

Mason Township Board Minute

February 9, 2021

Supervisor Brandt called the meeting to order at 7:04PM, and led in the pledge of allegiance.

Roll call was answered by Trustee Arnold, Trustee Allen, Treasurer Chew, Clerk Dull, and Supervisor Brandt.

Supervisor Brandt asked for **public comments**. Attorney Mac Elliott of Niles was invited to discussion "Air B&B". He had been contacted by David Middleton, who owns property on Sanford's Landing, concerning a property in his neighborhood being turned into a "Air B&B". Attorney Elliott asked the township board if the township had ordinances covering this problem. He will be available for the discussion later on the agenda.

David Middleton, resident, is concerned about the "Air B&B" in his neighborhood. The road to the houses is a private road and not for business, just residents.

Trustee Arnold made the motion, seconded by Trustee Allen, to approve the agenda. Treasurer Chew made the motion, seconded by Trustee Allen, to approve last month's minutes.

Trustee Arnold made the motion, seconded by Trustee Allen, to approve the financial obligations - treasurer report and payables for approval \$7,108.82.

Reports:

Commissioner Marchetti reported County Treasurer Hope Anderson attended their meeting to update the council on HR 255 & 256. These are foreclosure instructions for the townships. The public over 65 can receive the COVID vaccine at Cass County Health Dept., CVS, Meijer, Wal-Mart, you need to call for an appointment. The county had an excellent audit.

Zoning Administrator Krempec reported he had sent letters for violations. Boundary changes. Have complains about noise levels, drag racing on Mason Street. Contact the Sheriff Dept.

SEPSA - Trustee Arnold report business same.

PC Meeting - no meeting but meeting on Feb. 16.

Bldg. Dept. - 3 building permits, 0 electrical permits, 2 mechanical permits, 1 plumbing permit

Unfinished or Ongoing Business

1. Quote from M. Cloud for playground mulch - tabled
2. Trustee Arnold made the motion, seconded by Treasurer Chew, to approve the Poverty Guidelines - Federal level- for 2021. Also the asset level test will be \$15,000. Motion carried.
3. Estimate for culvert at Kessington Cemetery - tabled.
4. New cemetery burial and lot prices - tabled.
5. Trustee Allen made the motion, seconded by Trustee Arnold, to accept the Special Revenue Budget of \$158,000. Roll call vote - Allen-yes, Arnold-yes, Chew-yes, Dull-yes, and Brandt - yes. Motion carried.

New Business:

1. Trustee Allen made the motion, seconded by Treasurer Chew, to approve Resolution 02-09-21-01 for the supervisor salary of \$14,458.50. Roll call vote - Arnold-yes, Allen-yes, Chew-yes, Dull-yes. 4 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain. Motion carried.
2. Trustee Allen made the motion, seconded by Trustee Arnold, to approve Resolution 02-09-21-02 for the treasurer salary of \$16,600.50. Roll call vote - Dull-yes, Allen-yes, Arnold-yes, Brandt-yes. 4 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain. Motion carried.
3. Trustee Allen made the motion, seconded by Trustee Arnold, to approve Resolution 02-09-21-03 for the clerk salary of \$16,600.50. Roll call vote - Chew-yes, Brandt-yes, Allen-yes, Arnold-yes. 4 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain. Motion carried.
4. Treasurer Chew made the motion, seconded by Clerk Dull, to approve Resolution 02-09-21-04, salaries for the trustees of \$6426.00. Roll call vote - Chew-yes, Dull-yes, Brandt-yes. 3 yeas, 0 nays, 2 abstain. Motion carried.
5. It has been brought to the attention of the board, the Code Enforcement officer need to be certified by the board and an annual salary set. Treasurer Chew made the motion, seconded by Trustee Allen, to certify LeRoy Krempec as the Code Enforcement Officer and the annual salary of \$4,000 plus \$30 per inspection case. Roll call vote - Arnold-yes, Allen-yes, Chew-yes, Dull-yes, and Brandt-yes. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
6. Trustee Arnold made the motion, seconded by Trustee Allen, to approve the Budget Adjustment of \$8,614.00 for 2020-2021. Budget Adjustments \$4,4690.00 for 2021 - 2022. Roll call vote - Chew-yes, Allen-yes, Arnold-yes, Dull-yes, and Brandt-yes. 5 yeas, 0 nays, motion carried.
7. The library is replacing the blinds for screening. The library is paying for the update.
8. There was discussion on the short-term rentals, etc. "Air B&B's". The board and planning commission need to research other townships and any other information concerning the subject. Tabled.

No Correspondence.

Dates: Planning commission - Feb. 16, 6:30pm

Board of Review - Organizational mtg -March 2, 7pm

Board of Review - Monday, March 8, 3-9pm, Friday, March 12, 9am-3pm

Township Board - March 9, 7pm

Trustee Allen made the motion, seconded by Trustee Arnold, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Dull
Clerk