

IOSCO TOWNSHIP BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

OCTOBER 15th, 2020

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance, at 8:00PM, by Supervisor Miller. Clerk Delmerico, Treasurer Bonnville, Trustees Parker and Hardies present. Also in attendance was Assessor/Zoning Administrator Allen, Deputy Treasurer Dailey, and Township Attorney Harris. County Commissioner D. Helzerman, and C. Denby, representing Rep. Henry Vaupal's office, along with Township resident C. Mollison were present, too.

Parker made motion to approve the Agenda; Hardies seconded the Motion. All Ayes, Motion carried. (AA, MC)

1st Call to the Public: Commissioner Helzerman informed the Board, that the County received Federal Care Grant money for Covid-19 support equipment, that the County's budget for the next fiscal year is balanced, though part of that was to institute a hiring freeze for new & replacement personnel; the County's rainy day fund has \$3,000,000.00 in it.

Ms. Mollison spoke to the Board about her campaign for Township Trustee, her growing up in the Township, and asked for their support. She also offered her services, no matter what the outcome of the upcoming election, in helping prepare applications for State, Federal, and Non-Governmental Grants.

Parker made a Motion to adopt the proposed Regular Meeting Minutes of 9-17-2020, with corrections. Hardies seconded the Motion, AA,MC. Delmerico made a Motion to approve the proposed Election Commission Minutes of October 8th, 2020, seconded by Bonnville. AA,MC.

The Treasurer reported that as of today, there is \$417,219.36 in the General Fund checking account, \$251,713.80 in the Savings account, \$151,682.08 in the Certificate of Deposit (CD) at Chase Bank, with a maturity date of 9/20/2021, and \$206,493.55 in the 1st National CD, with a maturity date of 3/2021. The Road Millage liability is \$185,329.05.

Delmerico made a Motion, seconded by Hardies to pay \$61,818.42 in Township bills. This amount includes \$23,675.82 for the final dust control application for the Township's dirt roads, and \$17,051.00 for the monthly residential trash pickup service. Roll Call vote, AA, MC

Bonnville reported that the Fowlerville Fire Authority (FFA) made 7 medical, and no fire runs into the Township during the month of September. The FFA is still seeking a building site for a new main fire hall.

Parker reported that the Planning Commission (PC) is working on additions to the Special Events article, along with incorporating such activities as Care Giver Marihuana operation into permitted activities of the Zoning Ordinance. A recent state court case has made it possible for municipalities to regulate care giver grow operations in zoning areas such as Agricultural/Residential; which is the majority of this township's land. He also reported that the PC has held a Public hearing at their last meeting to receive comments about the proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance concerning Sign standards and Bond requirements for demolitions.

Parker also reported that a double Zoning board of Appeals meeting was held in the past week. A variance was given to put a above ground pool in the front yard of a home, and separately a variance was given to build a large barn in the front of another home.

The Attorney told the Board that he had made the changes, that the Board had requested, to the Marihuana General Ordinance. After discussion, the Board decided not to move or take action on the Marijuana Ordinance, which had been tabled at last month's board meeting.. The subject is thereby dropped for time being.

The Treasurer reported that the structure on Weller Rd., has yet to pay their 2020 summer taxes. After a short discussion, Bonnville made a Motion to direct the Township Attorney to file in court a brief requesting that the Court set aside the judgment creating the M-1 Industrial Zone in the Township. Hardies seconded the Motion. AA, MC.

Ms. Allen reported that since the last Board meeting she has issued 2 Zoning Compliance Certificates: 1 for a dwelling, and 1 for an accessory structure. She also issued 3 Waivers of the same. It has come to her attention, that the Lilac Ridge, LLC has been holding more barn weddings. She has not issued another letter to them explaining to them why the weddings cannot be held. At this point, Delmerico made a Motion, seconded by Bonnville to authorize Attorney Harris to instigate litigation against Lilac Ridge, LLC to stop them from hosting any further weddings. AA, MC.

Upon the recommendation of Supervisor Miller, Bonnville made a Motion to appoint Nichele Niemi to the Board of Review, for a term ending October, 2023. Hardies seconded the Motion. AA, MC.

Ms. Denby presented Clerk Delmerico with a State of Michigan Special Tribute for his 20 years of dedicated service to the residents of Iosco Township. It was signed by State Representative H.

Vaupel, State Senator L. Theis, Governor G. Widmer, and Lieutenant Governor G. Gilchrist. The Clerk thanked everyone for the presentation.

There was no response to the 2nd Call to the Public.

Hardies made Motion to Adjourn at 9:22PM; seconded by Bonnville. AA, MC.

Respectfully submitted by

Dan Delmerico

Iosco Township Clerk