MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 16, 2024

GARFIELD TOWNSHIP HALL, ENGADINE, MI 49827

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY SUPERVISOR BUTKOVICH AT 6:30 P.M. WITH THE PLEDGE.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT – D. BUTKOVICH, FILLMAN, S. BUTKOVICH, MACARTHUR AND KETCHER.

MINUTES: **MOTION BY** KETCHER, SECONDED BY MACARTHUR TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 18TH REGULAR MEETING AND OCTOBER 7TH SPECIAL MEETING AS PRINTED. MOTION CARRIED.

TREASURER’S REPORT: **MOTION BY** MACARTHUR, SECONDED BY KETCHER TO APPROVE THE TREASURER’S REPORT AS OF SEPTEMBER 30TH AS PRINTED. MOTION CARRIED.

ADDITIONAL BILLS FOR APPROVAL: **MOTION BY** S. BUTKOVICH, SECONDED BY FILLMAN TO APPROVE THE ADDITIONAL BILLS FOR PAYMENT. MOTION CARRIED.

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| GENERAL FUND |  |
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| PAINTER PEST CONTROL | $910.00 |
| US POSTMASTER  | $1,460.00 |
| QUILL | $272.97 |
| ADVISOR | $293.70 |
| MANISTIQUE COMPUTERS | $1,568.54 |
| FOSTER SWIFT | $594.50 |
| D&D HOME CENTER | $294.90 |
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|  | $5,394.61 |
| FIRE FUND |  |
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| FIRE CATT | $1,990.00 |
| NORTH SHORE COMPRESSOR | $642.13 |
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|  | $2,632.13 |
| AMBULANCE FUND |  |
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| AIRGAS | $465.70 |
| BOUND TREE | $738.17 |
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|  | $1,203.87 |
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**NEW BUSINESS:**

OPEN SNOW PLOWING BIDS: **MOTION BY** D. BUTKOVICH, SECONDED BY KETCHER TO ACCEPT BEAUDOIN’S SERVICE BID TO PLOW THE NAUBINWAY LOCATIONS FOR $50.00 PER PLOW. MOTION CARRIED.

NO BIDS WERE RECEIVED FOR ENGADINE. **MOTION BY** FILLMAN, SECONDED BY S. BUTKOVICH TO ADVERTISE AGAIN FOR SNOW PLOWING BIDS FOR THE ENGADINE LOCATION FOR THREE WEEKS IN THE ADVISOR. MOTION CARRIED.

FORECLOSED PROPERTY: **MOTION BY** FILLMAN, SECONDED BY MACARTHUR TO REJECT THE PROPERTY THAT DIDN’T SELL IN THE MINIMUM BID AUCTIONS BY MACKINAC COUNTY. MOTION CARRIED.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

ARPA FUNDS: THE BALANCE OF THE ARPA FUNDS NEEDS TO BE DESIGNATED FOR EXPENDITURE BY THE END OF YEAR. SUGGESTIONS WERE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR THE MARINA AND REPLACING THE CURTAINS ON BOTH PAVILIONS.

EGLE COMMUNITY ENERGY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM GRANT: THE LIGHTS ARE ON BACK ORDER AND ARE NOW EXPECTED THE FIRST PART OF NOVEMBER.

WEBSITE: SUPERVISOR BUTKOVICH REPORTED THE FIRST TWO .GOV DOMAIN SUGGESTIONS WERE REJECTED. TWO MORE WERE SUBMITTED AND ONE WAS ACCEPTED FOR THE DOMAIN. INFORMATION WAS SUBMITTED TO ACCU NET FOR DEVELOPING THE WEBSITE.

WEX FUEL CREDIT CARD: TREASURER BUTKOVICH REPORTED SHE IT STILL WAITING ON A FEW MORE SIGNATURES ON THE WEX FUEL CREDIT CARD POLICY.

SUPERVISOR BUTKOVICH STATED HE SPOKE WITH D&D GROCERIES AND BEAUDOIN’S SERVICE AND THEY WILL ACCEPT THE PROCESSING FEES FOR THE USE OF THE WEX CARD.

TOWNSHIP PERSONNEL POLICY: SUPERVISOR BUTKOVICH REPORTED TRUSTEE MACARTHUR AND HE HAD A PHONE CONFERENCE WITH THE ATTORNEY AND WILL MIRROR THE TOWNSHIP POLICY FROM ONE OF THE SAMPLES SHE SUBMITTED.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

A RESIDENT REPORTED THE MACKINAC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION RESPONDED TO THEIR CALL ABOUT POT HOLES AND OTHER ROAD ISSUES WHICH MCRC HAVE FIXED.

