on the HVFD account but we were advised to look at different type of account for them. Also, the taxes this winter will not have a Rice Lake Assessment on them and Range dropped the interest rate on the Garbage fund and Kathryn is looking into this with Range. Isola made a motion to place the Treasurer report on file and Ambuehl seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Committees:

Sewage: January 1, 2021 Michigan American Water Company will not be billing for Sewage. This will be done by an outside company hired by the Sewage Authority. Customers will receive two bills. One for water and one for sewage.

Refuse: The Joint Refuse will be purchasing the 2001 Ford Pickup from Schoolcraft Township for \$6000.00. Also, Houghton County Transfer Station is raising the rates January 1, 2021 to \$5.00 a ton. Christmas bonuses for refuse workers were set at \$275.00.

Fire: None

Parks: None

Old Business: None

New Business: A motion was made by Cadwell and a second by Isola to approve the BOR meeting date of Tuesday, December 15, 2020 to be held at the Hubbell Community Building. Roll call: Sapino, yes; Ambuehl, yes; Isola, yes; Moore, yes and Cadwell, yes. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion by Ambuehl and a second by Sapino was made to approve a Christmas bonus for the DPW workers of \$300.00 for Maintenance Supervisor Isola and \$100.00 for DPW worker Ron Dove. Roll call: Cadwell, yes; Isola, yes; Ambuehl, yes; Moore, yes; and Sapino, yes. All in favor motion carried.

Public Comment: Cynthia Barth joining the meeting virtually requested a copy of the agenda be emailed to her. She also expressed appreciation for the fact that she could virtually attend by Google meet.

Supervisor Cadwell thanked Tony Burcar for a repair made to a break in the hydrant line on 17th and J street.

Supervisor Cadwell also thanked Chief Dessellier and Jeff St. Peter for putting up the Christmas decorations and taking down the Veterans banners.

Scott Sapino asked if there was anything new regarding the removal of Bond Building that is deteriorating. Supervisor Cadwell stated that he is working with the County Treasurer and KEDA. The State's blight fund has not been renewed so there is lack of funding.

Supervisor Cadwell sent a letter to the owner of the vehicles on J Avenue and the car parked there will be gone next week.

There being no further business, a motion by Isola and a second by Sapino was made to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:22 pm.

Respectfully,

Mary Isola Clerk