

AVERY TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

August 6, 2019

6:00 P.M.

Supervisor Thom Seymour called the regular monthly meeting of the Avery Township Board at the Avery Township Hall with the Pledge to the American Flag at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Supervisor, Thomas Seymour; Treasurer, Jean Angell; Trustee, Gary McMurphy; Clerk, Ann Seymour.
ABSENT: Dawn Dobbyn, Trustee.
GUESTS: Oakman Hurd, MCS Deputy Mike Brooks.

Motion by Jean Angell, seconded by Gary McMurphy to accept the minutes of the July 2, 2019 regular monthly meeting as submitted. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Gary McMurphy seconded by Ann Seymour to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by ^{JEAN} ~~Jan~~ Angell, seconded by Gary McMurphy to amend FY 2019/2020 FY Budget by transferring \$800.00 from Contingency to Legal Services for attorney fees regarding the Tax Tribunal case now pending. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Gary McMurphy, seconded by Jean Angell to pay vouchers #3884-3911 totaling \$12,338.26 as submitted. All in favor, motion carried.

Jean Angell addressed the Board on behalf of Carl Cadwallder and Barger Creek Wireless to support their request for a Connecting Michigan Communities grant.

Motion by Jean Angell, seconded by Gary McMurphy to authorize the Clerk to write a letter of support from Avery Township to Governor Gretchen Whitmer regarding Connecting Michigan Communities (CMIC) grant application for Barger Creek Wireless Communications. All in favor, motion carried.

Clerk advised that she and her Deputy attended a Bureau of Election Up-date workshop. Were advised by our speaker that several other townships have had their election lap tops fail. She advised that the Election Bureau had obtained a grant to purchase 5,500 new lap tops. She advised us to address a letter stating that we are very small township with limited funds for operations and request that we be granted a new lap top before the Presidential Primary in March of 2020.

Motion by Jean Angell, seconded by Gary McMurphy to authorize the Clerk to address a letter of request to the Bureau of Elections for a replacement computer due to our limited funds. All in favor, motion carried.

AIRPORT REPORT: Jean Angell advised that they need a larger piece of equipment for mowing the Airport. She provided information where local units of government can receive equipment from Federal Surplus Property.

Motion by Jean Angell, seconded by Ann Seymour to authorize Jean Angell on behalf of Avery Township to apply for surplus equipment from Federal Surplus Property. All in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor received a letter from Montmorency County Road Commission inviting all to an Open House on Thursday 8/22/19 from 11-2 for the 100 Anniversary Celebration.

AMBULANCE REPORT: Given by Thom Seymour. The passing of Charlotte Allen, our citizen representative on the Ambulance Board we now have a vacancy for that position. Robin Ross has expressed an interest in filling that position.

Motion by ^{JEAN}~~Jean~~ Angell, seconded by Gary McMurphy to appoint Robin Ross to fill the unexpired term of Charlotte Allen on the Tri-Township Ambulance Board as it's citizen member. All in favor, motion carried.

ASSESSOR REPORT: No report.

BOARD OF REVIEW: Motion by Jean Angell, seconded by Gary McMurphy to appoint Oakman L. Hurd to fill the unexpired term of Claude Conn on the Board of Review. All in favor, motion carried.

CEMETERY REPORT: No report.

FIRE BOARD REPORT: No report.

MONTMORENCY COUTY ROAD COMMISSION: Supervisor was contacted by Todd Behring, Manager of Road Commission regarding Red Bridge Road. Specifically when did the Township assume liability of Red Bridge. His records indicate somewhere around 1985. A property owner is setting fence posts down the middle of the Road. We will advise our zoning administrator and work with the Road Commission on resolving the matter. Clerk will research the minutes for further documentation.

MTA COUNTY CHAPTER REPORT: Given by Ann Seymour. Annual MTA picnic was July 11, @ Vienna Township Hall. Good food and great fellowship.

PARK REPORT: No report.

PLANNING REPORT: No report. Robin Ross has expressed an interest in filling the vacancy on the Planning Commission due to the resignation of Claude Conn.

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Motion by ~~Jean~~ Jean Angell, seconded by Thom Seymour to appoint Robin Ross to fill the unexpired term of Claude Conn on The Avery Township Planning Commission. All in favor, motion carried.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Read as submitted by Kathy Podzikowski, Zoning Administrator.

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ZONING ~~BOARD~~ OF APPEALS: No report.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Correspondence was read and returned to the Clerk for filing and disposition.

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. Seymour
Clerk