

Torch Lake Township
Regular Monthly Meeting
Bootjack Fire Hall
August 17, 2022

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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 and Moore, yes; Sapino, yes and Isola, yes. All present.

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

A motion was made by Moore and a second by Sapino to approve the minutes from the July 15, 2022, meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence: None

A motion was made by Moore and a second by Ambuehl to approve the prepaid bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$22005.37 from the Garbage Fund of \$20318.41 and current bills from the General Fund of \$12636.73. Also, a check from the Milfoil Special Assessment for August treatment of milfoil for \$5426.70 to PLM Lake and Land Management and a check for \$5705.60 to West Shore Fire from the Hubbell Fire Department Special Assessment for turnout gear. Roll call: Ambuehl, yes; Isola, yes; Moore, yes; and Cadwell, yes. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer Moore reported that her search continues for a replacement Deputy Treasurer. She is still in the process of collecting summer taxes. A motion by Isola and a second was made by Sapino to place the Treasurer's report on file.

Committees:

Sewage: None

Refuse: The Refuse committee has decided to start the process of purchasing a new garbage truck. Preliminary prices are around \$300,000.00 to \$350,000.00. Working with Curbtender and we will be looking at other vendors.

Fire: Chief Dessellier presented a quote of \$3600.00 from Copper Range Roofing to make the opening for new doors that will be installed for the Hubbell Fire Department. Chief Dessellier also mention that they found a used fire truck in Albany, New York. It is a 2003 HME pumper tanker for \$85000.00. He mentioned that Koppers will be making a \$15000.00 donation toward the price of the fire truck. A motion was made by Sapino and a second by Isola to send one or two people to Albany New York to look over and inspect the truck. Roll call: Isola, yes; Ambuehl, yes; Cadwell, yes; Moore, yes and Sapino, yes. All in favor, motion carried.

Parks: None

Roads: None

A presentation took place by KISMA (Keweenaw Invasive Species Management) about the three different types of Knotweed growing in Torch Lake Township, Hubbell and the process to remove the knotweed. Rachel Douglas, K. Douglas and Sigrid Resh provided brochures and samples of what the weeds look like and ways to eradicate it.

Old Business: ARPA Fund projects. The Township Board is putting together a list of items that could be taken care of with ARPA funds.

The new opening for the Hubbell Fire Department fire truck will be paid for by ARPA Funds. A motion by Isola and a second by Moore was made to pay Copper Range Roofing the \$3600.00 from the ARPA Funds. Roll call: Ambuehl, yes; Moore, yes; Cadwell, yes; Sapino, yes and Isola, yes. All in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Cadwell has been in contact with our Attorney, Roger Zappa regarding drawing up an ordinance for the Marijuana Recreational facility application that the board approved in July. A motion was made by Ambuehl and a second by Isola to approve the Supervisor working with our Attorney to create an Ordinance. Roll call: Ambuehl, yes; Isola, yes; Moore, yes; Cadwell, yes; and Sapino, yes. All in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Cadwell met with Superior National Bank and Thrun law firm regarding financing for the Bootjack Rescue Truck that is ordered. The project is progressing and they will have a resolution for the board to consider for the September meeting.

New Business: A motion by Ambuehl and a second by Sapino was made to increase election inspector wages to \$15.00 an hour and Chairperson to \$17.00 an hour. Roll call: Sapino, yes; Ambuehl, yes; Isola, yes; Cadwell, yes and Moore, yes. All in favor, motion carried.

The Bootjack Foundation has paid off the Bootjack Fire Hall and will be turning it over to the Township. A motion by Isola and a second by Moore was made to approve Supervisor Cadwell working with our attorney to prepare a Use Agreement for the fire and rescue to have priority when it comes to the use of the new fire hall. Roll call: Moore, yes; Sapino, yes; Isola, yes; Ambuehl, yes and Cadwell, yes. All in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment: Kevin Codere, District 2 Commissioner informed the board that \$15000.00 of county ARPA funds were given to help with the Keweenaw Trail System for emergency mile markers requested by Joe Schneller.

Kevin also brought up a discussion he had with the Lake Linden Village and Schoolcraft Township and whether Schoolcraft would be interested in picking up the garbage in the Village of Lake Linden and with Torch Lake being part of the joint refuse to consider it. No decisions have been made.

Mr. Codere also mentioned that he spoke with KEDA director Radcliff regarding the Township purchase of White City beach and possible funds being available through DNR passport trust and also mentioned the Keeweenaw Land Trust has an interest in purchasing the property.

Paul Bylkas asked why the new lagoons were being built. Supervisor Cadwell explained that they are over 40 years old and less efficient.

Sue Lewis asked if the Township could include information in the newsletter that is include with the winter taxes regarding the VFW Post 4624's attempt to re-create the Honor Roll for World War II veterans. This Honor Roll was at one time displayed in Hubbell and they are looking to find the names of the Veterans that were on the Honor Roll.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Sapino and a second by Moore, was made to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully,

Mary Isola, Clerk