

Belvidere Township Regular Meeting

October 11, 2023

Supervisor Armon Withey called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was given

Prayer was given by township resident Roberta Murray

Roll Call – all members present: Armon Withey-Supervisor, Forrest Herzog-Treasurer, Yolanda Lane-Clerk, Andy Reynolds-Trustee, Tarin Minkel-Trustee

Motion by Forrest Herzog, Treasurer to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on September 13, 2023, second by Andy Reynolds, Trustee. Motion carried.

Motion by Forrest Herzog, Treasurer to approve the minutes from the special meeting of September 21, 2023, second by Andy Reynolds, Trustee. Motion carried.

Motion by Forrest Herzog, Treasurer, 2nd by Andy Reynolds, Trustee to approve the agenda. Motion carried

Ken Purchase-resident, there is a state bill in congress, #120, 121, 122, 123, to give the state authority over the local wind and solar ordinances.

Robin Masciski-resident, Issue with non-working Jeep parked in downtown Six Lakes, owner says township gave him permission. Board members noted they do not have authority to permit him to park there and the residents should report it to the sheriff or per Tarin Minkel it should then be reported to the road commission. Also, Halloween is coming up, would like to sponsor trunk or treat at the Harvest Flea Market. Asking if there would be an objection. Per the board, Armon Withey-Supervisor, suggested Saturday the 28th of October from 5 to 7 p.m. at the market. Tarin Minkel, Trustee, 2nd. Forrest Herzog, Treasurer added an amendment to the motion to add regular trick or treating notice for October 31, 2023 from 5p.m. to dusk. Armon Withey, Supervisor 2nd, motion carried.

Robin Masciski-resident, another issue is a young kid driving his ATV up and down the road and tearing up yards etc., also threatening. Township has no authority, must call sheriff.

Department Reports: Treasurer's report, motion to approve by Forrest Herzog, Treasurer, 2nd by Andy Reynolds, Trustee. Motion carried.

Monthly Expenses Report- Motion to approve – Tarin Minkel, Trustee, 2nd by Andy Reynolds, Trustee. Motion carried

Total monthly expenses approved: \$156,593.63

Fire Department-Chief Josh Herzog, they had no fire runs in past month. Department sent 2 firemen for Electric Vehicle Fire Training extraction. 2 electric vehicles will be donated if the township will provide transportation. Township will provide the transportation.

Zoning- Dave Kelsey, Zoning Administrator had 6 permit requests, shed, mobile home, deck, attached garage, pole barn and existing building.

Cemetery-Chris Reynolds, Cemetery Mgr. discusses problems with current software, would like to purchase new software. Motion to purchase by Tarin Minkel, Trustee, 2nd Armon Withey, Supervisor. Forrest Herzog, Treasurer opposed. Motion carried by 4 ayes to 1 opposed. For September the cemetery has 1 full burial, 4 cremations interred, 5 foundations ordered and transfer of 2 lots per several phone conversations.

Campground/Park-Bob McParland, Campground Mgr- camping went well. Had some vandalism-glass on the rule sign broken, a foot chase of a young guy. Did not rent the pavilion during September. Had 90 nights of rental. Campground is now closed for the season.

Planning Commission- Tarin Minkel, Trustee, met October 10, 2023, solar ordinance was sent to county planning commission, they meet October 16, 2023, will review and return to township. Should have back by end of next week. Zoning books updated, BJ Cogswell-Planning Commission, ordinance for short term rentals sent to Swift for review. Set dates for next years meetings. Spoke with Leslie, attorney at Foster & Swift Consultants about people in campers – township would need a court order to have them removed and put on township property. Board would have to authorize.

Audit- Yolanda Lane, Clerk, not back yet should be in next few days

Notary- Yolanda Lane, Clerk, working on

Bids for Lawn care/cemetery- Yolanda Lane, Clerk, should have packets complete soon.

New Business

Armon Withey-Supervisor, thanked everyone who worked on the Large Refuse pick up day

Fire Department-Josh Herzog, Chief- request for new air compressor and discussed many other needs of the fire department i.e. showers, dryers for fire gear etc. Tarin Minkel, Trustee motioned to pay for the compressor for the department, 2nd by Andy Reynolds, Trustee. Motion carried. Will further discuss other needs as Josh is to get estimates for showers. Motion to add a fire fighter-Zane Cour, by Tarin Minkel, Trustee, Forrest Herzog-Treasurer, 2nd. Motion carried.

FYI – Consumers Energy – Forestry Work around lines in Village of Edmore

Planning Commission- Tarin Minkel, Liaison, discussed private road concerns about board responsibility, ran through standard language. If owner does not take care of private road the township has the option but does not have to provide maintenance. Armon Withey, Supervisor motioned to add to the language the township does not take care of private roads, Forrest Herzog, Treasurer 2nd. Lane motioned an amendment to accept the road application for Manifest Lane contingent upon the planning commission recommendation. Scott Chandler- applicant of private road, submitted everything including road maintenance agreement. Maintenance agreement amended to township is not responsible for maintenance of private road. Motion carried as amended.

Voting box placement- Andy Reynolds, Trustee. Tarin Minkel, Trustee, motion to have clerk make decision on placement, Andy Reynolds, Trustee 2nd. Motion carried.

Flag Pole-Andy Reynolds, Trustee, the flag pole in the parking lot in Six Lakes, the south entrance/exit on Clark St. cement the alley and add an apron to the road. Motion by Andy Reynolds, Trustee, 2nd by Tarin Minkel, Trustee- if paid for by ARPA money. Amendment to table to next month, motion by Forrest Herzog, Treasurer, 2nd by Yolanda Lane, Clerk.

Signs- Armon Withey, Supervisor, were the signs stating we are a zoned community received? Yes and they have been installed per Tarin Minkel, Trustee

Blood Drive- Forrest Herzog, Treasurer, next drive will be in December 2023

Cemetery- Forrest Herzog, Treasurer, gas line still not marked in cemetery. Gas line area in new section is 100 ft, Consumers should mark 50 ft on each side of line. Tarin Minkel, Trustee will call Miss Dig and have it marked 50 ft each side.

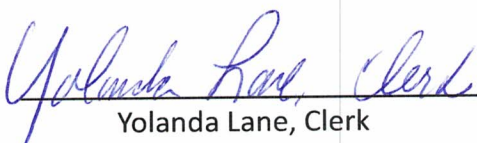
Armon Withey, Supervisor, and Andy Reynolds, Trustee visited Ever Rest cemetery on Derby Road, will have to do upgrade to fence and other work next spring.

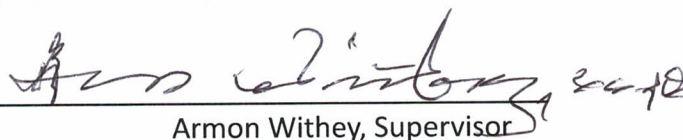
MTA meeting is October 17th at the road commission building, speaker will be Pat Outman

Public comment-Robin Masciski, husband tried to report damage to their fence by township mowing company, Heckman & Sons. Forrest Herzog, Treasurer to follow up. Armon Withey, Supervisor asked for her husband to stop by the office and see him.

Regular meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Next regular meeting is November 8th, 2023 at 6 p.m.


Yolanda Lane, Clerk


Armon Withey, Supervisor

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