

**AVERY TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING**

April 7, 2020

6:00 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; Dawn Dobbyn, Trustee; Gary McMurphy, Trustee.

ABSENT: None

GUESTS: None

To fulfill the Headlee Roll Back requirement, Supervisor Thom Seymour opened the meeting by reading the following: **THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING**

NEW BUSINESS: Motion by Jean Angell, seconded by Dawn Dobbyn to Adopt the FY 2020/2021 Proposed Budget as Amended. The Supervisor declared the motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Gary McMurphy, Ann Seymour, Thom Seymour, Dawn Dobbyn, Jean Angell.

NOS: None **ABSENT:** None

Motion by Jean Angell, seconded by Dawn Dobbyn to designate Alpena, Alcona Area Credit Union and Chemical Bank as Avery Township Designated Depositories. All in Favor, motion carried.

Motion by Ann Seymour, seconded by Jean Angell to designate the first Tuesday of each month as the regular Avery Township meeting date. If said date falls on an Election day or Holiday, the meetings will be scheduled for the next business day. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Ann Seymour, seconded by Gary McMurphy to grant Avery Township the authority to buy, sell or lease land. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Gary McMurphy, seconded by Dawn Dobbyn to designate Schulze, Oswald, Miller & Edwards, P.C. Avery Township auditors. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Thom Seymour, seconded by Jean Angell to designate Young, Graham, and Wendling, Attorneys at Law as Avery Township Legal Counsel. All in favor, motion carried.

Carl Cadwalder of Barger Creek gave a presentation via telephone for his proposal to place a communications tower on Avery Township property internet service to Avery Township residents and businesses.

Supervisor Thom Seymour updated us on his search to find someone to update our zoning ordinances. He has made contact with two agencies. Shawn Winter, in Petoskey suggests doing a zoning ordinance and Master plan one year a master plan and the second year a zoning ordinance. at a cost of \$8,500,000 per year. (\$17,500 total)

Denise Cline, NEMCOG, quoted \$16,000.00 for the zoning ordinance over 2 years for \$8,000.00 per year. She suggested that Johnathon Schultz, Rust Township supervisor wants to split the costs with us as we are two similar township in size and population. By combining the two townships together it would only cost approximately \$4,000.00 per year per township.

Motion by Ann Seymour, seconded by Dawn Dobbyn to contract with NEMCOG to update the zoning ordinance. The Supervisor declared the motion passed by the following roll call vote: AYES: Jean Angell, Thom Seymour, Gary McMurphy, Dawn Dobbyn, Ann Seymour. NOS: None Absent: None

Motion by Dawn Dobbyn, seconded by Jean Angell, to pay the vouchers for March 2020. All in favor, motion carried.

Per advice of the Township Attorney, we need to grant the Township to hold remote meetings.

Motion by Jean Angell, seconded by Thom Seymour to grant the Avery Township Board the authority to hold remote meetings. The Supervisor declared the motion passed by the following roll call vote: AYES: Gary McMurphy, Dawn Dobbyn, Ann Seymour, Thom Seymour, Jean Angell. NO: None ABSENT: None.

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ann M. Seymour". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Ann Seymour
Avery Township Clerk

AVERY TOWNSHIP BOARD
BUDGET HEARING

April 7, 2020

6:00 p.m.;

Supervisor Thom Seymour called the Annual Budget Hearing to order at 6:00 p.m at the Avery Township Hall with the pledge to the American Flag.

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

GUESTS: None

After review of the 2020/2021 Proposed Fiscal Year Budget, the following motion was entered by Gary McMurphy, seconded by Jean Angell to approve the proposed FY 2020/2021 Fiscal Year Budget as amended. The motion was carried by the following Roll Call vote: AYES: Gary McMurphy, Jean Angell, Dawn Dobbyn, Ann Seymour, and Thom Seymour. NOS: None ABSENT: None

There being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted


Ann M. Seymour
Avery Township Clerk