

MASON TOWNSHIP
17049 US 12 Edwardsburg, MI 49112
Mason Township Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 14 , 2025 at 7:00 PM

The Mason Township Regular Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Arnold at 7:02 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Supervisor Arnold, Clerk LeVan, Treasurer Chew, Trustee Allen, Trustee Dull
 *Deputy Treasurer King (sitting in for Treasurer Chew).

*Per MCL 41.77-the deputy shall not have a vote on the township board

Public Comment:

- Vern- Five Points southeast light blinking. Five Points north light out.
- Supervisor Arnold- thanked Commissioner Marchetti and Commissioner Lee for always making it a priority to make it to our township meetings.

Agenda:

- **Approve Tonight's Agenda: January 14, 2025**
Moved by Trustee Allen and seconded by Trustee Dull, that the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of January 14, 2025, be approved as presented.
Voice Vote: Aye-4, Nay- 0
Motion: Carried
- **Approve December 9, 2024 Mason Township Regular Board Meeting**
Moved by Trustee Allen and seconded by Trustee Dull, that the December 9, 2024 minutes for the Regular Board Meeting, be approved as presented.
Voice Vote: Aye- 4, Nay- 0
Motion: Carried

REPORTS:

Clerk:

Payables for Approval:

Moved by Trustee Dull and seconded by Trustee Allen, that the Payables for Approval be approved as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Supervisor Arnold- Y, Clerk LeVan-Y , Deputy Treasurer King-___

Trustee Allen-Y, Trustee Dull-Y

Motion: Carried

Treasurer:

General Funds Report:

Moved by Trustee Dull and seconded by Trustee Allen, that the General Funds Report be approved as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Supervisor Arnold- Y, Clerk LeVan-Y , Deputy Treasurer King-___

Trustee Allen-Y, Trustee Dull-Y

Motion: Carried

Supervisor:

Severance Update: Five Points light out. Will be out to fix after the holidays.

Damage at the Round-A-Bout: State will be out to fix the damage in the spring or summer.

Mason Township Roads: We will be getting a report from Cass County Road Commission concerning the roads in Mason Township soon. There has been an increase in price to repair roads from 2024 to 2025.

Trustee: No report given

Cass County Commissioners: Commissioner Marchetti and Commissioner Lee presented to the Mason Township Board the following:

Cass County Commissioner Board Chair: Jeremiah Jones was selected by his peers to serve as Board Chair

Narcans: distribution boxes available at no cost to the township

Dog Rabies Vaccination Clinic: at Cass County Animal Control Shelter, 323 M 62 North in Cassopolis,

MI on Saturday, January 25th and Saturday, February 15th from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM.

Hazardous Waste: Hazardous waste dates have been set for Cass County. Wednesday, April 23rd 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM and Wednesday, September 24th 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM.

Office Manager:

Trash Vouchers: For the year 2024, the township issued 123 voucher and 54 vouchers were redeemed. A total cost to the township of: \$3,240.00

Amish Parking: More Amish families are moving into the area. They have been coming to the township to use the library and the park. They are parking their horse and buggy to the light pole. I think that we need to be proactive at getting a proper hitching post for their horse and buggies and a plan on what to do about the horse manure.

Flag Pole Update: Moyer Electric has us on their schedule. They may not be able to get to us until March due to the ground being frozen.

Sign: Tom Florea (Cassopolis and Mason Street) would like a stop ahead warning signs. There have been 2 more accidents since they hit his house. -Arlene

Kristin and Charlie contacted Cass Co. Road Commissioner about the cost to get requested sign = \$275.00. Joe is going to look to see if it is necessary. If it is deemed necessary, they will pay for it. If not, it falls back on the township or resident requesting the sign. Township will look into solar blinking light and also request an officer to sit at the intersection to help slow traffic.

Township Hall- The group that was interested in using the meeting room is no longer interested at this time. I am in the processes of collecting other township policies to be able to present to the board at a future date.

Building Department:

Building: 3

Electric: 1

Mechanical: 1

Plumbing: 0

Zoning Administrator:

EQ and Modern Buggy: Waiting to hear back from Katy at Market One concerning the resolution.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer: No updates this month.

Planning Commission: Did not meet. Next meeting is scheduled for January, 21st at 6:30 PM

SEPSA:

Runs: 42 runs; 16 Mason Township, 21 Porter, and 5 others.

Other: SEPSA is fully staffed. Working on getting a community CPR class scheduled. They are looking to purchase a Freightliner before a price increase. Charlie Arnold has resigned from the SEPSA Board and is working on getting another representative from Mason Township.

Sexton Report:

Office Hours: 2 hours, which consisted of computer work/cemetery map updates/record keeping. Residential communications. Sold 1 cemetery plot in Kensington West.

Fieldwork Hours: 1 hour which consisted of cemetery inspections, clean up, and trash removal.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **2025 Mason Township quarterly Planning Commission meeting dates:**

January 21st at 6:30 PM

April 15th at 6:30 PM

July 15th at 6:30 PM

October 21st at 6:30 PM

Moved by Trustee Allen and seconded by Trustee Dull, that the 2025 Mason Township Planning Commission dates be approved as presented.

Voice Vote: Aye-4, Nay-0

Motion: Carried

- **2025 Mason Township Budget Meeting – new date needed**

Saturday, February 1st at 10:00 AM

Moved by Trustee Dull and seconded by Trustee Allen, that the 2025 Mason Township Budget Meeting date be approved as presented.

Voice Vote: Aye-4, Nay-0

Motion: Carried

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Hawkins Water Tech: New water softener and softener salt delivery**

Current water softener is undersized. New water softener (with labor) will be \$2,539.00 before tax. The service fee for Hawkins to come out and service current water softener would be waived (\$219.00) if new softener is purchased. Salt delivery cost is \$14.89 per bag for iron out salt with a \$1.50 fuel charge.

Moved by Trustee Allen and seconded by Trustee Dull, that Mason Township will purchase a new water softener from Hawkins Water Tech along with softener salt delivery be approved as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Supervisor Arnold- Y, Clerk LeVan-Y , Deputy Treasurer King-__ Trustee Allen-Y, Trustee Dull-Y

Motion: Carried

- **Cass County Hazard Mitigation Plan:**

Moved by Trustee Dull and seconded by Trustee Allen, that the Cass County Hazard Mitigation Plan be approved as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Supervisor Arnold- Y, Clerk LeVan-Y , Deputy Treasurer King-__, Trustee Allen-Y, Trustee Dull-Y

Motion: Carried

UPCOMING DATES:

- **Mason Township Board-** Tuesday, February 11th at 7:00 PM

- **Tax Collection-** January 25th 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

February 8th & February 22nd 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Friday, February 28th 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM

- **Planning Committee-** Tuesday, January 21st at 6:30 PM

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Trustee Allen and seconded by Trustee Dull.

Voice Vote: All those in favor saying: Aye- 4, Nay- 0

Motion: Carried

The Mason Township Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Kristin LeVan

Clerk Kristin LeVan on 01/21/2025

Approved by the Mason Township Board on:

Kristin LeVan, Mason Township Clerk

Charlie Arnold, Mason Township Supervisor