

Torch Lake Township
Regular Monthly Meeting
Bootjack Fire Hall
Wednesday, June 16, 2021

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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: Ambuehl yes; Cadwell, yes; Isola, yes and Moore, yes. Sapino Absent.

A motion by Moore and a second by Ambuehl was made to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion by Moore and a second by Ambuehl was made to approve the minutes from the May 19, 2021 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence: A letter dated May 28, 2021 announcing that on June 30, 2021 Newsey will be discontinued. Spectrum will drop Newsey channel 172 and 768.

On June 3rd, 2021 the State of Michigan sent a letter congratulating Torch Lake Township on a perfect score on the 2020 AMAR review, issuing a certificate for framing. A motion by Isola and a second by Moore was made to place the correspondence on file. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Moore and a second by Ambuehl to approve the prepaid bills of \$61539.33 from the General Fund, \$15952.04 from the Garbage Fund and current bills from the General Fund of \$21405.37.

Also, two checks from the Hubbell VFD Special Assessment to North Star Emergency. One check for \$2848.00 for truck 1 & 2 repairs and a second check for \$2085.00 for additional work to truck 1. Also a check from Bootjack VFD Special Assessment to North Star Emergency for \$1905.90 for truck number 3. Roll call: Ambuehl, yes; Isola, yes; Moore, yes; and Cadwell, yes. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer Moore reported that summer taxes will be going out the beginning of July. Houghton County has issued a check for \$36231.97 for delinquent taxes and currently there is a CD at Superior National Bank acct. ending 1151 for \$23336.80 is coming up for renewal on 6-23-21 at 6.25 for 2 years. A motion by Ambuehl and a second by Isola was made to place the Treasurer's report on file. All in favor, motion carried.

Committees:

Sewage: The committee is still working on lagoon expansion.

Refuse: We hope to order three dumpsters as all our dumpsters are currently in use.

The Mack garbage truck was outfitted with all new tires for \$7300.00 and Bekkala Repair replaced brakes etc. for \$3360.00.

Fire: None

Parks: None

Roads: Currently M26 in Hubbell is having all the corners of sidewalks through MDOT ripped out and making them ADA compliant and will be resurfacing the street. The project will be completed sometime in July.

Also, Lower Point Mills has 2200 feet of road where a culvert is scheduled to be replaced and needs crushed, shaped and repaved for \$96000.00.

And 2.6 miles of Paradise Lane between Rice Lake Road and Mud Lake Road has a high traffic count and calcium chloride will be applied and should enhance the stability of a gravel road.

Cost for the project is \$14000.00. A refund is due to those residents that have paid for this service.

Old Business: Supervisor Cadwell reported on previously discussed Blight issues. Poisson's have removed the cars as previously requested. Mr. Ojala will be removing vehicles on J St. in the next few days.

A motion by Moore and a second by Ambuehl to approve the Milfoil Committee's request for approval for Many Waters, our original survey company, to conduct an updated survey of the Torch Lake to assess the current state of milfoil growth. The cost would be \$3348.00 paid by Milfoil Assessment and approve \$1000.00 to treat the cuts. Roll call: Moore, yes; Cadwell, yes; Ambuehl, yes and Isola, yes. All in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Cadwell gave an update on the White City Park. The White City beach and the Coast Guard is owned by the Marquardt family. The Township does not own White City beach. Supervisor Cadwell will contact the donors of the money that was donated to install playground equipment to advise them of this situation.

New Business: A motion by Ambuehl and a second by Moore was made to approve the date of Tuesday, July 20, 2021 for Board of Review to meet at 5 pm at the Hubbell Community Building. Roll call: Cadwell, yes; Isola, yes; Ambuehl, yes; and Moore, yes. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion by Ambuehl and a second by Moore was made to approve the replacing the Overhead door on the Pole Barn to house the loader. Keweenaw Door Company submitted a price of \$4087.00 for the steel insulated door and lift installed and Robert Johnson Company \$7750.00 to refit the opening to accommodate the door. Roll call: Isola, yes; Ambuehl, yes; Cadwell, yes and Moore, yes. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion by Cadwell and a second by Isola was made to approve the Principals of Governance Pledge provided by Michigan Townships Association. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Isola and seconded by Moore to purchase 3 dumpsters from Nedland Industries for \$2070.00 including shipping. 6 to 8 weeks delivery. Roll call: Isola, yes; Ambuehl, yes; Moore, yes and Cadwell, yes. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Isola and a second by Ambuehl to accept the bid of \$4511.00 for the 1965 Loader the Township is selling and awarded the bid to Robert Fiegel. Other bids received were: Ray DeRoche, \$1200.00, Sarazin Logging, \$1200.00, Rick Dessellier, \$1550.50, and Vic Minetti, \$2004.00. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion by Ambuehl and a second by Cadwell was made to approve the Petition of Continuance for 20 years for the North Little Traverse Special Assessment, with 66% of resident's approval.
Roll call: Moore, No; Cadwell, yes; Ambuehl, yes and Isola, yes. Three Yes and one No vote.
Motion carried.

Public comment: Mr. Wolck from North Little Traverse asked when garbage pickup from their individual residences would be resuming instead of bringing the garbage to the end of their road. Clerk Isola will talk with the Refuse workers and Monday at 11:00 am they will meet with residents to see what trees are hindering the pickup of garbage.

Sue Lewis raised the question as to whether some form of gratitude can be expressed to the Marquardt Family for the use of the White City Beach.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Isola to adjourn and seconded by Ambuehl. Meeting adjourned by 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully,

Mary Isola
Clerk

