

Regular Board Meeting Minutes June 6th, 2022

Supervisor called to order the regular meeting of the Felch Township Board at 6 p.m. All in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call was conducted and all members: Wille, Dixon, Steinbrecher, Mattson and Oman were present. No one was absent. Also attending was Fire Chief Anderson, Rene and Laura Skrumbellos of Iron Mountain area and Chris Moore of Circle Power.

Citizens Time: Mr. Moore updated the board that they are working on new maps, the layout of the proposed solar farm is changing due to wetlands, Legal document for the project. They are continuing to work on soil samples related to the silica question. They are also now meeting with Sagola Township because of the new proposed layout of the project.

The minutes of the May 2nd 2022 meeting were approved on a motion by G. Wille and Supported by D. Dixon. All voted in favor, no one was opposed.

Treasurers report was reviewed, and D. Oman made a motion to accept and place on file. All voted in favor no one was opposed.

Review and Payment of bills. Clerk Oman reported that the checks are not ready for bill payment and the reports for bills are not printed because of printer problems. Oman requests the bills be tabled and a special meeting called to review and pay bills. Supervisor Mattson called a special meeting for Saturday June 11th at 8:30 a.m. at the Felch Township Community Center.

Fire Department Report: Chief Anderson reported that 2 calls for grass fires on the Leemans Road, Sagola Township responded as the road closure Sagola would be a quicker response. The TTAA has and Lisa Casey of Nordic EMS is administrator for a digital dispatch service via cell phones. Nordic has allowed Chief Anderson to use one of the TTAA licenses for that service. Chief Anderson would like it to be available to the fire department members. The township would have to purchase additional licenses. D. Oman made a motion that Felch Township will purchase/reimburse TTAA for as many annual licenses that are needed plus some spares for future use for any and all Felch Fire, rescue or EMS personnel to ensure that everyone who serves Felch Township, and the surrounding areas have this service. Chief Anderson will coordinate this with TTAA/Nordic and surrounding townships and authorize as many licenses as are needed. The motion was supported by D. Dixon. All voted in favor, no one was opposed. The motion was approved. Fireworks will be held on July 3rd at dusk and the annual parade will be in Breen Township this year. Saturday July 2nd the American Legion will hold a baseball tourney at the Felch Baseball Field starting at 9 a.m.

Custodian Report: The water quit working in the community center, Klieman Well was called out and fixed the pressure switch. The pickup truck radiator has had a minor leak for the past year, it now needs to be replaced and an appointment is for June 20th at Florence Ford to get it replaced. The cabinet above the refrigerator in the small kitchen will be removed so the refrigerator fits in there correctly the walls will be patched and painted. The wall behind the stove in the big kitchen will be prepped, primed, and painted because it did not get painted with the rest of the building and it needs it. D. Dixon asked if John knows where the panel is that is missing from the Gazebo? It needs to be repaired, replaced. R.

Mattson, D. Dixon and Clayton Oman installed chain link fencing between the playground and the construction site as it was open and dangerous, also one of the old swing sets came apart and cannot be used. D. Oman installed a temporary wall on the deck as the construction compromised the deck and it is sagging. He also installed lattice work on the bottom part of the deck so children cannot climb under the deck and get into or fall into the construction site.

Cemetery Report: Becky was absent but provided a report. She did one cremains burial. Busy with answering questions and information to the public. One burial is scheduled for June 18th of this month.

Parks and Recreation report: G. Wille reported that the committee has a meeting scheduled for June 27th at 6 p.m. at the Community Center. CUPPAD will be at the meeting to work on update of the 5-year rec plan.

The old township offices are ready for the Tri-Two Preservation Club to move into. The township board is moved into the old Doctors Office and the only remaining item is to move the CCTV equipment over into the new office. Precision Security has been contacted and will be out in about two weeks to complete the move of that equipment.

Reviewed bids for sidewalk replacement in front of the community center. Gundlach Champion \$16,400 – 5” thick walk, Travis Woodward \$8,933.50 4” thick walk. Olk Construction \$7781.50 4 ½ thick not including walk in front of main doors. Discussion was to have the project work begin on or after September 6th, 2022, with completion of project by September 16th, 2022, and coordinate with John Fuchs for scheduling and renting purposes. D. Dixon made a motion to contract with Travis Woodward for the project. M. Steinbrecher supported. All voted in favor. R. Mattson will communicate the board decision to Mr. Woodward. Mr. Woodward can provide workman’s comp insurance policy information to the clerk for township records.

