

Merrill Township Special Board Meeting Minutes October 16, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Morgan at 7:04pm. Followed by the pledge of allegiance by Mr. Morgan and prayer by Ms. Walton-Stanciel.

Roll Call

Ms. Venola Walton-Stanciel, here
Mr. Peter Morgan, Supervisor, here
Mr. Harold Yancy, Trustee, here
Ms. Tabatha Glezman, Clerk, here
Ms. Fisher, here

Approval of Agenda

Ms. Walton-Stanciel motioned to approve agenda, Ms. Glezman seconds and the motion carried.

Approval of consent agenda

Ms. Glezman motioned to approve the consent agenda, Ms. Fisher seconds, the motion was carried.

Lilley Township Fire Department Report:

Mr. Morgan read the report by the Fire Department describing the types of calls received over the last month. There was one motorcycle accident and one CPR reported.

Zoning Admin.

Zoning report unavailable at this time.

Supervisor's report

- Two letters from the attorney for 6920 Pierce and the other was for 2290 W. Lake Shore Dr.
- Transfer Station card check took place by Mr. Redding on Sunday, October 8th. He turned away 77 people who did not have their transfer-station card with them. 17 people dumped their trash anyway and 7 did not. Pete was in the office from noon to 3:00 p.m. to issue new cards. He issued 49 new cards that day.

Clerk's Report

- Ms. Glezman stated the audit came back approved. There will be an election for the White Cloud School District on November 7, 2023.

Treasurer's Report

- If you would like a copy of the Treasurer's report, please request one and it will be provided.
- Statement given regarding the format of the township minutes. The board was informed that minutes are to help provide goals and accomplishments of points being addressed at any given meeting. There will no longer be verbatim filled in

minutes. If you desire more detail, please attend the meetings and take your own notes which the board will need to do as well. This information was provided by Michigan Township Association. Also, the board learned that they are not required to make packets up for people attending the meetings and it was recommended to not spend the extra money to do so. There is a lot of expense in creating the packets that were being done in the most recent meetings. Although, the board feels they should provide an agenda for everyone attending so that they can follow along and make public comment where noted at the meeting, if desired.

New Business:

- Ms. Glezman asked for approval to put the snow plow bid in the newspaper for 2024 season and to keep the existing contract in place through 2023 until the new contract can be put into place. All of the Board members agreed.
- Letters from the attorney for 6920 Pierce and 2290 W. Lake Shore Dr. was received and shared with the board.
- Mr. Morgan apologized for not sending out the certified letter to the people trying to purchase land from the Township. He will get that sent right away.
- Converting existing lighting to LED lighting. Pete awaiting final quote from Great Lakes Energy but the verbal quote from Mr. Mark Bates is \$5,276.68 for all product and installation (from a 3rd party) minus an energy rebate of \$1,049.00 (check issued to the township) total cost \$4,227.68. This will save the township 83% over their existing cost. Mr. Bates recommended the township request a quote on adding sensors to turn the lights off when the room is empty. This quote will need to come from the 3rd party contractor. Adding sensors will qualify the township for another rebate. If the township owns the street lights there may be another rebate.

Blight:

- Blight Ordinance vote took place. Ms. Walton-Stanciel motioned for vote, Ms. Fisher, seconds.
Role Call Vote: Ms. Fisher, Yes; Ms. Walton-Stanciel, Yes; Ms. Glezman, Yes; Mr. Yancy, Yes; Mr. Morgan, Yes.
5 Yes's and 0 No's on October 16, 2023 at 7:19pm at Merrill Township Hall.
The next step is to meet with the attorney for official wording for the Newspaper.
Then thirty days after it has been posted in the paper, the ordinance is adopted.

Correspondence:

Mr. Morgan read a letter sent to him regarding camping.

Public Comment:

Thirteen (13) people made comments at the meeting.

Ms. Walton-Stanciel motioned to adjourn, Ms. Fisher, seconds, and the motion passed.

Mr. Morgan adjourned the meeting at 8:02pm.