

Regular Meeting June 11, 2024

Iron River Township Hall 6:00 PM

Members Present: Scott Tarsi, Supervisor; Mike Sheehy, Trustee; Doug Bruster, Trustee.
Absent: Amber Laturi, Clerk; Dawn Pisoni, Treasurer.

Present: Dennis Tousignant – Legal.

Motion made by Mike Sheehy to accept the minutes. The motion was supported by Doug Bruster. Motion carried. 3-0

Motion to accept the agenda as written was made by Doug Bruster and supported by Mike Sheehy. Motion carried. 3-0.

Zach Hautala from ICECA was not present but did send his report.

Christian Benson from Wickwire was present and reported on the DPW building. They should have things ready for next week and they can then set up a meeting to go over the plans.

Law office of Barton Morris had contacted Scott Tarsi. A gentleman was present and asked if we received a proposal for grow facility at the Rex Angeli building. He is wondering if we would reconsider allowing a grow facility in the Township. We will wait until we see the proposal and have time to review and discuss.

Reen Korach was present and discussed that he had a meeting with the Township Assessor. He had presented at the March board of review and then sent the township a FOIA request to get copies of everything in his tax file regarding his master cards. He then requested a meeting with the assessor. He stated that he felt his meeting did not go well. Doug Bruster asked what do you want from the board. He said I need a special meeting to discuss the assessor. Scott Tarsi told Reen that the sales study is on our website, so he can access this by going on the township website.

We did receive one application for the replacement of Jason Cole's position. We will set up an interview with the applicant.

The township received a letter agreement which extends the existing METRO Act permit issued by the Iron River Township to Michigan Bell Telephone Company DBA AT&T that is expiring on October 31, 2024. The extension is for the term to end on October 31, 2029.

Scott Tarsi reported that when driving by the property the township purchased from Mike Kunchynski that the rent for the billboard should now be coming to the township. Scott Tarsi contacted the renters, and we will have to send the deed and get this transferred over so the rent can be sent to the Township. Scott Tarsi reported on the WICSA. Scott Tarsi reported on the Windsor Authority meeting, and that the Friends of the Windsor is purchasing a new digital sign Rachel Gramann asked to speak regarding the Windsor Center. She is the president of the foster closet which rents from the Windsor Authority. She explained that the foster closet helps

children that are in foster care, they provide clothing for foster care and other items needed to support children in foster care. She was made aware of allegations that items had been stolen from the foster closet. She had hoped this was not true but to protect the 501 c 3 a camera was installed. She noted that there were 3 different occasions where someone from the Windsor had entered her room and took items without permission. Rachel Gramann did present this to the Windsor board, and they are deciding what action they will be taking. She is coming to the townships that are representatives on the Windsor board. She is trying to protect her organization and their 501 c 3 status so that the goods are being used as they are intended for.

The treasurer report was provided and no questions for the month of May.

Ryker Johnson reported on the water and sewer departments.

Ron Simmons was present. He reported 13 zoning permits to date and 7 ordinance violation warnings. Double the fees for properties that were built with no permits. Dennis Tousignant asked Ron if he is going to look and make sure the property built was approvable. Ron said yes. Ron said he in the past has not required a zoning permit if the building is under 200 square feet like a storage building. They should still have zoning approval for where they are locating it. They should still get a zoning permit, so they have the approval to locate it. Ron said we have not done this in the past. How will we know the exact size or know where to place the structure. Years ago, this was not done. What does the board want to do in the future? The board will discuss this so we can decide how we want to handle this in the future. The assessor wants the permit completed so that she can properly record this on the tax roll. Ron discussed decks; this should be done also so that the placement can be approved.

Public comment: Mike Franzene present from the bates township zoning, asked how do we handle the blight in our township we issue a warning they have 30 days to respond, Ron will issue another one with 30 days to respond, if there is no response after the 3rd warning is issued, then we turn this over to legal. The judge will usually go with compliance and not a money award. We try to get the landowner in compliance. It does cost the township legal fees to get them in compliance. Mike Franzene asked for clarification that we wait for a complaint before we issue warnings on blight. Scott Tarsi said yes this is how we are handling the blight. Once we receive a complaint of blight from someone and they put their name to the complaint then Ron Simmons will follow up with the blight complaint.

Rachel would like to have a possible special meeting where the whole board can be present.

A gentleman from 330 Amvets Hwy had a water leak that was fixed and now the water will not flow through the culvert. Scott will go and look. He also asked about a sign on the road for safety reasons and the board told the gentleman to call the Iron County Road Commission.

Motion to approve the bills for the month was made by Mike Sheehy supported by Doug Bruster.

Roll call taken. Motion carried. 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned 6:56 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Amber Laturi, Clerk