

January 16, 2023

Supervisor Peterson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The pledge was recited as an opening to the meeting.

Roll Call: Clark-here, Lutz-here, Peterson-here, Rice-here, Rigby-here.

Agenda and Minutes: Clark moved to accept the agenda and minute, Rigby seconded - Motion passed.

Monthly Reports:

Fire: Department had 10 calls for the month of December (2 village of Centreville, Nottawa Township 5, Lockport had 1, 2 automatic aid calls to the City of Three Rivers)

Library: Patron count 1,769, Circulation 1,316, and people count 1,807. Full report on file.

Assessor: Processed and approved splits, updating tax program, finalize tax roll warrant, and personal property canvas. Finalizing the 2023 assessment roll.

Cemetery: 0 deed to sign, 0 cremations, and 3 full burial, Bills for the month: 15.87 Diesel, 72.37 for gas, and 4.23 barn supplies (total 92.47)

Ordinance: 2 new cases (60468 Railroad Street and 60280 Lincoln Street); 3 open cases.

Treasurer: General fund-257,960.23 - Full report on file

Clerk: Completed the township audit, continued working on QVF and residency notices.

Supervisor: Worked with inspector Wickey, Assessor Brousseau, Doug Kuhlman, and Mike Haydon, Mixed Use Corridor committee, Solar Ordinance, and Mixed use corridor

Monthly Bills: Lutz moved to accept monthly bills for the amount of 33,038.01 with an EFT transfer of 5,841.38. Seconded by Clark- the motion passed.

Planning commission: Held their quarterly meeting. Discussion on deleting some ordinances and adding updated ones.

New Business

Audit Report: Mr Joe Verlin from Gabridge gave a report on the status of the township.

Clark moved to accept audit report, seconded by Lutz. Motion carried.

Personal Property Assessor Policy Resolution 2023-1: Policy for Review of Personal Property Taxes and for Consideration, review, and rescission and revocation of small business personal property tax exemptions. Peterson moved to accept this resolution. Clark seconded. Roll call vote. All members present for it. 5-0.

Road projects 2023: Road Commission est. of West Sand Lake Road for 22,000; and the Truckenmiller Road from Village limits to Rambadt Road. Clark moved and Rice seconded. Motion passed.

Financial status of Nottawa Township Library Resolution 2023 Resolution on Financial status of Nottawa township Library. Lutz moved and Rice seconded.

Hourly rate for professional services: Lutz moved to raise rate from 20 dollars per hour to 25 dollars. Peterson seconded. Motion carried.

St. Joseph Country ARPA funds Grant Agreements:

Peterson moved adopt the agreements (Library, Ambulance, Cemetery) for American rescue plan act funding agreement between St Joseph county and the township. Rice seconded.

Roll Call vote: All voted in favor. Carried.

Peterson moved to explore the possibility of a fire district. Rigby seconded. Appointed: Rigby to represent the township. Motion carried.

Closed session with litigation counsel regarding the case of Midwest V, LLC v Nottawa Township Board of Trustees, now pending in the United States District Court for Western District of Michigan, Case No. 22-cv-00884.

Motion to go into closed session moved by Peterson, Supported by Lutz motion passed.

Motion to move out of closed session, moved by Peterson, supported by Clark. Motion passed.

Peterson moved In regards the case of Midwest V LLC vs Nottawa township, that we authorize our supervisor to act as recommended by counsel in closed session. Clark seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Rice-yes, Rigby-yes, Peterson-yes, Lutz-No, Clark- yes. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm Moved by Clark, seconded by Rigby. Motion carried

Bret Lutz, Clerk

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Dave Peterson, Supervisor