

Minutes December 5, 2022

At 6:00 p.m. Supervisor Mattson called to order a public hearing on the township's recreation plan. All in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call was conducted. All board members: G. Wille, D. Dixon, M. Steinbrecher, R. Mattson and D. Oman were present. No one was absent.

Also present. Ryan Carrig from Cuppad, Ryan Wille Felch Rec Chair, Rene Skrumbellos Chris Moore, Becky Pollack Brian Anderson,

Supervisor Mattson opened the floor for public comment. No one responded to the call. Supervisor Mattson then recognized the township rec committee Chairman, Mr. Ryan Wille. Mr. Wille read into the record a resolution passed by the rec committee supporting the adoption of the revised township recreation plan. Supervisor Mattson again called for public comment. No one responded to the call. D. Oman made a motion to close the public hearing. Supported by D. Dixon. All voted in favor. No one was opposed the Public Hearing was closed.

Supervisor Mattson called to order the regular meeting of the Felch Township Board at 6:05 pm. And noted that we already recited the pledge and conducted roll call and it remains the same.

Citizen's time was offered. No one responded to the call.

The agenda was reviewed and on a motion from Oman supported by Steinbrecher approved the agenda. All voted in favor no one was opposed. The agenda was approved.

Minutes of November 7th, 2022, meeting we approved. D. Dixon moved and supported by G. Wille. All voted in favor, no one was opposed. The minutes were approved.

Treasures report was reviewed. D. Dixon made a motion to accept the report and place on file. Support, D. Oman. All voted in favor, no one was opposed. The Treasures Report accepted.

Review and payment of bills. The Visa account, Home Depot charge account were reviewed. The Waste Management billing problem that has been occurring since last February was discussed and authorization to pay in full the years charges. G. Wille made a motion to pay the bills, supported by M. Steinbrecher. All voted in favor no one was opposed. The motion was approved.

Fire Department Report. Chief Anderson reports that he has people interested in joining the department and needs applications for them to fill out.

Cemetery Report: Becky reports that she has an issue with Norway Marble and Granit not giving advanced notice to mark for gravestones. Other issues were discussed and Supervisor Mattson scheduled a special meeting for the cemetery issues for January 11th, 2023 at 6 p.m. at the Felch Community Center.

Parks and Rec. D. Oman made a motion and read into the record a resolution number 12052022 to adopt the recommended revised recreation plan for Felch Township. The motion to adopt was supported by D. Dixon. The supervisor called a roll call vote. D. Dixon- Yes, G. Willie- Yes, D. Oman, Yes, M. Steinbrecher – Yes, R. Mattson – Yes. Yes = 5, No = 0 Abstain = 0 . The resolution was adopted.

Township Land purchase: D. Oman has stated that he has retained the legal services of attorney Steve Tinti. A map of the area the township is looking to purchase was provided to all board members. Jim Waisanen provided information on land sale values. Mr. Tinti will not be able to start on the purchase for a couple of months. An abstract or title search will first be completed to determine actual owners prior to an offer or purchase offer being given. His rate is \$180.00 per hour.

Supervisor Mattson has recommended that we appoint Mr. Mike Lindholm, and Mr. Paul Schuiteman to serve as additional members of the Planning Commission. This will give us five members instead of 3. D. Oman made a motion to accept Supervisor Mattson's recommendation and appoint Lindholm and Schuiteman. Supported by D. Dixon. All voted in favor, no one was opposed. The appointments were approved. D. Oman stated they will be given the Oath of Office prior to the meeting when it is scheduled.

Grant writing. D. Oman needs to get Ryan from Cuppad the forms returned, a copy of the minutes and the adopted resolution so he can submit it to the state.

Discussion about hiring an attorney for zoning and land use. Supervisor Mattson contacted the MTA and received a list of possible attorneys. Information was presented that, Norway Township and Sagola Township have retained an attorney and both townships use the same attorney. D. Oman made a motion for Supervisor Mattson to contact that same attorney and retain his/her services as they would be familiar already with the issues surrounding the proposed Solar Farm. Supported by D. Dixon. All voted in favor, no one opposed. Supervisor Mattson is authorized to retain attorney services for zoning and planning.

Discussion about bathroom remodeling. The board went into the bathrooms and reviewed. We will not advertise for a contractor until the January meeting. Supervisor Mattson will contact a cleaning service and get opinion regarding if the glue and paint can be cleaned off the FRP board / walls before we go out for work on the rest of it.

D. Oman reports that John Fuchs is going to be off for a medical issue. He does not know how long he will be off. Brittany Olson has been filling in for him cleaning. Discussion was held about the upcoming snow removal. D. Oman will plow as available and until we can find someone. D. Oman and Supervisor Mattson will work together to find someone to do snow removal. Brittany will clean, do garbage and handle the rental.

Board Member Privilege:

D. Dixon – The metal up at the dump is not in the trailer and it needs to be. The dump should not be closed without all metal in the trailer.

M. Steinbrecher. Decorations for Christmas. It was suggested that we ask Brittany to take care of the decorations as well. D. Oman will contact her.

Citizens Time was offered. No one responded. G. Willie made a motion to adjourn. Supported by D. Oman all voted in favor. Supervisor Mattson adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

Darrell Oman
Felch Township Clerk