

INTERIOR TOWNSHIP MEETING  
April 14, 2025  
Township Hall – 6:00 P.M.  
140 Division Street, Trout Creek, MI 49967

1. Call to Order 18:00
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call:
  - a. Present: Trustee Kris Peltola, Treasurer Melanie Pelkola, Supervisor Nikki Laitala, Clerk Wade Boan, Trustee Paul Besonen
  - b. Absent: None
4. Supervisor's Report
  - a. National Day of Prayer: Request to do National Day of Prayer at township hall by local pastor. Approval given.
  - b. SAM: All documents have been acquired and submitted.
  - c. WM: Dumpster has trash on the ground and EGLE emailed us regarding pollution. We don't have a better option on township property so Waste Management may have to remove their dumpster.
5. Public Comment (3 min)
  - a. Don McLaughlin has group that would like to put up flags. They will also be going through Christmas lights to make sure they work. More people have offered to volunteer for lights.
6. Approval of the Meeting Minutes of the Previous Meeting
  - a. Motion made by Kris Peltola to approve minutes from last month's board meeting, the budget work session, and the budget hearing, Seconded by Melanie. Motion carried.
7. Approval of Agenda

- a. Motion made by Kris Peltola to approve agenda with addition of building inspector under new business. Second by Melanie. Motion carried.

## 8. Reports

- a. Clerk's Report

- i. Budget: Motion made by Melanie Pelkola to approve amendments to 24-25 budget. Second by Nikki Laitala. Motion carried.

- b. BOR

- c. Planning Commission

- i. Next project will be to start the recreation plan updates.
  - ii. Need to officially excuse Stacey Pizardi from planning commission due to 3 unexcused absences. Motion made by Nikki to remove Stacey from planning commission, Second by Kris. Motion carried. Minutes from Planning Commission meeting state "Absent and Unexcused: Stacey Pizardi. (A Zoom Meeting with commission member Stacey Pizardi was set up and started by 5:00 p.m. and Stacey emailed that she was unable to log in to the Zoom Meeting. Melanie telephoned Stacey and left a message requesting that Stacey call the Township telephone and join the meeting in that way and Stacey emailed back stating that the sound quality of the telephone was not good enough based on attending a previous meeting by phone. At 5:07 p.m. an email was sent to Stacey providing the Zoom Meeting passcode and ID however, Stacey did not join the Zoom Meeting.)"

- d. Water Report: Bob Stenfors: Capital Improvement Plan.

- i. First priority: Well by old school. Improvement of chlorine injection systems on both pumps. No raw water tap upstream from chlorine injection. Estimated at about 1000 dollars per well house.
- ii. Other less urgent improvements. Chlorine and sampling injection in old school well. Communication between pumps through telephone, most are telemetry, should be updated. Well pump replacement. Distribution improvements (line replacement, meters in pump houses).
- iii. GEI working for 30,000 dollar grant.
- iv. Old school property. Can township buy property? Not likely. Either have to buy school and take on liability, or dig new well. Will EGLE give exemption?
- v. Emergency Response Plan in the works.

9. Treasurer's Report

- a. Approval of Expenditures: Motion made by Nikki to approve report, second by Wade. Motion carried.

10. New Business

- a. Building Inspector: No interest in building inspector locally. State may be the best option. May need a special meeting in order to fill the role before May when Emmanuel retires.

11. Old Business

- a. Water Bills: 3 letters of delinquency to be sent 4/15/25.

12. Public Comment (3 min)

- a. Fred Johnson: Light poles at park are leaning. Nikki will follow up on who to contact. Fred still has boards for repairing the other side of the dam.

13. Adjournment: 19:20