

STAMBAUGH TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Meeting

The meeting of the Stambaugh Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Isaacson on September 13, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Stambaugh Township Hall.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Roll call was taken with Supervisor Isaacson, Clerk Christensen, Treasurer Rogers, and Trustees Pangrazzi and Stolberg in attendance. Also present was Water Supervisor, Wyatt Johnson.

The minutes were read from the August 9, 2023, meeting and accepted as read.

Clerk Christensen read the bills for the month and Trustee Stolberg made a motion to approve the bills with a second by Trustee Pangrazzi. Bills were approved.

Treasurer Rogers read the Treasurer's report which was accepted as presented.

Zach Hautala with the Iron County Economic Chamber Alliance stated progress continues with the City of Crystal Falls and SCS on a development agreement for the potential housing within the city limits. The MI-HOPE Grant Program had 42 applicants, 9 of which will receive rehabilitation to their homes through energy efficient upgrades. Iron County's summer events were successful with an increase in the number of attendees. The Harvest and Haunt event will take place on September 30th from 4 – 9 p.m. with a beer & wine tent, Trick or Treating, performance by Sons of Legend and a bonfire at dusk.

Patti Peretto reported that there is a new emergency manager and that the county was healthy and their budget has been completed. She inquired if the township wanted to adopt a resolution for protection in the event of a catastrophe. Treasurer Rogers made a motion to adopt this resolution with a second from Trustee Stolberg. The resolution was accepted.

The 911 program equipment will need to be upgraded in the near future. The general thought is to keep the program local. A mil increase would allow this, but the commissioners are trying to figure out how to best make this work.

The Stambaugh Township tax base is going up as more people move into the area.

We received the wrong generator for the Indian Lake project. It was a single phase and we need a 3 phase. Total Energy Systems would buy it back for \$14,000, down from the purchase price of \$22,000. Krist Oil has offered to purchase it for \$18,000. Wickwire will absorb the difference between. Quotes will be sought from different sources for a new 3 phase generator. A motion to sell the single phase generator to Krist Oil for \$18,000 was made by Trustee Stolberg with a second from Trustee Pangrazzi. Motion carried. Krist Oil will pick up the generator.

Supervisor Johnson reported that the defunct meters are being changed out as we receive new meters and that the water department is running well.

Ditching and new culvert work on University road has been completed. The residents are happy to have the improvements to the road.

Discussion regarding perspective raises for the township employees, Board of Review, Board of Appeals, Planning Commission, Zoning Administrator, and our Election Workers took place. Trustee Stolberg

made a motion for a 5% increase in their pay with a second from Treasurer Rogers. Motion carried. The raises for the water department employees will be retro to August 1st.

Clerk Christensen presented a proposal for BS&A software to replace her programs and to upgrade Treasurer Rogers and Assessor Mari Negro's programs so all will be compatible. Limitations would be put in place for each program with assignment of Administration authority and/or viewing access. The programs will be all cloud based so information will be consistently current. This proposal is for \$57,000. Trustee Stolberg made a motion to accept this proposal with a second from Trustee Pangrazzi. Motion carried.

The hall telephone bill through AT & T continues to increase. Clerk Christensen stated AT & T no longer wants to service this type of landline so billing will only continue to increase. Supervisor Johnson will look into a home phone connect setup for the hall to replace this landline.

Holmes Park is looking good. There are more trees that will need to be removed in the future. We are still waiting to hear on the Sparks grant to complete possible park improvements.

The Windsor Center has applied for a grant. They are hoping to at least receive part of the grant money for improvement projects at the center. The boiler inspector won't approve the boiler without it being repaired. Two doors were replaced in the building for \$20,000. The Friends of the Windsor Center are saving money to have A/C installed in the auditorium.

Supervisor Isaacson read the zoning permits for the month.

Our next regular meeting will be on October 11, 2023.

Trustee Pangrazzi made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Treasurer Rogers.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Christensen