

Mason Township Board Meeting
Regular Meeting
October 11, 2022

The meeting was open by Supervisor Brandt leading in the pledge of allegiance at 7:00pm.

Roll call was answered by all board members.

Supervisor Brandt welcomed everyone and asked for public comment.

Tony Overmyer, member of the Edwardsburg School Board, gave information concerning the proposal on the ballot. The board would like to bring all the K-12 classes to one campus. This bond proposal would provide funds to purchase land, build buildings and improve other buildings.

Vernon Beckman complained about the smell of marijuana in his neighborhood and a corner lot that needs cleaned up.

Trustee Allen made the motion, seconded by Trustee Arnold, to approve tonight's agenda. Motion carried.

Treasurer Chew made the motion to approve September minutes, with the second from Trustee Arnold. Motion carried.

Trustee Arnold made the motion, seconded by Trustee Allen, to approve the financial obligations. Roll call vote – Chew-yes, Allen-yes, Arnold-yes, Dull-yes and Brandt-yes. Motion carried.

Reports: Commissioner Marchetti reported the at the October 6th meeting the Health Dept. presented their report. There is a grant for blight. Sheriff Behnke reported deer-auto crashes are up this year. The old court building is being renovated, you can go to the Cass County website and watch the progress.

Zoning Administrator Krempec reported new houses in Bear Development. A company has purchased the remaining lots and plans to continue building homes on the sites. Four are planned now.

SEPSA – They are adding 2 EMTs and 1 paramedic. Mason Twp. had 12 calls in September.

Planning Commission – no meeting in September, next meeting November 23, 6:20pm

Building Dept. - Electrical permits – 7, Mechanical permits -5, plumbing permits -1, building permits -2.

Unfinished or ongoing business:

1. Patrick Sage, auditor from Kruggel/Lawton, CPA, gave the annual audit report. Mason Township is in good financial condition.
2. Speed limit signs at Juno Lake 7 Street name sign – tabled
3. Sexton Quotes – Sexton Gail Levan has researched a few items she would like to update and make the cemeteries more attractive.
 - a. Installation of a 25' flag pole in the Kessington East cemetery. After discussion, Trustee Arnold made the motion to purchase the flag pole with installation, repair the flag pole at Five Points, add solar light to both with a cap of \$5,000. This is from Kalamazoo Flag Co. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Chew. Roll call vote – Allen-yes, Arnold-yes, Chew-yes, Dull-yes, Brandt-yes. Motion carried.
 - b. Gail would like to put the cemeteries information on computer. The Cims program is \$7,450 with an annual fee of \$1,000. CIMS is a cemetery information management system. This will create a database record for every space in the cemetery. Trustee Allen made the motion, seconded by Trustee Arnold, to approve

- the purchasing of the program and the annual fee. Roll call vote – Arnold-yes, Allen-yes, Chew-yes, Dull-yes, and Brandt-yes. Motion carried.
- c. Trustee Arnold made the motion, seconded by Trustee Alle, to purchase 2 sets of signs for each cemetery, from Bassett Signs, with a cap of \$5,000. The bigger sign would have the general rules for the cemetery and the smaller sign detailed rules. Roll call vote – Chew-yes, Arnold-yes, Allen-yes, Dull-yes and Brandt-yes. Motion carried.
 - d. 2 sets of 2 columns to be put at the entrance of the cemeteries from J & N Stone for \$4,500. Trustee Arnold made the motion, seconded by Trustee Allen, to purchase the columns. Roll call vote – Arnold-yes, Allen-yes, Chew-yes, Dull-yes, and Brandt-yes. Motion carried.
 - e. Trustee Arnold made the motion to purchase 2 red maple trees (\$400) for the Kessington East Cemetery. Seconded by Trustee Allen. Motion carried.
4. Trustee Allen made the motion to accept Action Services Company snowplowing rates for 2022-2023 of \$110. Plowing the parking lot, clearing & ice melt steps & ramp- \$50., any extra ice melt on parking lot \$.75 per LB. Seconded by Trustee Arnold. Roll call vote – Allen-yes, Chew-yes, Arnold-yes, Dull-yes and Brandt-yes. Motion carried.
 5. Trick or Treat hours October 31, 5:30 – 7:30pm.

Trustee Allen made the motion to adjourn at 8:32pm. Seconded by Trustee Arnold. Motion carried.