

Watertown Charter Township

12803 S. Wacousta Road, Grand Ledge MI 48837 | (517) 626-6593
January 18, 2022 Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Supervisor John Maahs with the Pledge of Allegiance.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor John Maahs, Clerk Carolyn Brokob, Treasurer Sue Biergans, Trustee Chad Cooley, Trustee Todd Hufnagel, and Trustee Ron Overton.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Trustee Holly Madill, with notice

STAFF PRESENT: Township Manager Jennifer Tubbs (via Zoom) and Planning Director Andrea Polverento.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Commissioner Ken Mitchell gave his monthly report and honored past Trustee George Weitzel with his recent passing.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion by Trustee Hufnagel, seconded by Trustee Cooley, to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

AGENDA APPROVAL:

Addition of New Business #3 – Furnace Purchase

Motion by Trustee Cooley, seconded by Trustee Hufnagel, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. December 20, 2021 – Regular Meeting

Motion by Trustee Overton, seconded by Trustee Cooley, to amend New Business #1 of December 20, 2021, minutes changing date of Billy Crego re-appointment to LGRFA from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024. Date was presented in error at the December meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Clerk Brokob, seconded by Treasurer Biergans, to approve the regular meeting minutes of December 20, 2021, as amended. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Supervisor Maahs noted the additional bill list on the table and the bills in the packet.

Motion by Treasurer Biergans, seconded by Trustee Cooley, to approve the bill list dated January 18, 2022, and the bills presented in the packet. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Watertown Charter Township Groundwater Study Proposal

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Garry Rowe attended the meeting to discuss groundwater testing. He presented on previous work done by the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission and would like to expand the work of testing wells in Watertown Charter Township.

Motion by Trustee Overton, seconded by Clerk Brokob, to designate an amount not to exceed \$5,000 from the Township Water Fund to assist the Tri-County Regional Planning Committee and Garry Rowe to perform groundwater testing of Watertown Charter Township wells. Motion carried.

2. Purchase of Election Equipment

Motion by Trustee Cooley, seconded by, Treasurer Biergans, to authorize the expenditure of \$11,090 from the elections budget line item 101 262 000 272 001 to purchase two Verity Scan tabulators from Hart Intercivic. Motion carried.

3. Township Building Furnace

The furnace in the South Room urgently requires replacing. Two written quotes and one verbal quote have been received.

Motion by Trustee Overton, seconded by Treasurer Biergans, to approve the purchase of a new furnace from E.H. Ward for the South Room in Watertown Charter Township Hall for an amount up to \$10,000 contingent on receiving a third written quote. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND PUBLIC COMMENT:


Trustee Overton asked about a Wacousta Road building update. Jennifer reported that we are waiting on contractor to do the asbestos detection before demolition can occur.

Andrea reminded everyone of the Master Plan Update Community Open House on January 26, 2022, from 5:00-7:00 PM

Township Manager is working on securing some rapid Covid-19 tests to have on hand for staff in case of exposure.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:57PM.

Date approved February 22, 2022


John Maahs, Supervisor


Carolyn Brokob, Clerk