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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: DECEMBER 14, 2023 TIME: 7:00 P.M.

ADMINISTRATION MEMBERS

SUPERVISOR: Frederick R. Thorsby

CLERK: Wendy D. Meinburg

TREASURER: Terry A. Peck

TRUSTEES

William Bain

Linda Minarik

Joshua Upleger

Sharilynn K. Willette

I. DATE AGENDA POSTED: DECEMBER 11, 2023

II. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 7:00 P.M. by SUPERVISOR THORSBY with Roll Call and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

ROLL CALL: Thorsby, Meinburg, Peck, Bain, Minarik, Upleger and Willette. Attorney Matt McKone was also present.

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

OTHER INDIVIDUALS PRESENT: ELEVEN (11)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 14, 2023.

TREASURER PECK MOVED, supported by Trustee Willette to approve the agenda for DECEMBER 14, 2023.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF DRAFT MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 9, 2023 BOARD MEETING AND SPECIAL BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 21, 2023.

TREASURER PECK MOVED, supported by Trustee Bain to approve the minutes for November 9, 2023 Board Meeting and November 21, 2023 Special Board Meeting.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS:

TREASURER PECK MOVED, supported by Clerk Meinburg to approve the payment of bills as presented.

ACTION ON THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Willette, Thorsby, Peck, Upleger, Bain, Minarik and Meinburg

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS: 7:06 P.M.

Paul Junge spoke to the fact that he will be running for Congressional seat in place of Dan Kildee.

CLOSED PUBLIC COMMENTS: 7:08 P.M.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

V. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Public Hearing for Beechtree Subdivision, road repair, special assessment. – Supervisor Thorsby

OPEN FOR PUBLIC HEARING: 7:09 P.M.

Resident Susan - asked why the original proposal was \$10,000 and now is \$11,600?

Supervisor Thorsby and Resident Sherman - explained the \$10,000 was with the 25% match from GCRC and the Township.

Resident Susan - asked if they wait until 2025 for the matching funds, will the cost go up? And does this include driveway curb replacement?

Resident Warren – Are gutter pans added in the proposal?

Supervisor Thorsby - if the cost goes over 10% from the proposal, we will need another Public Hearing before continuing. As far as the curbs by the driveways, if they are damaged and causing drainage problems they will be replaced. Some bad ones have been added into the bid.

Resident Susan – So if 75% of residents don't sign petition it won't go forward?

Supervisor Thorsby – 51% is needed legally, the township requires 55%.

Resident Susan – Who will decide if the project starts in 2024 or 2025?

Supervisor Thorsby – You the residents and Genesee County Road Commission will decide. The 25% funds will not be here in 2024 but will be in 2025

Trustee Minarik – No funds will be available in 2024, but should be in 2025.

Resident Beckley – Is there a contingency? Is this a ten year pay back? And are all 30 parcels divided evenly?

Supervisor Thorsby - Yes, yes, and parcels will be divided evenly

Resident Warren – Paying upfront would save us money? Do you have the cost for us and how much the bonds will cover?

Resident Susan – If a parcel is sold during this project, will it go to the buyer?

Supervisor Thorsby – Yes paying upfront will cost you less. You can pay in full with no interest or pay on your taxes. We will have to wait for the bond information. As far selling parcels during project. It would be up to the seller and buyer to decide if that would be transferred or not.

CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING: 7:26 P.M.

2. **CLERK MEINBURG MOVED** to approve, supported by Treasurer Peck on RESOLUTION NO. 23-18 A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO MCL 41.724(1) TO TENTATIVELY CREATE A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT TO REPAIR AND REPAVE THE ROADS IN BEECH TREE SUBDIVISION. Supervisor Thorsby

The petition was submitted to the Clerk with 20 confirmed signatures, which is 66% of the parcels.

Supervisor Thorsby – This Resolution is so we can move forward by letting Genesee County Road Commission know that the residents are ready to move forward in regards to starting in 2025.

ACTION ON THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Minarik, Upleger, Thorsby, Bain, Peck, Meinburg and Willette

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. **CLERK MEINBURG MOVED**, supported by Trustee Willette to approve hiring Rob Gavin as bond counsel and Bendzinski and Associates as financial advisor for the Beech Tree Subdivision special assessment. – Supervisor Thorsby

Supervisor Thorsby – Rob Gavin specializes in creating bonds and Bendzinski is recognized in Michigan for selling bonds to the banks.

