**Arcadia Township**

**3422 Lake Street, Arcadia, Michigan**

**August 12, 2021, 7:00 pm**

**Township Board Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Janice McCraner, Supervisor; Patti Wilson, Clerk; Greg Wisner, Treasurer; Pat Manke, Trustee; Laurel Mason, Trustee.

**Guests Speakers**: Pauline Jaquish, Manistee County Commissioner; Steve & Rose Fosdick,Connecting Manistee County

Meeting called to order at 7:00p.

**Agenda additions:**

Under new business:

Trustee Mason requests that people who make public comments during the meetings to provide their name.

Weekly rentals, website

Under old business:

Office hours

**Motion** to approve agenda as amended by Treasurer Wisner, 2nd by Trustee Mason. Supervisor McCraner—aye, Clerk Wilson—aye, Treasurer Wisner—aye, Trustee Manke—aye, Trustee Mason—aye. **AIF, passed.**

**Public Comment:**

Appreciation was expressed for the new Board member nameplates.

Rose Fosdick of the local group Connecting Manistee County made a presentation about increasing connectivity in the county, including a letter of support for the Board to consider.

**Motion** to approve signing the letter of support for Connecting Manistee County by Clerk Wilson, 2nd by Trustee Mason. Supervisor McCraner—aye, Clerk Wilson—aye, Treasurer Wisner—aye, Trustee Manke—aye, Trustee Mason—aye. **AIF, passed.**

**Update on county issues**—County Commissioner Pauline Jaquish

**Treasurer’s report:** Treasurer Wisner

**Motion** to accept Treasurer’s report as presented by Trustee Manke, 2nd by Trustee Mason. Supervisor McCraner—aye, Clerk Wilson—aye, Treasurer Wisner—aye, Trustee Manke—aye, Trustee Mason—aye. **AIF, passed.**

**Clerk’s report**—Clerk Wilson

**Motion** to accept Clerk’s report and listing of the bills as presented by Treasurer Wisner, 2nd by Trustee Manke. Supervisor McCraner—aye, Clerk Wilson—aye, Treasurer Wisner—aye, Trustee Manke—aye, Trustee Mason—aye. **AIF, passed.**

Fire Department Chief Wes Hull requested that his discussion regarding his concerns at Sunset Station and the use of the Township Attorney at the July 8, 2021 Township Board meeting be included in the minutes.

**Motion** to approve the July 8 Board meeting minutes as presented by Trustee Manke, 2nd by Treasurer Wisner. Supervisor McCraner—aye, Clerk Wilson—aye, Treasurer Wisner—aye, Trustee Manke—aye, Trustee Mason—aye. **AIF, passed.**

**Motion** to approve the July 19 Special Meeting minutes as presented by Treasurer Wisner, 2nd by Trustee Manke. Supervisor McCraner—aye, Clerk Wilson—aye, Treasurer Wisner—aye, Trustee Manke—aye, Trustee Mason—aye. **AIF, passed.**

**Motion** to approve the July 22 Work Session report as presented by Treasurer Wisner, 2nd by Trustee Mason. Supervisor McCraner—aye, Clerk Wilson—aye, Treasurer Wisner—aye, Trustee Manke—aye, Trustee Mason—aye. **AIF, passed.**

**Motion** to approve the July 27 Special Meeting minutes as presented by Treasurer Wisner, 2nd by Trustee Manke. Supervisor McCraner—aye, Clerk Wilson—aye, Treasurer Wisner—aye, Trustee Manke—aye, Trustee Mason—aye. **AIF, passed.**

**Correspondence**—Supervisor McCraner

**Planning Commission report**—Treasurer Wisner

Short term rentals was discussed here. Treasurer Wisner stated the Planning Commission has not taken up the issue of short term rentals because the state is looking at possibly regulating this in future, which would supersede any decisions the township would make.

**Fire Department report**—Wes Hull. There were 9 medical runs, no fire runs, and 4 mutual aid runs since the last meeting.

**Historical Commission report**—Ed Howard

**Cemetery Committee report**—Clerk Wilson

**Marina Committee report**—Supervisor McCraner

**Parks & Recreation Committee report**—Ross Kladder

**Motion** to accept Patrice Wisner’s resignation from the Parks & Recreation Committee by Trustee Manke, 2nd by Clerk Wilson. Supervisor McCraner—aye, Clerk Wilson—aye, Treasurer Wisner—aye, Trustee Manke—aye, Trustee Mason—aye. **AIF, passed.**

**Recycling Committee report**—Trustee Mason

**Old Business:**

Update on burned M22 house—Supervisor McCraner

Speed signs—Trustee Mason

Noxious weeds & grasses ordinance—Trustee Manke

**Motion** to schedule a public open house with examples of an ordinance, to explore public opinion with regard to adopting a new township noxious weed & uncontrolled growth ordinance by Treasurer Wisner, 2nd by Trustee Mason. Supervisor McCraner—aye, Clerk Wilson—aye, Treasurer Wisner—aye, Trustee Manke—aye, Trustee Mason—aye. **AIF, passed.**

**Dog behavior complaints**—Supervisor McCraner

**New Business:**

**Motion** to approve the County Equalization Department tax rate for 2021 by Treasurer Wisner, 2nd by Trustee Manke. Supervisor McCraner—aye, Clerk Wilson—aye, Treasurer Wisner—aye, Trustee Manke—aye, Trustee Mason—aye. **AIF, passed.**

**Motion** to accept the proposed MTA Principles of Governance for Arcadia Township by Clerk Wilson, 2nd by Treasurer Wisner. Supervisor McCraner—aye, Clerk Wilson—aye, Treasurer Wisner—aye, Trustee Manke—aye, Trustee Mason—aye. **AIF, passed.**

Trustee Manke opened discussion regarding the Township office being open for regular office hours. No changes were adopted.

**Motion** to have Tom Westgate look into the cost of updating the router for the Township Hall with service that would reach to Finch Park as a public amenity for the community by Clerk Wilson, 2nd by Trustee Manke. Supervisor McCraner—aye, Clerk Wilson—aye, Treasurer Wisner—aye, Trustee Manke—aye, Trustee Mason—aye. **AIF, passed.**

The Board has received a bid from Ben Snider to both update and provide maintenance to the Township website. Supervisor McCraner will reach out to the web designer that presented to PVCC for a bid and ask both he and Ben Snider to attend the next Township Board meeting. The Board will accept bids from other providers, as well.

**Public Comment:**

Regarding a question about a possible millage proposal for dredging the channel being included on the November ballot.

**Motion** to adjourn by Greg and Patrick: Supervisor McCraner—aye, Clerk Wilson—aye, Treasurer Wisner—aye, Trustee Manke—aye, Trustee Mason—aye. **AIF, passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:57pm.

Submitted by Michelle Swanson,

Deputy Clerk