R. Mattson requested bids for repaving the community center parking lot from Bacco, Payne and Dolan and Midwest Asphalt/Gravel. Bacco and Payne and Dolan did not respond. Midwest provided three different proposals. Oman questioned how the project would be funded as it is not a project in the budget. Mattson suggested we could use the County provided COVID funds. Oman requested to table the discussion until the Special Meeting scheduled for Saturday the 11th to discuss further. This will allow time to look at the proposals and determine what our priorities are for road projects which we have been talking about over the next few years. Also, the additional time will allow us to ensure prior to spending the County provided COVID funds it will be permitted by them to use it for the parking lot prior to obligating the township to the project. The supervisor tabled the project discussion.

LaForce was the only provider contacted to provide a proposal to replace all of the dividers in the bathrooms and for changing the main entrance doors to ADA compliant. First the ADA compliant main entry doors a Quote of \$6,678.83 plus the electrical and final hook up by others. D. Oman made a motion to accept the quote. Supported by D. Dixon all voted in favor no one opposed the motion passed. The bathroom dividers. \$7,329.98. M. Steinbrecher made a motion to approve, supported by G. Wille. All voted in favor, no one was opposed. The motion passed.

Angie Jungwirth requested to address the board via cell phone. D. Oman contacted her and put her on speaker phone. She wanted to let the board know that the North Dickinson School is going to start softball and baseball next year and wants to use the township fields for the teams. The little league field

is not setup for softball because of a pitcher's mound. The school is willing to work with the township to get a removable mound so both baseball and softball can be played on the field. Mrs. Jungwith was instructed to contact Jeff Anderson and discuss with him what is needed and then we can move forward with figuring out how we can all use the baseball fields.

R. Mattson reports that he received a request from Mr. Alan Rossler to correct the township records. In the minutes of the meeting held February 2022 D. Dixon made a reference to possible blighted property at N9700 Norway Lake Road as belonging to the Rossler's. The township has verified that the property is not owed by the Rosslers and the Rosslers are not and were not previously involved in any blight issues. We stand corrected and apologize for the mistake of incorrectly naming the Rosslers as the owners of the property.

Communications: Dickinson County Michigan Master Plan Survey 2022 is being conducted. Supervisor Mattson brought several copies of the survey and requests that each board member assist and encourage citizens to complete and turn in the survey prior to July 22, 2022.

Communications: Invasive Species Landowner Training will be held at the Mission Covenant Church in Foster City Saturday June 18th 9 a.m. – noon.

Supervisor Mattson, thank you to the DCRC for grading the road down to the ball fields and for the patching of asphalt in the community center parking lot.

Supervisor Mattson reports that he is currently doing the Zoning Work for West Branch Township until they get organized.

Supervisor Mattson reports that Jim Harris from the DCRC contacted him and stated that it is too late to propose completing any work to the Metropolitans Road this year.

M. Steinbrecher asked if we have any plans for the front of the building landscaping and it would be a good time to include with the sidewalk replacements.

M. Steinbrecher informed the board that our Semi-Annual Audit is scheduled for July 18th, 2022 starting at 11 a.m.

D. Dixon asked when the new TTAA addition to the community center is scheduled for completion. Supervisor Mattson responded he suspects it should be completed somewhere around September 1st.

D. Oman reminded Supervisor Mattson that the Felch Board still does not have the blueprints / drawings for the building addition, and details about a floor drain in the addition, we do not have a copy of builder's risk insurance naming the township, we do not have copies of workman's comp insurance carrier for the contactors, and we need those items before the township can sign the agreement with the TTAA for the construction of the addition.

D. Oman reports that the new computers ordered, along with the equipment to secure our WiFi in the building will be delivered on Monday June 13th. The TV monitor that currently shows the calendar will no longer work with the new equipment and accounts; we will need to look at something different to advertise events. D. Oman spoke with Vicky Lindholm who maintains such an information board at the school and is willing to help set something up and teach someone to support it.

Elections are moving into full swing soon Mandatory re accreditation training for all municipal clerks is scheduled and D. Oman will be attending the class at Breitung Township Hall on Thursday. We have been working on our Qualified Voter File and sending out all new voter registration cards due to the redistricting of the state and will start working on our election master files in about another week. By then ballots should be coming in and the Absentee Voting will begin for the August primary after we have conducted a test of the ballots received and the equipment. The elections commission will have to hold a meeting soon to approve the workers and arrange for testing of the ballots and equipment.

No further business being brought before the board, G. Wille made a motion to adjourn, and his motion was supported by D. Dixon. All voted in favor. No one opposed. Supervisor Mattson adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Darrell J. Oman
Felch Township Clerk