ACTION ON THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Thorsby, Willette, Minarik, Upleger, Peck, Meinburg and Bain.

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. **TREASURER PECK MOVED**, supported by Trustee Upleger to approve budget amendments ending March 31, 2024 - Supervisor Thorsby

After brief discussion the following motion was made.

ACTION ON THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Bain, Willette, Minarik, Thorsby, Upleger, Peck and Meinburg

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. **CLERK MEINBURG MOVED**, supported by Trustee Willette to approve RESOLUTION 23-19 A RESOLUTION FOR FLUSHING TOWNSHIP POVERTY TAX EXEMPTION GUIDELINES FOR ASSESSMENT/TAX YEAR 2024 – Supervisor Thorsby

After brief discussion the following motion was made.

ACTION ON THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Upleger, Thorsby, Willette, Meinburg, Minarik, Peck and Bain.

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. **TRUSTEE BAIN MOVED**, supported by Trustee Minarik for approval of Appointments to Boards and Commissions, Kyle Raup (PC) end of 2026, William Mills (PC) end of 2026, James Sarka (ZBA) end of 2026 and Amy Bolin (ZBA) end of 2026 – Supervisor Thorsby

After brief discussion the following motion was made.

ACTION ON THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Upleger, Thorsby, Willette, Meinburg, Minarik, Peck and Bain.

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

THE MOTION CARRIED.

7. **TRUSTEE WILLETTE MOVED**, supported by Trustee Minarik to Approve Meeting Dates for 2024 – Supervisor Thorsby

After little discussion the following motion was made.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. **TREASURER PECK MOVED**, supported by Trustee Willette to approve the Apple Blossom Genesee County Road Commission local road agreement– Supervisor Thorsby

After much discussion. The following motion was made.

ACTION ON THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Peck, Bain, Meinburg, Thorsby, Upleger, Minarik and Willette.

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. Compensation Commission report – Supervisor Thorsby
TRUSTEE MINARIK MOVED, supported by Trustee Willette to not accept the compensation commission recommendations.

Trustee Minarik does not agree with the compensation commission recommendations.

Trustee Willette expressed how she feels that the compensation commission went a little too far with the percentage of the raises.

Supervisor Thorsby spoke on how much the duties of each individual in the Township Office have grown.

Attorney Mckone informed the board members that the vote on this would be yes if you disagree and no if you agree with the recommendations.

ACTION ON THE MOTION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Willette and Minarik

NAYS: Meinburg, Bain, Peck, Upleger and Thorsby

ABSENT: 0

THE MOTION FAILED.

VI. REPORTS:

1. Supervisor's Report – Supervisor
Monthly Building Report
Zoning and Code Enforcement Report
Fire Department Report
FANG Activity Report

Supervisor Thorsby went over reports briefly

Zoning Administrator Czyzio went over projects in Township that are in motion including Valero Gas station, Cell Tower, Dollar Tree/Family Dollar and Bibi Villa's.

2. Clerk's Report – Clerk

Clerk Meinburg informed everyone on a few things about the Elections. Including Burton Recount, post cards for elections and nine days of early voting. Working on grants with Flushing City, for collaborative projects.

3. Treasurer's Report – Treasurer
Financial Report October 2023
Water Report

Treasurer Peck spoke briefly on each report. And informed us that state laws are requesting \$2-\$3 from each resident to help with family's in need that are having a hard time paying water bill. This will come out every month. But has not started as of yet.

4. Flushing Township Police Department – Chief

Chief Denny went over report and some of the definitions of checks that they do.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Resident Noe wanted to thank the board for their support on the Apple Hill Estate paving project. And 60% of our residents want to thank you tonight. One little girl told him that she can now ride her bike on a smooth surface.

VIII. BOARD COMMENTS

Trustee Bain spoke to the fact that we need to stand together to keep our rights for our own land in the Township.

Treasurer Peck invited everyone to peek in the office to see the improvements being done.

Clerk Meinburg reminded everyone that the MTA's Christmas Dinner is next Thursday at 6 PM. Need a head count on anyone that would like to attend.

IX. NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

JANUARY 11, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M.

X. ADJOURNMENT:

TRUSTEE BAIN MOVED, supported by Trustee Minarik to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 P.M.

WENDY D. MEINBURG, Clerk

APPROVED DATE

FREDERICK R. THORSBY, Supervisor

RECORDING SECRETARY: JEANETTE SIZEMORE, Recording Secretary
12/14/2023