

Minutes April 4, 2022

Supervisor Mattson opened the regular meeting of the Felch Township Board at 6:00 p.m. with all of those in attendance standing and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was conducted and all members, Wille, Dixon, Steinbrecher, Oman and Mattson were all present. No one was absent.

Also attending the meeting was Fire Chief Brian Anderson, Cemetery Sexton Becky Pollack, Chris Moore of Circle Power Vice President, Ryan Carrig of CUPPAD, John Benzie of Iron Mountain/Kingsford area, Elise Matz, Circle Power Michigan Public Affairs.

Chief Anderson gave the fire department report. He also stated that the cost of Fireworks Display for the Independence Day celebration will cost about \$2,000.00 more than last year. The Fire Department Auxiliary will pay half and the Township board agreed to pay other half of the increase. D Oman made a motion to approve the increase, supported by M. Steinbrecher all voted in favor. Asked if anyone knew what the status of the 6x6 ATV owned by the TTAA. Mr. Mattson stated when the new ambulance addition is completed it can be moved into that addition. Chief Anderson stated it does not run correctly and it would be good to have it operate for use with brush fires.

Ms. Pollack asked if a metal marker on a stand would be allowable for a grave head marker. D. Oman stated that if it is fastened to a concrete base that is larger than the metal marker or onto a 1'x2x 3 inch' minimum size and the footing installed flat with the ground to help with mowing and upkeep.

Citizens Time: John Benzie addressed the board. He wanted to mention that our fence around the baseball field was damaged, and he contacted a fence company to see about costs to get it fixed. Mr. Benzie feels it will be an insurance claim. He also stated that the Groeneveld family will be donating money to have the batting cage netting replaced and he would like to put a sign on the batting cage recognizing them for the donation. John stated that he is organizing a baseball tournament for July 2nd and will consist of a couple of teams and all revenues will be donated to the Fire Department Auxiliary. John state that they plan to build new dugouts on the little league field this year with no cost to the township the material and labor will be donated. John also suggested that the township should consider paying Doug Phillips and Jeff Anderson each \$1,000.00 because of the amount of time they volunteer to work on the baseball field. He would also like to add an additional speaker to the PA system installed on the big baseball field. He stated that he has 7 teams signed up already for the Annual Labor Day Hardball tournament. He also stated that he has three more businesses that would like to purchase advertising signs for our baseball field. He will get together with Marilyn (treasure) to send out invoices for the advertising banners that are installed.

The agenda was reviewed and approved.

The minutes from the regular board meeting March 7th were reviewed. G. Wille made a motion to approve the minutes with one correction. The date of the scheduled special meeting was March 15th and not March 16th as written. D. Dixon supported the motion with the stated corrections. All voted in favor no one was opposed so the minutes were approved with noted corrections.

The minutes from the Special Meeting March 15th were approved on a motion from D. Dixon supported by G. Wille. All voted in favor, no one was opposed.

The minutes of the special meetings March 22nd were approved on a motion from G. Wille supported by D. Dixon. All voted in favor no one was opposed.

The treasures report was presented however Treasure M. Steinbrecher pointed out a few mistakes that she made when typing up the report. D. Oman made a motion to postpone accepting the report until the next meeting so that it can be corrected. R. Mattson seconded the motion. All voted in favor, no one was opposed.

The bills were reviewed. The visa card charges and Home Depot account was reviewed. Other bills outside of ordinary and normal are a Waste Management invoice for overage charges of \$145.00 because a dumpster was overfilled on 1/3/2022. The North Dickinson Senior Class All Night Graduation Party is requesting a donation of \$100.00. The Tri-Township Senior Citizens Site Council is requesting a donation of \$200.00, and Guardian Pest Services has proposed an annual contract of \$745.01 for monthly pest services plus an annual building exterior treatment in August for flies. M. Steinbrecher moved to pay the bills, approve donations as requested and the contract with Guardian. D. Dixon supported. All voted in favor, no one was opposed. The motion was approved.

