

Torch Lake Township
Regular Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, May 19, 2021

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

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

A motion was made by Sapino and a second by Moore to accept the minutes from the April 17, 2021 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence: A letter from Charter dated May 3rd. Customers will be notified of price changes effective May 2, 2021 to take place June 2, 2021 with price adjustments. (Increases)

A letter from Charter dated May 7, 2021 saying around June 15, 2021 Spectrum will be making changes to TV pkgs. New packages will be available as listed in the letter. A motion was made by Isola and a second by Moore to place the correspondence on file. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion by Ambuehl and a second by Moore was made to approve the prepaid bills from the General Fund of \$9671.01, Garbage bills of \$15941.17, and current bills from the General Fund of \$12299.79. Also two checks from the Hubbell Fire Department Special Assessment issued to avoid penalty. One to Laurium Village for \$6070.00 and one to West Shore Fire for \$4030.00 for equipment as part of a FEMA grant. Roll call: Moore, yes; Sapino, yes; Ambuehl, yes; Isola, yes; and Cadwell, yes. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer Moore reported that summer taxes will be ready July 1 and mailed out after the 4th of July. A motion by Isola and a second by Sapino was made to place the Treasurer's report on file. All in favor, motion carried.

Committees:

Sewage: Engineering Firm will be expanding the Lagoons soon.

Refuse: The Ford Pickup from Schoolcraft Township has been registered to the Schoolcraft/Torch Lake Joint Refuse. We will be putting the plow that came with it up for sale. Road restrictions were lifted May 6.

Fire: None

Parks: Scott has concerns about a source of income for Parks since cans are not being collected to return along with the concern that returns are limited at some stores. Supervisor Cadwell will be meeting with Mike Marquardt regarding the White City property.

Roads: Road committee met and were informed that blacktop is lower priced than last year and gravel is available to repair some of the highly traveled roads that need fixing. Also, looking into the replacement of a culvert in Point Mills.

Old Business: Michigan Cat has a 2006 John Deere 544J loader for \$39000.00 delivered, to be purchased for Public Works. A motion was made by Ambuehl and a second by Isola to purchase the loader. Roll call: Sapino, yes; Ambuehl, yes; Cadwell, yes; Moore, yes and Isola, yes. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion by Isola and a second by Moore was made to amend an error in millage reported in the March meeting for the Bootjack Fire Department. The millage was reported at 0.9421 and should be 1.0000. Roll call: Cadwell, yes; Ambuehl, yes; Isola, yes; Sapino, yes and Moore, yes. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion by Cadwell and a second by Moore was made to amend ballot language for the Hubbell Fire District 1. It was approved at the April meeting but has to be amended to include the phrase "the purchase of new fire equipment." Roll call: Moore, yes; Ambuehl, yes; Cadwell, yes; Sapino, yes and Isola, yes. All in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Cadwell has been following up on blight complaints. He has talked to the party again about removing the truck on J Street also to the resident about the cars in the backyard on 14th to be removed and also to the home on I Avenue to discuss items in front of the house.

New Business: Since we are purchasing a newer loader we will be seeking bids on the old loader. A motion was made by Ambuehl and a second by Isola to approve Supervisor Cadwell placing an ad in the Gazette to sell the loader on sealed bids. Roll call: Moore, yes; Cadwell, yes; Ambuehl, yes; Sapino, yes and Isola, yes. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion by Sapino and a second by Moore was made to make a donation of \$200.00 to the Hubbell-Tamarack Fourth of July Committee. Roll call: Cadwell, yes; Ambuehl, yes; Moore, yes; Sapino, yes; and Isola, yes. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion made by Isola and a second by Moore to authorize Supervisor Cadwell to apply for a parade permit for July 3rd. All in favor, motion carried.

The Par Plan Risk Reduction Grants will be available for their fall cycle October 1, 2021 to November 30, 2021 and we will be applying for a Grant for Security Cameras for the Bootjack Fire Department. The Grant is for 50%. The fall cycle will give us time to research Vendors and price.

Public comment: Jeff Hliss asked if minutes of meeting are available. It was suggested he check the website, Torchlaketownship.com and was also informed that all the forms at the meeting are located in the vestibule in the Community Building.

Judy Hliss asked if the Water Company would be repairing the hole in 14th street where there had been a water leak.

Roger Isola asked about the washout near the park and 12th and B Street still showing issues from the flooding. Supervisor Cadwell stated that FEMA will be correcting all these issues.

Sue Lewis asked whether any letters received by the Township Board are made public.

There being no further business, Sapino made a motion to adjourn and a second was made by Moore. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm.

Respectfully,

Mary Isola
Clerk