

MONTAGUE TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING – DECEMBER 13, 2022

Art. 1 The meeting is called to order at 7:02 pm by Supervisor Jeff King, all Board members are present.

Art. 2 Motion by Goodrich, supported by Weesies, to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2022, regular meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Art. 3 Ken Hulka, Road Commission Director, addressed the Board with an update on Walsh Road. They would like our township to pave Walsh Road, earlier we were given a cost estimate of \$185,000.00. The good news is he checked with API from Muskegon who would do the paving and they said they would hold the price until June 30, 2023. Most places charge more than API. It's \$74/ton now, up to \$120/ton in 2023. Total savings for this road would be \$60,000.00, \$30,000.00 for Montague Township and \$30,000.00 for MCRC. We will get back with him soon regarding this road.

Art. 4 Krystal Yeager had complaints of the neighbor's junk and an old trailer that no one lives in. King will talk with Atty. Novak to get this cleaned up.

Art. 5 Morgan Carroll spoke on Broadband in our township and said a study will be done soon.

Art. 6 King to contact Atty. Novak concerning a house on Sikkenga Road across from Jay Goodrich's house. The house is falling and would like to be cleaned up ASAP.

Art. 7 Motion by Korthase, supported by Goodrich, to approve Great Lakes Energy Franchise Agreement. Motion carried. Supervisor and Clerk signed the Agreement.

Art. 8 Korthase presented plans for a drop box and information board on the side of the hall, more on this in the coming months.

Art. 9 Jeff Thommen requested help on his road, Lorensen and Meinert. The Board informed him nothing will be done by the MCRC, and we will look at it and see what we can do.

Art. 10 Motion by Goodrich, supported by Korthase, to have Weesies Brothers plow the nature centers. Motion carried.

Art. 11 Korthase reported on the township's cemetery.

Art. 12 Korthase gave us report on a Conditional Use Permit. The recommendation from the Planning Commission is to deny the permit to Marlin Dunmire who wants his 40'x80'x16' pole barn to 20 ft. closer to his west property line. Motion by Korthase, supported by Weesies, to take the Planning Commission recommendation and deny this request. Roll call vote taken – all yes. Application denied. Motion carried. King asked all the questions for this request and Atty. Novak wrote down the answers.

Art. 13 Dead trees at the park was discussed and Weesies to get a price on the trees that are marked.

Art. 14 Motion by Korthase, supported by Goodrich, to appoint to the Board of Reviews Dennis Sikkenga, Michelle Goodrich, and Ann Shirtum. Motion carried.

Art. 15 Weesies presented a clean audit report from Lake Michigan CPA

Art. 16 All Board reports were presented.