

**AVERY TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
JANUARY 7, 2020
6:03 P.M.**

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

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Thom Seymour, Supervisor; Jean Angell, Treasurer; Ann Seymour, Clerk; Gary McMurphy, Trustee; Dawn Dobbyn, Trustee.

ABSENT: None.

GUESTS: Don Angell, Deputy Treasurer; Dan Loder, MCS Deputy.

Motion by Gary McMurphy, seconded by Dawn Dobbyn to accept the Minutes of the Dec 3, 2019 meeting as submitted. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Ann Seymour, seconded by Dawn Dobbyn to accept the Treasure's report as submitted. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Jean Angell, seconded by Gary McMurphy to pay Vouchers # 3993-4011 totaling \$7,275.38.. All in favor, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Citizen vacancy position on the Airport Board due to passing of Oakman Hurd. Motion by Jean Angell to appoint Robin Ross to sit as citizen member on the Atlanta Municipal Airport Board to fill the unexpired term of Oakman Hurd. All in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor addressed the Board regarding a new and updated publication from Michigan Township Association for "Authorities & Responsibilities of Michigan Townships". As the volume we currently have was published in the 70's he suggested we obtain the new guidelines. Cost of the publication is \$52.50. Motion by Dawn Dobbyn, seconded by Jean Angell to purchase the new publication. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer, Jean Angell made a motion to increase the wages of all Township officials, deputies, maintenance personnel, and hourly personnel by 2% for FY 2020/2021 Fiscal Year, excluding per diems. Ayes: 4 No: 1 Motion carried.

AIRPORT REPORT: Presented by Jean Angell.

AMBULANCE REPORT: Presented by Thom Seymour.

ASSESSOR REPORT: No Report.

BOARD OF REVIEW: Motion by Dawn Dobbyn, seconded by Jean Angell, to send the Board of Review to a training meeting in Alpena on February 5, 2020. Currently have a vacancy due to the passing of Oakman Hurd. Motion by Dawn Dobbyn, seconded by Jean Angell to appoint Kayla Cumper to the Board of Review. All in favor, motion carried.

ELECTION REPORT: Presented by Robin Ross, Deputy Clerk. Robin addressed the Board regarding the computer that the State previously provided us to be used for the "Elections". It is not

repairable, and the State is not providing replacements. We therefore will have put purchase one to be used in the precinct or use the lap top we recently purchased for office use and purchase another computer for the office as the New Election Laws require that we have one in the office strictly for same day registrations to vote on Election day. We are also required to have one in the precinct to be used strictly for the processing of voters and issuance of ballots. Motion by Jean Angell, seconded by Dawn Dobbyn to authorize the purchase of a new computer for office use, not to exceed \$1,000.00 and use the current office laptop for the election day processes only for all elections. All in favor, motion carried.

FIRE BOARD REPORT: Presented by Dawn Dobbyn.

MONTMORENCY COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION: No Report.

MTA COUNTY CHAPTER: Next meeting Jan. 9, 202 at 7:00 p.m at the Fire Department Hall; Speaker MSPS Trooper Steve Stanfeat on "Public Safety Awareness in Today's World.

PARK REPORT: Given by Gary McMurphy, The Committee has been review some additions to the park playground. After checking out several features, the would like to install a "Handicap Swing". Park Committee is requesting that we allocate \$3,500.00 in FY 2020/2021 Budget for improvements and equipment.

PLANNING BOARD REPORT: Currently have a vacancy. Motion by Jean Angell, seconded by Ann Seymour to appoint Robin Ross to fill the vacancy on the Planning Board. All in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Supervisor advised that Kathy Podzikowski, Zoning Administrator, submitted a job description for Avery Township Zoning Administrator/Zoning Enforcement Officer listing duties and responsibilities.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT: Vacancy.

CORRESPONDENCE: Read and returned to the Clerk for filing and disposition.

ADJOURN: There being no more business at hand the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Ann M. Seymour
Avery Township Clerk