

**SAGOLA TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
Sagola Community Bldg.
December 3, 2018**

MINUTES

Don Minerick, Supervisor, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Supervisor Don Minerick, Clerk Julie Roell, Treasurer Rita Rotter, Trustees Mike Kroll and Tom Roell

Members Absent: None

Remove under Business a) Christmas Party & Stockings. **Moved by J. Roell, Supported by R. Rotter, to approve the amended agenda.**

MOTION CARRIED

D. Feak: The North 95 Committee gave out 40 bags at the tree lighting ceremony. Cost of \$85 and would the township reimburse? A worker on probation made a picnic table and is planning on building a second one. Would the township sign off on his hours? **Moved by J. Roell, Supported by R. Rotter, to reimburse the North 95 Committee in the amount of \$85.**

MOTION CARRIED

Julie will also sign off on the probation worker's hours.

Moved by T. Roell, Supported by M. Kroll, to approve the 11/5/18 Regular Meeting Minutes as written.

MOTION CARRIED

Moved by J. Roell, Supported by R. Rotter, to pay special bills: GEI (\$20,289) SAW Grant; El Com (\$484) F.D. radios; Tyler Tech (\$958) annual Fund Balance support; R&R Tires (\$663) maint. truck tires and all regular bills.

MOTION CARRIED

No report from the Treasurer.

- Don will ask Dale Carrier to do asbestos sampling at the old hall in the amount of \$1200.
- Scott Morin would do the demolition of the building for an approximate cost of \$12,000-\$15,000 and back fill with sand.
- Steve Tinti is a lawyer well-versed in USDA loan applications and the cost to hire him as legal counsel will be at \$160/hour.
- Dane Rossato, Dickinson Co. Construction Code, will be asked to check the new hall for ADA compliance.
- The DCRC will get a plat map for the Sagola and Channing area.
- GEI has sent a letter to the USDA in Gladstone requesting an income survey for sewer users only.

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 pm

ROLL CALL

All present

APPROVE AGENDA

Amended Agenda **Approved**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments Opened: 6:02 pm

Comments Closed: 6:04 pm

North 95 Reimburse \$85 Approved

MINUTE APPROVAL

11/5/18 Regular Minutes

Approved

OFFICIALS REPORTS

Clerk/Julie Roell

Special & Regular Bills **Approved**

Treasurer/Rita Rotter

Supervisor/Don Minerick

-Santi has finished pumping out the Sagola drain field and Don was able to take a look inside, along with a GEI engineer. The holding tank is in bad shape and will probably need replacing. An access road near the drain field is also required to be able to get the septic tanker in and out.

-Don, Julie and Rita attended a meeting in Gladstone with the USDA and GEI to gather information regarding the loan procedure. Funds from the General Fund can be used to help out with the sewer repairs. We are hoping that an income study will help to lower interest rates and keep sewer rates low.

Mike brought up three key topics from the MTA News magazine: Recreational marijuana, inspection of township buildings, and logging trucks increasing weights on Michigan roads.

Amy was present. Her AMAR results have not yet been sent to the township. The township should establish asset level poverty rates. More information is needed before the township board can enact on this issue. Amy will ask what other townships are doing and Tom will ask Patti about Caspian poverty levels. Board of Review will meet on Tuesday, December 11th to look for corrections or clerical errors on the tax roll.

Dan reported two page-outs. The pumper truck was brought to UP Truck Center for exhaust work and an inspection. The Fire Dept. furnace in Sagola needs the exhaust blower motor to be checked. Dan will call Mike Alexa.

Pam and Diane have been working on the fire numbers. Pam took 17 phone calls regarding the notice put in the tax bills, asking property owners for clarification on their numbers. Diane has put in over 18 hours and Pam even more. **Moved by D. Minerick, Supported by M. Kroll, to pay Diane Feak \$200 for helping to index fire numbers to physical addresses and property tax numbers.**

MOTION CARRIED

Mike Alexa, Sikora, will be installing a wi-fi thermostat controller at the new hall. He needs three contact numbers, the first will be Jennie/Rand Hruska, Mike Kroll, second, and Rita Rotter will be the third contact. Julie will also be contacted, if needed.

Don contacted the MTA to inquire whether the township had to hold monthly meetings. We do not have to hold a monthly meeting, but will need to meet with at least three board members for bill approval.

Ben had a written maintenance report. The lagoons have been discharged. Ben would like to attend a free MI Rural Water seminar in Negaunee in January.

Supervisor/Cont'd

Trustee/M. Kroll

Assessor/Amy Marinoff

Fire Dept./Dan Simonsen, Chief

Zoning/Pam Minerick, Adm.

D. Feak \$200 for Fire Number Spreadsheet **Approved**

Maintenance/Ben Weber

Snow removal at the EMS Building should be a number one priority. If Ben is not in town, Bernie will do the plowing. Ben is to measure the manhole cover at the Y-Motel and purchase a riser. It will need a 2-foot raise and gaskets. Ben should call for pricing and purchase two more if there is a discount from Miller Block.

Moved by D. Minerick, Supported by J. Roell, to approve the annual tax rate request from the DIISD.

**Moved by D. Minerick, Supported by J. Roell to adopt the Sagola Twp. Master Plan as presented.
Roll Call Vote Ayes: Kroll, T. Roell, Minerick, Rotter, J. Roell
Nays: None**

RESOLUTION APPROVED

CJ Kennard: North 95 is considering 501(3C) tax exempt status for grant applications. Should they go forward, or remain under the township?
J. Roell: We will reach out to Sarah Kanitz, Auditor, and ask what she recommends.

MOTION CARRIED

Board Members: The Planning Commission deserves a round of applause for all the hard work that went into completion of the Master Plan. Thank you for a job well done!

The December 3, 2018, Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Minutes Submitted By:

Date:

Julie Roell, Clerk

Maint./Cont'd

BUSINESS

Summer Tax Collection DIISD
Approved

Master Plan
Resolution Approved

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments Opened: 6:47 p.m.
Comments Closed: 6:53 p.m.

BOARD PRIVILEGE

ADJOURNMENT

6:55 p.m.