HSC FOUNDATION WILL HAVE A MEET AND GREET ON OCTOBER 18TH.

THE LAW SUIT BETWEEN MACKINAC COUNTY AND VETERANS’ SERVICES CONTINUES.

WHY ARE WE NOT INVESTING THE REST OF THE MONEY?

THE CROSS-COUNTRY ESCORT WAS WELL RECEIVED.

AMBULANCE REPORT:

NEW AMBULANCE: THE NEW AMBULANCE HAS BEEN DELIVERED. SUPERVISOR BUTKOVICH THANKED THE LEADERSHIP TEAM FOR ALL THEIR WORK IN ACQUIRING THIS AMBULANCE AND THE SAVINGS OF MONEY.

POWER LOAD INSTALL: **MOTION BY** FILLMAN, SECONDED BY KETCHER TO HAVE THE POWER LOAD REMOVED FROM THE OLD AMBULANCE AND INSTALLED IN THE NEW AMBULANCE BY GLS SERVICES FOR $1,800.00. MOTION CARRIED.

**MOTION BY** D. BUTKOVICH, SECONDED BY S. BUTKOVICH TO HAVE ALUMINUM SHELVES INSTALLED IN THE NEW AMBULANCE BY GREG KING FOR A MAXIMUM COST OF $500.00. MOTION CARRIED.

OLD AMBULANCE BID: **MOTION BY** D. BUTKOVICH, SECONDED BY FILLMAN TO ACCEPT THE BID FOR THE 2010 FORD F-450 ROAD RESCUE AMBULANCE FROM INTEGRITY CARE OF IRON MOUNTAIN FOR $20,000.00. MOTION CARRIED.

ASSESSOR REPORT:

ASSESSOR MAKI REPORTED THE INFLATION RATE IS EXPECTED TO BE 3.1%. SHE IS WAITING ON THE SPLITS FROM THE COUNTY. SHE IS WORKING ON MORE INDEPTH VACANT LAND TABLES.

FIRE REPORT:

TIRES E-2: **MOTION BY** D. BUTKOVICH, SECONDED BY MACARTHUR TO ACCEPT THE ESTIMATE FROM POMP’S TIRE SERVICE TO REPLACE THE TIRES ON E-2 FOR $5,600.69. MOTION CARRIED

LIGHTING FOR NEW TANKER: THE NEW TANKER HAS BLUE EMERGENCY LIGHTING WHICH NEED TO BE REPLACED BECAUSE IT IS ONLY ALLOWED ON POLICE VEHICLES IN MICHIGAN.

**MOTION BY** FILLMAN, SECONDED BY KETCHER TO ACCEPT THE QUOTE FROM DAN LAY TO UPGRADE THE LIGHTING FOR $5,000.00. MOTION CARRIED.

SUPERVISOR BUTKOVICH THANKED THE DEPARTMENT FOR ALL THEIR WORK IN ACQUIRING THIS NEW TANKER.

ROADS:

THEY ARE WORKING ON BROWN ROAD AND KRAUSE ROAD.

THE BOARD RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE MACKINAC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION WITH CHANGES TO THE MATCH PROGRAM. THE BOARD WILL REQUEST CLARIFICATION TO WHAT THIS MEANS FOR THE TOWNSHIP.

MARINA:

THE MARINA WAS CLOSED LAST FRIDAY. THE SUPERVISOR THANKED ELMER ALBRIGHT AND MIKE COLLINS FOR ALL THEIR WORK THIS SEASON.

THE QUESTION OF A BOAT WASH STATION FOR THE MARINA WAS BROUGHT UP AGAIN. THERE MAY BE GRANTS AVAILABLE.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS:

THE PARKING LOT AT THE OLD AMBULANCE GARAGE HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** NONE

SUPERVISOR BUTKOVICH THANKED TRUSTEE MACARTHUR FOR HIS 20 YEARS AND TRUSTEE KETCHER FOR HIS 10 YEARS SITTING ON THE TOWNSHIP BOARD.

**MOTION BY** KETCHER, SECONDED BY MACARTHUR TO ADJOURN AT 8:05 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

PAULA FILLMAN

GARFIELD TOWNSHIP CLERK

(THESE DRAFT MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO CORRECTION AND APPROVAL AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING.)