

**CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
November 1, 2023
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 October 4, 2023 Regular Township Board Meeting and place on file. **MOTION CARRIED**

MOTION J.Austin/B.Roels to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2023 Election Commission Meeting and place on file. **MOTION CARRIED**

TREASURER REPORT: Account Balance as of 10/31/2023 is \$440,965.58.

MOTION K.Lytle/D.Zielinski to approve the Treasurer Report and place on file. **MOTION CARRIED**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

A.Walter thanked everyone who was involved with the CMFD Safe Trick or Treat Event.

LIBRARY REPORT:

Library representative, Linda Myers that the Barryton will host an Old-Fashioned Christmas the 1st Saturday in December. There will be a Santa and make & take craft at the library along with a parade down main street. The library will host a Mid-winter book sale. This sale will be for some of the older/antique books that the library has accumulated. Library usage for September was up. Library Board Members are looking into future grants and will be brain storming about different projects they could use the Grant funds towards.

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

ASSESSING REPORT:

Andrea reported that 20 deeds were processed, 18 PTA's, 5 PRE's, 0 denial, 0 rescind, and 2 address changes and 1 combination. Andrea has completed all of her

continuing education classes for the year. **MOTION J.Austin/D.Zielinski** to approve the Assessors Report and place on file. **MOTION CARRIED**

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT:

County Commissioner, Jerrilynn Strong provided each Board Member with an updated MCRC report. EMS responded to 667 runs in October. EMS also offers CPR classes. **MOTION J.Austin/K.Lytle** to place the Count Commissioner Report on file. **MOTION CARRIED**

RESOLUTION 11-01-2023:

RESOLUTION J.Austin/K.Lytle to approve Resolution 11-01-2023: Opposing any legislation preempting local control for solar and wind developments. (The complete resolution will be attached to these minutes) **ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 ayes, 0 absent, 0 nays RESOLUTION CARRIED**

EMPLOYEE ANNUAL APPRECIATION: RESOLUTION D.Zielinski/K.Lytle to appropriate \$200.00 each for B.O.R Members, Election Inspectors, Library Board Members, and Sewer Employees. And \$100 each for Township maintenance/cemetery sexton and the Township Assessor. (This is the same as last year) **ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 ayes, 0 absent, 0 nays RESOLUTION CARRIED**

C.L. WEED CONTROL:

PLM has provided B.Roels with a letter. J.Austin suggested we send the letter with the CLWD bills in January. B.Roels explained that Dr. West Bishop is an expert on algae. Dr. Bishop is willing to do a Skype Type meeting with PLM and the Chippewa Township board. **RESOLUTION J.Austin/Zielinski** to appropriate funds to purchase a year subscription to Skype if Dr West Bishop approves to have the Skype meeting recorded so that we can publish the video on our Township Website. **ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 ayes, 0 absent, 0 nays RESOLUTION CARRIED**

RESOLUTION J.Austin/K.Lytle to appropriate funds for any Board Member who would like to attend the Wake Board Seminar in Lansing. **ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 ayes, 0 absent, 0 nays RESOLUTION CARRIED**

C.L. SEWER DISTRICT:

B.Roels provided each Board member with a draft letter; Avoid a fine, don't flush the wipes! **RESOLUTION K.Lytle/J.Austin** to appropriate funds to contact Township attorney regarding suggested fines, how to collect fines, change ordinance, etc. **ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 ayes, 0 absent, 0 nays 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 14027 - 14050 plus EFT's in the amount of \$19,020.62. The Sewer District check numbers 11411 - 11430 plus EFT's in the amount of \$22,670.76. And The CLWD check number 738 - 740 plus EFT's in the amount of \$937.67. **ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 ayes, 0 absent, 0 nays RESOLUTION CARRIED**

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

J.Strong would like to be included in the Skype meeting with Dr. Bishop.

A.Walters asked for an update regarding the pricing on fence for the ballfield.

MOTION J.Austin/K.Lytle BEING no further business or public comment to be brought before the Board: *to adjourn the November 1, 2023 regular meeting of the Chippewa Township Board @ 7:06 p.m.* **MOTION CARRIED.**

Next Township Board regular scheduled meeting is set for Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

These minutes were prepared

By Kristin Lytle, Chippewa Township Clerk

**TOWNSHIP OF CHIPPEWA
COUNTY OF MECOSTA, MICHIGAN**

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Township of Chippewa, held in the Chippewa Township Community Building located in the Township of Chippewa, on the 1st day of November 2023, at 6:30 P.M.,

PRESENT: B.Roels, J.Austin, K.Lytle, A.Walters, and D.Zielinski

ABSENT: None

The following resolution was offered by Member J.Austin and supported by Member K.Lytle.

RESOLUTIONS NO. 11-01-2023

OPPOSING ANY LEGISLATION PREEMPTING LOCAL CONTROL FOR SOLAR AND WIND DEVELOPMENTS

WHEREAS, Executive Directive 2020-10 aims to achieve 100% carbon neutrality in Michigan by 2050; and

WHEREAS, industry leaders have pledged to reduce carbon emissions to help achieve this goal; and

WHEREAS, efforts to expand renewable energy projects will continue to increase in this state; and

WHEREAS, the governor has proposed the Michigan Public Service Commission be the sole regulating authority for solar and wind projects to expedite these efforts; and

WHEREAS, by granting the Michigan Public Service Commission the authority, local control will be preempted; and

WHEREAS, should local control be preempted, a county, township, city, or village would be unable to determine the location, size, setback distance, decibel level, or any other criteria for a solar or wind facility; and

WHEREAS, if a county already has a solar or wind policy, practice, regulation, rule or ordinance on record it would be null and void; and

WHEREAS, all other types of energy facilities, while regulated by the Michigan Public Service Commission, must adhere to local zoning; and

WHEREAS, this proposal grants far more regulating authority to the Michigan Public Service Commission than for any other energy source; and

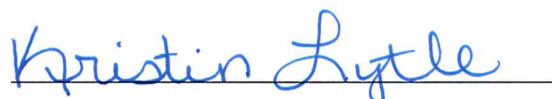
WHEREAS, the Michigan Association of Counties opposes any legislative action that may grant the Michigan Public Service Commission this Power.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That Chippewa Township opposes the pre-emption of local control in solar and wind siting and zoning.

AYES: Members: J.Austin, K.Lytle, B.Roels, A.Walters, and D.Zielinski

NAYS: Members: None



Kristin Lytle, Chippewa Twp. Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Township of Chippewa at a regular meeting thereof held on the date first stated above, and I further certify that public notice of such meeting was given as provided by law.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Kristin Lytle", is written over a horizontal line.

Kristin Lytle, Chippewa Twp. Clerk