

AVERY TOWNSHIP REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

April 2, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 6:10pm by Thom Seymour.

ROLL CALL: Thom Seymour. Diane Ives. Liz Culham. Gary McMurphy. Dawn Dobbyn.

Guests: Cynthia Damoth, Bernard Yantz and Kelli Ableidinger-Advanced Assessing

MINUTES: March 5, 2024 – The minutes were reviewed and Liz Culham motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. Dawn Dobbyn seconded. Motion passed.

March 12, 2024, Special Meeting – The minutes were reviewed and Liz Culham motioned to approve the minutes as submitted. Dawn Dobbyn seconded. Motion passed.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Liz Culham presented the Treasurer’s report and explained about how the County settlement of delinquent taxes worked. Dawn Dobbyn motioned to approve the report. Gary McMurphy seconded. Motion passed.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: The bills for March 2024 were presented and reviewed. Gary McMurphy motioned to approve the payment of the bills as submitted. Diane Ives seconded. Motioned passed.

ARPA FUNDS REPORT: The report was reviewed and discussion about the need to report this last year’s spending to the State along with the plan to use the balance of the monies needed by the end of this month. A possible special meeting may be needed and tentatively set for April 23.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ANNUAL BUSINESS:

Adopt Fiscal Year 24/25 Budget. Liz Culham motioned to Adopt the Fiscal Year 24/25 Budget. Diane Ives Seconded. Roll Call: Thom – Yes. Diane – yes. Liz – Yes. Gary – Yes. Dawn – Yes.

Board Meeting Dates. Diane Ives motioned to continue holding the Board Meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 6pm, unless it is a holiday or election date and then it will be held on the next day at the same time. Dawn seconded. Motioned passed.

Designate Bank – Diane Ives motioned to keep AAACU as the township financial institution. Gary McMurphy seconded. Motioned passed.

Grant Board authority to buy, sell or lease land. Gary McMurphy motioned to grant the Board the authority to buy, sell or lease land. Diane Ives seconded. Motion passed.

Designate Attorney. Diane Ives motioned to keep Bryan Graham as the township attorney. Liz Culham seconded. Motion passed.

Designate Auditor. Gary motioned to keep Schulze, Oswald, Miller & Edwards P.C. as our auditor. Dawn Dobbyn seconded. Motion passed.

Set Board seats for Township Committees. Liz Culham motioned for Thom to remain on the Ambulance, Gary to remain on the Park Committee and continue to be the P.I.E.& G. liaison, Liz to remain on the Airport, Dawn to remain on the fire and Diane to remain on the County MTA and take over for Dawn on the Planning Commission. Gary McMurphy seconded. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Advanced Assessing Services, Inc, Contract. Diane Ives motioned to approve the new contract for the townships assessing with Advanced Assessing Service, Inc. Gary McMurphy seconded. Motioned passed. Kelli Ableidinger from Advanced Assessing talked to the Board about how the new Pivot Point assessing program works.

Remove Land Division cost from our Zoning Fees. As an FYI the Land Division fee will be removed from the township’s fee schedule as the township does not set that fee, the Assessor does.

Road Commission approves to split brining with us at 50% for the first treatment. As an FYI this was mentioned and Deputy Clerk Cynthia Damoth advised that she had called the Road Commission to advise that the township had received their notice and to add the township to the brining list.

Hall Cleaning. Gary McMurphy motioned to approve to have the Hall cleaned once a month for \$50.00. Diane Ives seconded. Motioned passed.

Hall Rental Cleaning. Discussion was had the Hall rental cleaning fee was only \$35.00 and if it the Hall was not cleaned the Township should not have to pay the additional cost of paying someone \$50.00 to clean up after a rental event. Gary McMurphy motioned to raise the Hall Rental Cleaning fee to \$50.00. Dawn Dobbyn seconded. Motioned passed.

Hall Rental, August 21st, 8:30am-4:30pm was mentioned as an FYI.

Orkin Proposal for Treatment 2 twice a year. Gary McMurphy motioned to approve a bid from Orkin to treat the Hall two (2) times a year. Diane Ives seconded. Motion passed.

Orkin Proposal for Blown in pesticide insulation. Dawn Dobbyn motion to approve the bid from Orkin to blow in pesticide insulation after the ceiling panels were replaced. Gary McMurphy seconded. Motion passed.

Reimburse for Planning Seminar. Dawn motioned to reimburse Nancy Mantz for the MTA Planning Seminar she paid to attend in April. Gary McMurphy seconded. Motion passed.

Maintenance Items for review/approval. Maintenance items submitted by Kirk Damoth for the Township were reviewed and discussed. Regular, small and safety maintenance items that need to fixed/repared can just be done without prior approval. The possibility of a new fence at the Hall was tabled for further discussion as was the purchase of a new weed whipper. Dawn motioned for the approval of removing he existing ceiling tiles in the Hall and replacing them with new ceiling tiles. Liz Culham seconded. Motion passed.

Franchise Agreement PIE&G. Dawn Dobbyn motioned to approve the natural gas franchise agreement with P.I.E. & G. for a term of 30 years as our current agreement expires in July 2024. Gary McMurphy seconded. Motion passed.

2nd printer for Zoning Office. The Board felt this fell under the approved amount for office spending each month so no motion was needed.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEMCOG/Master Plan Update. The Planning Commission met with Nico Tucker from NEMCOG at their meeting in March and will move forward with reviewing a sample survey to for the Township to have its residents to provide answers for. They will also start to review Chapters 1 and 4 of our last Master Plan for updates.

AIRPORT BOARD REPORT: They have closed on another property and have 1 more to go to secure the air rights.

AMBULANCE BOARD REPORT: One (1) new van has been purchased at a cost of \$139k with a second one to be ordered. They have lost one (1) part time person

BOARD OF REVIEW: There was an issue with Equalization and the Assessor not agreeing on the value of two (2) industrial properties and choices were given to the BOR and they made their decision best they could. Now waiting on hearing from the State if there are any further issues.

FIRE BOARD REPORT: \$30K Grant monies not received yet. All Fire personnel going for training.

MTA/COUNTY CHAPTER: April 11, 6pm at Rust Twp

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT: see above under Old Business. Next meetings April 18 and Special Hearing April 25, both at 6pm

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT: 1 Member opening

PUBIC COMMENT: None before the Meeting was adjourned

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm

Submitted by

Cynthia Damoth, Deputy Clerk