Westphalia Township

Regular Meeting December 4, 2023

DRAFT MINUTES

13950 Pratt Road, Westphalia MI, 48894

Supervisor Thelen called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag at 6:00 p.m. Board members present were Supervisor Thelen, Trustee Barker, Trustee Thelen, Treasurer Buckley, and Clerk Platte.

GUESTS: Dave Pohl Justin Voss Randy Bengel

A motion was made by Buckley, supported by Barker, to accept the minutes from October 2, 2023 as well as the agenda for November 6, 2023. Motion carried.

Treasurer Buckley presented the financial statements to all board members. A motion was made by Treasurer Buckley to approve the financial statements, as well as bills presented for the General and FD funds. All bills/invoices were approved except for one reimbursement by the cleaner. The board voted to pay the 10/10/2023 portion of that reimbursement, but will hold off on payment for services on 10/20/2023 and 10/21/2023 pending Supervisor Thelen consulting with the owner of the reimbursement statement. A second was made by Supervisor Thelen. Motion carried.

County Commissioner Dave Pohl– see notes attached notes. He was also gave his impression on the resolution to oppose legislation.

Supervisor Thelen discussed the resolution to the board and made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-12, Resolution to Oppose Legislation to preempt local control. Seconded by Barker. Motion was carried to adopt the resolution. Signatures were placed on the resolution and Supervisor Thelen to send it to the appropriate channels.

Fire Chief, Randy Bengel, discussed that Pohl Oil was bought out and with the new owners the township cannot charge gas/repairs onto the township credit card. The township needs to open a new card for the station to have on file with the new owners. Treasurer Buckley to fill out documents. He also stated that the four new fire fighters are done with training and will need new gear. He did get some quotes and the quotes are between $7000.00 and 8000.00 per gear. He would like to get possibly eight new gear as some are in need of replacement. He said that if he were to order today, it is a four to six month wait time.

Jason Road bridge, between Tallman and Wright Road, is closed. Bridge needs to be replaced. At this time date for reopening has not been established.

The Resolution Approving Amendment to Clinton County Solid Waste Management Plan was tabled until the December meeting.

Clerk Platte asked Supervisor Thelen to swear the Board of Review members in before the end of 2023 so all are on the same cycle. They need to be sworn in every two years. Also, Westphalia Township is seeking one Board of Review member. Any interest, please contact Supervisor Thelen at 989-587-3411.

The township budget meeting, set for March 25, 2024, has been moved to March 11, 2024 after the completion of our regular monthly meeting. The board also made a date of March 29, 2024 @ 9:00 a.m. if any adjustments are needed. The reason for the move is due to board members who will be absent on March 25, 2024.

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Next scheduled meeting has been moved to Monday, December 4, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by T. Thelen, supported by Barker at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Heather Platte, Clerk Troy Thelen, Supervisor