

Torch Lake Township  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
Hubbell Community Building  
January 18, 2023

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

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

A motion by Isola and a second by Sapino was made to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of placing an ad for the Clerk's position and bids for the old Hubbell fire truck. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Moore and a second by Sapino to approve the minutes from the December 21, 2022, meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

**Correspondence:** A letter from Charter dated 12-21-22 stating that the Latino channel will not be increasing by \$2.00. A motion by Isola and a second by Ambuehl was made to place the correspondence on file. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Sapino and a second by Moore to approve the prepaid bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$4930.22, Garbage Fund \$16198.43 and current bills from the General Fund of \$6686.62. Also, a check from the Milfoil Assessment to PLM for \$400.00 for the treatment permit for 2023. Roll call: Ambuehl, yes; Sapino, yes; Isola, yes; Cadwell, yes and Moore, yes. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer Moore reported that her report has CD interest overstated by one quarter. Also, taxes have been disbursed. A motion was made by Ambuehl and a second by Isola to place the Treasurer's report on file. All in favor, motion carried.

**Committees:**

**Sewage:** Both permits have been approved for the sewage lagoons and the committee will be looking for bids soon.

**Refuse:** Joe Ebben from Kriete Trucking was here on January 12, 2023, to go over specs on a new Kodiak garbage truck. Craig Bekkala from Bekkala Diesel sat in on the meeting and gave us a lot of incite on what specs to order. Also, Bill Heidi was appointed to the Refuse committee from Schoolcraft Township replacing Charlie Heidi.

**Fire:** None

**Parks:** None

**Roads:** Is on the Agenda and will be addressed later in the meeting.

**Old Business:** A motion by Isola and a second by Ambuehl was made to approve the Medical Marijuana Facilities and Adult Use Recreational Marijuana Establishments Licensing and Regulatory Ordinance number 2023-1. Roll call: Cadwell, yes; Sapino, No; Ambuehl, yes; Moore, yes and Isola, yes. Four Yes and one No vote. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ambuehl and a second by Moore to approve the ad being placed in the Gazette for the Clerk's position. Roll call: Cadwell, yes; Ambuehl, yes; Moore, yes; Sapino, yes and Isola, yes. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Sapino and seconded by Ambuehl to accept the \$520.00 bid from Max Marcotte for the Hubbell Fire Department's old truck. Roll call: Sapino, yes; Ambuehl, yes; Isola, yes; Moore, yes and Cadwell, yes. All in favor, motion carried.

**New Business:** A motion by Moore and a second by Sapino was made to approve amendments to the following accounts: Amend legal fees, \$2100.00, Elections, \$1500.00, HVFD, \$20000.00, BJFD, \$20000.00, Hubbell Building and Grounds, \$1500.00 and Bootjack Building and Grounds \$1500.00. Roll call: Isola, yes; Ambuehl, yes; Sapino, yes; Moore, yes; and Cadwell, yes. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion by Cadwell and seconded by Ambuehl to pledge \$25000.00 of ARPA Funds to Houghton County Road Commission which they will match when used for Township repairs. Roll call: Cadwell, yes; Ambuehl, yes; Isola, yes; Moore, yes and Sapino, yes. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion by Isola and a second by Cadwell to accept the bid from Dollar Bay Linoleum Tile to replace the ceiling in the Bootjack Community Center. Their bid along with adding flex duct and LED lights for \$10737.16 from the ARPA Fund. Roll call: Ambuehl, yes; Isola, yes; Cadwell, yes; Moore, yes and Sapino, yes. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion by Ambuehl and a second by Moore was made to place road millage renewal on the ballot for the May 2, 2023 election. Roll call: Isola, yes; Sapino, yes; Moore, yes; Ambuehl, yes; and Cadwell, yes. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion by Isola and a second by Moore was made to approve Board of Review training at MTU in Houghton on February 7, 2023. Roll call: Ambuehl, yes; Cadwell, yes; Isola, yes; Sapino, yes and Moore, yes. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion by Isola and a second by Ambuehl was made to temporarily consolidate Precinct 1 and Precinct 2 and utilize Precinct 1 only for the May 2, 2023, election since there is only one item, being the road millage, on the ballot. All in favor, motion carried. If there is more than one item on the ballot the Board will review this issue. Roll Call: Isola, yes; Ambuehl, yes; Cadwell, yes; Sapino, yes and Moore, yes. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion by Ambuehl and a second by Isola was made to publish the Medical Marijuana and Adult Use Recreational Marijuana Establishments Licensing and Regulatory Ordinance 2023-1 in the Daily Mining Gazette. Roll call: Isola, yes; Sapino, yes; Ambuehl, yes; Cadwell, yes and Moore, yes. All in favor, motion carried.

**Public Comment:** During public comment Ry Koshiek from Noggin's Shop, asked for a reduction in license fees. Currently the license fee is \$5000.00 for the Medical Marijuana license. A motion was made by Cadwell and a second by Ambuehl to approve \$1000.00 of the license fee be paid when fee is due and the balance to be paid by December 31, 2023. Roll call: Sapino, yes; Cadwell, yes; Isola, yes; Ambuehl, yes and Moore, yes. All in favor, motion carried.

There being no further business, a motion by Moore and a second by Ambuehl was made to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully,

Mary Isola, Clerk