

**SAGOLA TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
Sagola Community Bldg.
November 6, 2023**

MINUTES [Approved]

Mike Cline, Supervisor, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Supervisor Mike Cline, Treasurer Robin Begarowicz, Clerk Julie Roell, Trustees Mike Kroll and Luke Fleming

Moved by Roell, supported by Fleming, to approve the agenda as written. MOTION CARRIED

No Public Comments were offered.

Moved by Kroll, supported by Cline, to approve the 10/2/23 Regular Meeting Minutes as written. MOTION CARRIED

The township will have to hire a new auditor for FY 2023-24 because Sarah Kanitz will no longer provide services.

Moved by Cline, supported by Roell, to approve special bills: Coleman Engineering (\$4923) sewer project; Santi Septic (\$8200) pump Sagola tanks; MacQueen Emergency (\$1544) F.D. flow test & batteries; EGLE (\$318) Newberg Pk water & license; Ray's Feed Mill (\$500) F. D. chainsaws; Johnson & Berry/D. Simonsen (\$1600) F.D. burn pans; Oshkosh Fire (\$500) F.D. equipment; Lockhart (\$1400) Channing Pk hydrant; Boussum (\$1665) EMS building plumbing; USDA (\$800) Sewer loan payment, and all regular bills. MOTION CARRIED

Robin submitted a Treasurer's Report which is included in these Minutes. She has copies deeds for the Randville Hall. Kelly VanOss would to change her sewer service from commercial to residential. The shop is not in operation during the winter months. **Moved by Fleming, supported by Kroll, to leave Imagination Re-Wired, Kelly VanOss, at the commercial rate. MOTION CARRIED**

Mike: The DTE claim was denied as the damage would have to be proved that the gas company caused the sewer line puncture. A lawyer would have to be retained and it was decided to let the matter drop.

Luke: The planning commission is working on Sewer Ord. #101.

Amy is checking on building permits.

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 pm

ROLL CALL

All Present

AGENDA

Agenda *Approved*

PUBLIC COMMENT

No Comments were offered.

MINUTE APPROVAL

10/2/23 Regular Minutes *Approved*

OFFICIALS REPORTS

Clerk/Julie Roell

Regular & Special Bills *Approved*

Treasurer/Robin Begarowicz

Supervisor/Mike Cline

Trustee/ Luke Fleming

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Assessor/Amy Bucek

Dan reported five page-outs in the past month. Members attended fire trainings at North Dickinson. The children received candy that was donated by Adam Simonsen Trucking.

Fire Dept./Dan Simonsen, Chief

Pam submitted a written report which is included in the Minutes. The planning commission is working on Sewer Ord. #101 and #102. Pam typed 19 pages for Ord #101, and Mike Dellies has volunteered to type Ord. #102. Pam presented the Board with an expense report for all zoning permits. She recommends an increase of permit fees as the expenses incurred are more than the payments collected. **Moved by Fleming, supported by Kroll, to increase Variance permit fee from \$300 to \$550; SLUP fee from \$400 to \$750; Rezone fee from \$500 to \$850.** *MOTION CARRIED*

Zoning Adm./Pam Minerick

Permit Fee Increases

Approved

Moved by Fleming, supported by Kroll, to double the permit fee when citizens build without a permit. *MOTION CARRIED*

Pam will post the new fee schedule on the township website.

Don handed in his written monthly report which is included in these Minutes. The Sagola septic tanks are complete. He is requesting permission to purchase a salt spreader and the Board was in agreement.

Maintenance /Don Begarowicz

Nancy was present and has sent out letters to residents who have not improved their properties. The letters were not certified, so she will re-send them and then they will start getting fined.

Enforcement Officer/Nancy Reese

Mike reported that we are waiting for panel parts for sewer lift stations. A change order request to move the Sagola lift station electrical service needs to be approved and the drainage pipes were collapsed at the Sagola site. **Moved by Cline, supported by Fleming, to approve the draw to pay Bacco Construction and the change order request.** *MOTION CARRIED*

BUSINESS

Sewer Constr. Update

The Randville building can be put for sale and Don and Robin will contact a realtor.

Randville Bldg Status

A quote from Mid-West Asphalt for paving a section of Newberg Park road was received in the amount of \$30,533.10, with a 10% down payment. **Moved by Cline, supported by Fleming, to pave Newberg Park road.** *MOTION CARRIED*

Newberg Pk Road Bid

The township received notice that property north and east of Randville is being inspected for mining purposes.

Mining Notice

Lois Ellis, Land Bank Authority, would be interested in blighted properties within the township that can be removed as some funds are

Blighted Property

available. The land bank would have to own the property. The township can make a list of properties and give them to Lorna Carey.

Lois Ellis, and personnel from L-P were present to explain L-P's PA 198 Industrial Facilities Exemption application. The application was sent over a year after the deadline lapsed. They would like the township to begin the process of application and after a public hearing and Board approval, the application will proceed to MI State Tax Commission and the MEDC, for their approval/denial. The Board has set Monday, December 4, 2023, at 5 p.m. for a public hearing and will put the IFE application on the Regular Meeting Agenda for 6 p.m.

A tower strobe light has recently been installed north of Sagola. Our zoning ordinances don't cover this issue, and the light may be federally regulated.

The DNR should be called regarding burn barrels.

L-P was thanked for their help within the community.

A Variance Meeting will be held on 11/13 regarding a garage build within the setbacks.

Permits have been granted for Groveland Mine Solar Farm from Felch, Norway and Sagola. An EMS response plan will be put into place and townships will be able to lock in with valuations.

Robin requested an in-depth study of Newberg Park expense and revenue. Julie will print the report and email to board members.

Moved by Cline, supported by Roell, to adjourn the November 6, 2023, Regular Meeting at 7:27 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Minutes By:

Julie Roell, Clerk

Date

L-P's PA 198

Public Hearing 12/4/23 at 5 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comments Opened: 7:13 p.m.

Comments Closed: 7:24 p.m.

BOARD PRIVILEGE

ADJOURNMENT

7:27 PM

