

Grant Township Monthly Board Meeting
8908 Twin Lakes Rd
Cheboygan, MI 49721

September 10, 2024

The Grant Township board meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Supervisor Archambo.

Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Board members present: Supervisor Archambo, Trustee Shawna McManus, Treasurer Rachel Vallance, Trustee Eric Boyd, Clerk Theresa Berden. With 3 residents present.

Addition to agenda: None.

Motion to accept the agenda without additions: by Trustee McManus and supported by Trustee Boyd. All approved, motion carried.

Motion for the approval of minutes from the August 13, 2024 meeting made by Treasurer Vallance and supported by Trustee Boyd. All approved, motion carried.

Clerks Report: Election Commission scheduled for 10/8 at 5:30 prior to next board meeting; Public Accuracy Test for November election scheduled for 10/14 at 6pm; contacted Gleaner to ensure that all Brighthouse funds were transferred and to update the clerk information; provided information on county wide tire disposal days; School Tax allocation form received.

Treasurer's report: General IMMA cash on hand as of 7/31/24 was: \$94,623.78. August deposits were: \$1,877.25 with a transfer to Checking of \$13,284.00 with a balance on hand as of 8/31/2024 of \$83,217.03.

General Fund Checking cash on hand as of 7/31/24 was \$.76. August interest was \$.24. August deposits were \$13,284.24. August disbursements were \$13,284.40 for a balance on hand as of 8/31/24 of \$.60.

Municipal Money Market worth as of 8/31/24 was \$83,217.03. **General Fund Checking worth was \$.60, and Investments on Deposit as was \$164,080.38** for a total net worth of \$247,298.01 which is \$49,145.28 less than the total worth this month last year.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report by Trustee Boyd and supported by Trustee McManus. All approved, motion carried.

Public Speakers: Kim Pappas gave an update on the Cheboygan County Commissioners.

Public Comment: Jeannette Mateer gave update on upcoming library programs and commented on how many people were at the Opera House for the Cheboygan Commons meeting. Jeannette will ask librarian to come to MTA meeting in January.

Resident voiced their opinions on the solar farm coming to the township and how they felt the township board did nothing to prevent it. They expressed their concerns regarding the safety of solar energy. They complained that they did not get a “notice” mailed to them and it was explained that the township did not mail notices out to residents. Resident expressed that they were told there was a petition to stop the solar farm and that the board did not present it. Treasurer Vallance stated that no petition was sent to her and asked the resident to have Rep. Cam Cavitt call her personally if there was an issue. Supervisor Archambo explained that the township had no say in the solar farm as zoning is at the county level and this newest county hearing was to approve the extension and nothing more. Resident then complained that Afton stone was promised for the gravel part of Twin Lakes Rd. but it was never used.

Old Business: Tax update—Treasurer Vallance advised board that a letter was received regarding 2020 monies and that the IRS had the payment but did not have documentation of where to apply it. She had tried to follow up by phone and was re-submitting all of the paperwork again.

New Business: None

Blight: Board reviewed the Blight complaint on Birch Ridge Rd. Treasurer Vallance made a motion to refer the property to the sheriff's as a blight complaint; support made by Trustee McManus. Motion approved by roll call vote: Archambo: Yes; Berden: Yes; Boyd: Yes; McManus: Yes; Vallance: Yes. All approved, motion carried.

Public Comment: Treasurer Vallance made a public comment that some Afton stone was used on Twin Lakes Rd, but regular gravel was also utilized as it was not a major project like Krause Rd. Supervisor Archambo confirmed that was what happened.

Resident commented that unregistered vehicles are considered blight and that the sheriff's department would be at the next MTA meeting to clarify some blight issues.

Meeting Reports:

Trustee Boyd reported on the Planning Commission and MTA meetings.

Supervisor Archambo reported that the Bear Paw Lane road signs has caused some issues with the Road Commission, as the road goes through Presque Isle County then back in to Cheboygan County, so there is ongoing discussion on who is responsible for maintaining it.

Website/Newsletter- None.

Motion to pay bills made by Trustee Boyd, with support from Treasurer Vallance. Motion approved by a roll call vote: Boyd: yes, McManus: yes, Vallance: yes, Berden: yes, Archambo: yes.

Motion by Treasurer Vallance to adjourn the meeting; supported by Trustee McManus. All approved, motion carried.

Meeting closed by Supervisor Archambo at 6:56pm

Respectfully submitted,

Theresa Berden, Clerk