Mr. Moore was recognized, and he presented a brief report. Circle Power has hired a scientist to look at the soils in the proposed Solar Farm. Mr. Moore stated that his company wants to ensure that the facility if constructed will not create a health or environmental hazard, they have also relooked at the site and the total acreage is down to near what the original plans were or somewhere around 350 acres.

Mr. Carrig of CUPPAD conducted a presentation which provided an overview of the Master Planning process. Introduction and Identification. An overview of a project timeline was presented along with the Survey Development was discussed. The board agreed it would be best to use the Hybrid survey – distribute a link for online survey along with the option to request a paper survey.

Custodians Report. Mr. Fuchs was not present. The township hall was a wreck because of the work going on with the replacement of the ceiling tiles and lighting. The hall was rented out for Saturday afternoon. Jessica Lox helped clean on Saturday and Sunday. Jessica is also willing to do the kitchen deep cleaning and can be completed in the next few weeks. D. Oman reports he looked over the main kitchen a few times in the past month and it is not being cleaned by the senior citizen kitchen staff. And suggested that once it is deep cleaned, we need to enforce daily cleaning and sanitizing of the big kitchen. Use of township refrigerators and putting away DICSA supplies, shelving units, food etc.... so that it is ready to be used by others when not in use by them. The cupboards need to be cleaned out. There are several that have old used containers and odds and ends, basically trash. The large kitchen range is a total mess.

The fence by the baseball field was ran into by John when moving trucks back into the fire hall after the new lighting was installed. D. Oman reports that he was called to the hall after the accident happened and he pulled the truck out from where it was stuck. It appears three posts will need to be replaced along with a section of the top rail. The fencing company that installed the fence at the field also provided a quote to repair very similar damage to a fence at the school football field and the quote to repair was \$150.00. R. Mattson also reported that he talked with John about the accident / damage to the fence.

Parks and Recreation Report. G. Wille reported that he has not talked to Ryan recently. R. Mattson included contact information again for Dottie Lajoye of CUPPAD. The rec committee needs to contact her soon. She will assist in updating the five-year Recreation Plan. Phone number is 906-786-9234 ext. 1376 and her email is dlajoye@cuppapad.org.

R. Mattson asked if the board felt we should hold a special meeting to discuss the \$100,000.00 contribution to the township. R. Mattson will find out if there is a deadline for submitting a proposed plan for use of the funds, use of the funds, and completion of the project and report back to the board.

Communications – No action required

Supervisor Mattson reports that Jake Lox is interested and will continue to serve as the park manager/maintenance person for Norway Lake Park.

The Township Supervisors from Dickinson County met at our community center to discuss our partnership with the Dickinson County Road Commission and what the future holds for our road projects. The township supervisors will be scheduling a meeting with the road commission in the near future.

A phone call was made with the township assessor on speaker phone to discuss a proposal he provided to the township board for aerial imaging available to the township from the State of Michigan and as part of that agreement the township will provide to the state it's GIS shapefiles. Mr. Waisenen will contact the state and find out what it will cost to obtain the higher resolution imaging for the entire township and on a motion from D. Oman supported by M. Steinbrecher authorized expenditure of up to \$3,000.00 for the purchase of higher resolution images. The areal image files will help with zoning work, assessing work and the election street index files. All voted in favor, opposed no one. The motion is approved.

R. Mattson reported that his son Craig will get started on patching the walls of the old doctor's office soon and that Jim Peterson will be doing the painting. At the same time, they will look over the walls of the community center to see what patching or painting needs to be done. D. Oman will get the rest of the elections stuff moved out of that office and secure any election items or equipment by putting it in the vault.

Citizens Time. Mr. Moore stated that they would be interested in the high-resolution areal image files if they are available for their company to use.

Board Member Privileges

D. Dixon questioned progress on blight and getting the concrete work finished in the front of the community center building.

D. Oman stated that the restrooms should be looked at for completion this summer. Could the painter who is doing the doctors office look at the restrooms and see if he would recommend painting the FRP board in the bathrooms.

A business being completed D. Oman made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by D. Dixon all voted in favor, no one opposed. Supervisor Mattson adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Darrell J. Oman
Felch Township Clerk.