

**CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
January 15, 2024
CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY BUILDING
6:30 P.M.**

The Chippewa Township REGULAR Board meeting was called to order by the Chippewa Township Supervisor, Bryan Roels at 6:30 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL: Present: Bryan Roels, Kristin Lytle, Julie Austin, Annette Walters, & Debbie Zielinski

Absent: None

Let the record show a quorum of the Chippewa Township Board was present.

MOTION J.Austin/D.Zielinski to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2023, Regular Township Board Meeting, and place them on file. **MOTION CARRIED**

TREASURER REPORT: Account Balance as of January 15, 2024 is \$580,879.38.

MOTION K.Lytle/A.Walters to approve the Treasurer Report and place it on file.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

LIBRARY REPORT:

Library representative, Linda Myers, was not in attendance.

ASSESSING REPORT:

Andrea reported that 5 deeds were processed, 4 PTA's, 1 PRE's, 0 denial, 1 rescind, and 30 address changes. She also received one land combination request. Andrea was inspecting properties with building permits on 12/30. She is working on end of year tasks and getting the roll ready to turn over to the County. **MOTION**

K.Lytle/J.Austin to approve the Assessors Report and place it on file. **MOTION CARRIED**

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT:

County Commissioner, Jerilynn Strong was not in attendance.

AMISH PALLET BUSINESS:

Mr. Gerald Kauffman has approached the Chippewa Township Board and would like their input. Mr. Kauffman would like to open a Pallet business which would be located at 9772 – 19 Mile Road. He has provided the Board members with an

overview of what the business would entail and it was read aloud to the public. Mr. Kauffman understands that he would need to apply for a zoning change and a special use permit through Mecosta County. However, he values the thoughts of the Chippewa Twp. Board and doesn't want to bring a business to Chippewa Township if his business isn't Welcome. Two letters were read from property owners that are against the Pallet business, one neighbor is in favor of the Pallet business and C.Kerns voiced his concerns. Mr. Kauffman invited all the Board member to visit his current Pallet company located at 3229 W. Geer Rd. McBain, MI. **MOTION D.Zielinski/J.Austin** to table this topic until the February 6th Board meeting. **MOTION CARRIED**

2024 POVERTY EXEMPTION APPLICATION:

2024 Poverty Guidelines for the 48 Contiguous States are as follows:

Persons in family/household	Poverty Guideline
1	\$15,060
2	\$20,440
3	\$25,820
4	\$31,200
5	\$36,580
6	\$41,960
7	\$47,340
8	\$52,720

For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$5,380 for each additional person. **RESOLUTION J.Austin/K.Lytle** to adopt the 2024 Federal Poverty Exemption Guidelines and asset test. **ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 ayes, 0 absent, 0 nays**
RESOLUTION CARRIED

CHIPPEWA BRANCH LIBRARY:

RESOLUTION J.Austin/K.Lytle to offer the Barryton Library a lease of our current Chippewa Township office building, located at 19171 – 4th Street; for \$1.00 with a 10-year renewable lease. The Barryton Library would be responsible for all utility bills, repairs, and maintenance of the building and grounds. Chippewa Township would retain ownership of the property and building. **ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 ayes, 0 absent, 0 nays**
RESOLUTION CARRIED

CLERK UPDATE:

With the passing of Proposal 2-2022, there are new election laws that are being implemented for all future elections starting with the upcoming Presidential Primary Election in February. Chippewa Township will be conducting the 9 days Early Voting. Chippewa Township Registered voters will be able to vote in person, at the Chippewa Township Community Building each day from Saturday, February 17th through Saturday, February 25th; from 8:30 – 4:30 p.m.

NEW OFFICE UPDATE:

Bid specs were advertised in the weekend Pioneer Newspaper. B.Roels contacted 12 potential contractors. 6 bid packets were mailed out and so far, 2 contractors have confirmed that they will be bidding this project.

C.L. WEED CONTROL:

2024 C.L. Weed control bills and information sheet will be mailed out by the end of January.

C.L. SEWER DISTRICT:

Resolution for Miscellaneous User Fee – No update.

2024 SMO bills and information sheet will be mailed out by the end of January.

S.Rice asked for more aggressive tires on the Sewer Truck. The truck has been stuck multiple times while plowing snow. **RESOLUTION K.Lytle/J.Austin** to allow S.Rice to take the Sewer Truck to Gingrich tire and purchase 4 new, more aggressive tires.

ROLL CALL VOTE: 4 ayes, 0 absent, 1 nays (B.Roels) **RESOLUTION CARRIED**

APPROVAL OF THE BILLS:

Bills were electronically or personally provided to all Board members prior to the meeting; for review, along with an approval signature voucher. **RESOLUTION K.Lytle/A.Walters** to pay General Fund bills, check numbers 14088 – 14127 in the amount of \$31,767.10. The Sewer District check numbers 11456 – 11486 in the amount of \$29,477.49, And the CLWD check numbers 743 & 744 in the amount of \$1,763.00. **ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 ayes, 0 absent, 0 nays** **RESOLUTION CARRIED**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No public comment.

BEING no further business or public comment to be brought before the Board:
MOTION D.Zielinski/A.Walters to adjourn the January 15, 2024 regular meeting of the Chippewa Township Board @ 6:09 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Next Township Board regular scheduled meeting is set for Wednesday, February 6, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.

These minutes were prepared,

By Kristin Lytle, Chippewa Township Clerk