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Torch Lake Township Board Meeting
September 20, 2023
Hubbell Community Building.

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[Signature] DATE 10/18/23

The Meeting was called to order at 6pm.

The Pledge Of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

Roll Call: Clerk Lou Ambuehl; present, Treasurer Kathryn Moore; present, Trustee Tim Reitz; present, Trustee Scott Sapino; present, Supervisor Brian Cadwell; absent. He is in the hospital and is excused. Clerk Ambuehl will preside over the meeting, and Trustee Sapino will take the minutes.

The Agenda was accepted as presented on a motion from Kathryn Moore and seconded by Tim Reitz. Motion passed.

The August 2023 Minutes were accepted as read on a motion from Scott Sapino and seconded by Kathryn Moore. Motion passed.

Correspondence was read by Lou Ambuehl. Upper Michigan Water Company sent a letter stating that rates will increase by 9.5% effective September 15, 2023, which has already passed. A motion was made by Tim Reitz and seconded by Kathryn Moore to place the correspondence on file. Motion passed.

Clerk Lou Ambuehl presented the bills for approval. The prepaid bills from the General Fund were \$26,122.42. Bills from the Garbage Fund were \$22,790.19, and current bills from the General fund were \$8,107.03. There were also bills from Traverse Engineering in the amount of \$21,871.75, and Northstar Emergency Vehicle Services for \$6,074.59. A motion was made by Kathryn Moore and seconded by Tim Reitz to pay the bills. Roll Call: Reitz, yes. Ambuehl; yes. Moore; yes. Sapino; yes. Motion passed.

Treasurer Kathryn Moore gave the Treasurer's Report. A motion was made by Scott Sapino and seconded by Lou Ambuehl to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

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Committee Reports:

Sewage: Lou Ambuehl reported that work at the new lagoons is making progress but is somewhat slowed by lack of available materials.

Refuse: Lou Ambuehl stated that the new truck will be discussed later in New Business.

Fire: Hubbell Fire Chief Jeremy Desellier stated that Koppers has replaced two valves and repaired the screen at Incline Dam. The heater in the fire hall garage will be turned soon to better accommodate the new fire truck's fit.

Parks: Scott Sapino reported that the proposed Rec Plan is available for review. A resolution will be proposed later. Online and paper surveys are available for the public to submit suggestions until October 15, 2023.

Roads: Nothing to report.

There was no Old Business.

New Business: The new garbage truck was discussed. If we act now, the truck will be delivered in a year. It's a long process. A motion was made by Scott Sapino and seconded by Kathryn Moore to place a \$10,000 deposit on the new truck to get the ball rolling with a total cost of \$302,632 in the future. It will be a 60/40 split between Torch Lake and Schoolcraft Townships. Roll Call: Reitz, yes. Ambuehl; yes. Moore; yes. Sapino; yes. Motion passed. Lake Linden Village might buy the older white garbage truck. The current blue truck will be the eventual back-up. There were a few budget amendments. The Hubbell Fire Department Budget needs to increase to \$13,000. A motion was made by Tim Reitz and seconded by Kathryn Moore to amend this item. Roll Call: Reitz, yes. Ambuehl; yes. Moore; yes. Sapino; yes. Motion passed. The Hubbell Community Building And Grounds Budget needs to increase to \$5,000. A motion was made by Kathryn Moore and seconded by Scott Sapino to amend this item. Roll Call: Reitz, yes. Ambuehl; yes. Moore; yes. Sapino; yes. Motion passed. Storm sewer cleaning was completed by PipeTek Sewer Cleaning Services. The cost was \$104,480.06. They hit a few snags due to bad piping in some areas, and because

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of inadequate access in other areas. A motion was made by Tim Reitz and seconded by Lou Ambuehl to pay PipeTek Storm Sewer Cleaning. Roll Call: Reitz, yes. Ambuehl; yes. Moore; yes. Sapino; yes. Motion passed. Dick Supina of U.P. Architects And Engineering reported on the issues that StormTek faced. He pointed out areas that needed repair. They were as follows: A manhole for access is needed behind the Noggin Shop, an old wood line with no bottom needs repair behind the Hubbell Community Building, a line on I Avenue needs repair, and manhole access is needed at J Avenue and Seventeenth St. Mr. Supina contacted Bill Siler Construction and they will do the work for \$\$16,325.75. Seventy-five percent of the cost will be covered by FEMA funds. A motion was made by Kathryn Moore and seconded by Tim Reitz to get this work done. Roll Call: Reitz, yes. Ambuehl; yes. Moore; yes. Sapino; yes. Motion passed.

There was no Public Comment.

A motion was made by Scott Sapino and seconded by Kathryn Moore to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. The meeting ended at 6:31pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Sapino; Trustee.