

**AVERY TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
December 1, 2020
6:00 P.M.**

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

Motion by Gary McMurphy, seconded by Jean Angell to accept the minutes of the November 4, 2020 meeting as submitted. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Gary McMurphy, 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 # 4264-4291 totaling \$9,440.08. All in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor advised that all Township public meetings will now all be virtual until further notice. No resolution is required to hold virtual meetings.

Supervisor advised that all joint operating meetings will now be virtual. As follows:

AIRPORT JOINT OPERATING MEETING: 12/10/2020 @ 6:00 P.M..

AMBULANCE JOINT OPERATING MEETING: 12/15/2020 @ 7:00 P.M.

FIRE DEPARTMENT JOINT OPERATING MEETING: 12/8/20 @ 7:00 P.M.

Supervisor Seymour updated the Board on the Designated assessor agreement process.

Clerk updated the Board on the increase in the Verizon monthly telephone and internet service bill had increased as our contract has expired. Internet service under the old contract was \$79.98 per month and has increased to \$119.98 per month. Discussion followed.

Motion by Jean Angell, seconded by Ann Seymour to adopt the following Resolution for Poverty Exemptions and Guidelines. All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTION FOR POVERTY EXEMPTION

WHEREAS, the adoption of guidelines for poverty exemptions is required of the Township Board and

WHEREAS, the principal residence of persons, in who the Supervisor/Assessor and Board of Review determines by reason of poverty to be unable to contribute to the public charge, is eligible for exemption in whole or in part from taxation under Public Act 390 of 1994 (MCL 211,7u); and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to PA 390 of 1994, the Township of Avery, Montmorency County adopts the following guidelines for the Board of Review to implement. The guidelines shall include but not be limited to the specific income and asset levels of the claimant and all persons residing in the

household, including any property tax credit returns, filed in the current or immediately preceding year;

To be eligible, a person shall do all the following on an annual basis:

- 1) Be an owner of and occupy as a principal residence the property for which an exemption is requested.
- 2) File a claim with the supervisor/assessor or Board of Review, accompanied by Federal and state income tax returns for all persons residing in the principal residence, including any property tax credits filed in the immediately preceding year or in the current year.
- 3) File a claim reporting that the combined assets of all persons do not exceed the current guidelines. Assets include but are not limited to, real estate other than the principal residence, personal property, motor vehicles, recreational vehicles and equipment, certificates of deposit, savings accounts, checking accounts, stocks, bonds, life insurance, retirement funds, etc.
- 4) Produce a valid driver's license or other form of identification.
- 5) Produce, if requested, a deed, land contract, or other evidence of ownership of the property for which an exemption is requested.
- 6) Meet the federal poverty income guidelines as defined and determined annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services or alternative guidelines adopted by the governing body providing the alternative guidelines do not provide eligibility requirements less than the federal guidelines.
- 7) The application for an exemption shall be filed after January 1, but one day prior to the last day of the Board of Review. The filing of this claim constitutes an appearance before the Board of Review for the purpose of preserving the right of appeal to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

The following are the federal poverty income guidelines which are updated annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services. The annual allowable income includes income for all persons residing in the principal residence.

Federal poverty guidelines for the 2021 Assessment Year
Number of Persons Residing Poverty Guidelines
In the Principal Residence Annual allowable income

1 Person	\$12,760
2 Persons	\$17,240
3 Persons	\$21,720
4 Persons	\$26,200
5 Persons	\$30,200
6 Persons	\$35,160
7 Persons	\$39,640
8 Persons	\$44,120
Each additional person	\$ 4,480

RESOLUTION FOR POVERTY EXEMPTION – Continued

The following is a limit on the amount of assets an applicant can have (or insert see attachment):

- Limit on Cash Balances: \$2,500 (Check/savings). All bank statements must be submitted with application.
- 1 personal vehicle is exempt from overall asset value limit.
- * Primary Residence is excluded, however excess land over 5 acres will count toward overall asset limit. *
- * Annual dividend income (taxable & non-taxable) must be less than \$1,000.
- * Overall Asset Value limit: \$20,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the supervisor/assessor and Board of Review shall follow the above stated policy and federal guidelines in granting or denying an exemption, unless the supervisor/assessor and Board of Revue determines there are substantial and compelling reasons why there should be a deviation from the policy and federal guidelines and these reason are communicated in writing to the claimant.

The foregoing resolution offered by Board Member Jean Angell
And supported by Board Member Dawn Dobbyn

Upon roll call vote, the following voted:

“AYE”: Thom Seymour, Supervisor; Ann Seymour, Clerk; Jean Angell, Treasurer;
Gary McMurphy, Trustee; Dawn Dobbyn, Trustee.

“NAY”: None

Township Clerk declared the resolution passed.

_____ Clerk Signature

_____ Clerk Name, DATED: _____

NEW BUSINESS: Motion by Jean Angell, seconded by Dawn Dobbyn to award the. 2021 snow removal contract to K-N-K Excavating at the following rates: Plow parking lot and shoveling handicap deck and porch - \$45.00; Sanding parking lot -\$45.00; Equipment to remove snowbanks per hour - \$75.00. All in favor motion carried.

AIRPORT REPORT: Given by Jean Angell.

AMBULANCE REPORT: By Thom Seymour EMT class finished with 5-6 new EMT's.

ASSESSOR REPORT: No Report.

BOARD OF REVIEW: December Board of Review 12/15/2020 2:00 p.m. Errors and Omissions.

ELECTION REPORT: No report

FIRE BOARD REPORT: By Dawn Dobbyn

MTA COUNTY CHAPTER: No meeting until January 2021 .

PARK REPORT: Park closed for season.

PLANNING BOARD REPORT: No report,

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Supervisor gave update on Haas Road.

CORRESPONDENCE: Read and returned to clerk for filing and disposition.

There being no further business at hand the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Ann M. Seymour, Clerk