PENTWATER TOWNSHIP BOARD

PENTWATER COMMUNITY HALL

500 N. HANCOCK STREET, PENTWATER, MI 49449

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| Approved Minutes | |
| 12 October 2022 | |
| ZOOM Available for Audience | |
| Supervisor Cavazos called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM | CALL TO ORDER |
| Members Present: Cavazos, Douglas, Flynn | ROLL CALL |
| Members Absent: Holub, Murphy | |
| Staff Present: Keith Edwards, Zoning Administrator | |
| Others Present: , Ron Christians, Jean Russell, Brian & Joan Schaenzer, Rob Young, Al Brosky, Amy La Barge, Chris Conroy, Valerie McHugh, Jerrold Maki, Tm Roose, Scott Karaptian, and Larry Shance, | |
| Present via Zoom: Dean Holub | |
| Moved by Flynn and seconded by Douglas to accept the Consent Agenda as follows: Prior Meeting Minutes of September 14, 2022 Fiscal YTD Financial Reports 4/1/22 thru 9/14/22 Claims/Bills for the period September 14th thru October 12, 2022h as follows: Township - \$55,320 (includes any Road Fund payroll) Cemetery - \$3,662 Fire - \$83,680 Road - \$3,861 Roll call vote: | CONSENT AGENDA Review & Action |
| YES: Douglas,, Flynn, Cavazos | |
| NO: None | |
| Motion carried | |
| Moved by Douglas, and seconded by Flynn to accept the agenda as presented Voice Vote: Motion carried | MEETING AGENDA |
| Chris Conroy: Comments regarding her support of the Pentwater School Bond issue. She specifically pointed out the importance of citizens reviewing the "Building Community Honoring Tradition" brochure and the "Frequently Asked Questions." | PUBLIC COMMENTS |
| Ms. Cavazos related the following: | SUPERVSOR'S |
| Longbridge Fishing Platform (East side) has been closed due to corrosion of the support beams below the platform. An assessment of the platform support structure above the water will take place this fall. The underwater scoping may not be done until spring when the bridge itself will be inspected (estimate of cost - \$4,000 -5,000) Please ask fishing friends to not use the platform on the east side. | REPORT |

| 2. | 14 new trees have been planted at the cemetery and dead trees removed and replaced. The trees planted include: 3 Crimson King, 3 Autumn Blaze Maple, 3 — October Glory Maple, 3 Sugar Maple, 2 Sycamore. The project was completed the week of October 3 rd . All new trees were fertilized, mulched, and guard tubing to deter deer. The trees have a 1 – year warranty. The work was done by Curtis Shade Trees and Landscaping. | |
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| 3. | Update on Township Parking Lot: Ken Adams did the prep-work and removed the broken asphalt. The driveway will be widened to about 22 feet. Reith Riley will do the curbing and asphalt work when weather permits. Royal Green replaced the side porch. Additional landscaping will be done in the spring. | |
| 4. | Update on the Sewer/Septic Agreement with the Village: We have a meeting on October 20 th (with Township representatives and our lawyer, Village representatives and their lawyer). We will be reviewing the options and terms for both the North and the South systems. | |
| 5. | Scatter Garden repairs were completed this week by Ruggles Masonry & Sons. | |
| Ms. M | urphy was not present for today's meeting | CLERK'S REPORT |
| The Ba | uglas related the following: nk Balances as of September 30, 2022 were reviewed. Douglas is particularly d with the interest income coming to the MI CLASS accounts. | TREASURER'S REPORT |
| The fol | lowing reports were received and placed on file: | OTHER |
| • | Library, Fire Department, Recreation | DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS |
| • | Val McHugh, Library Board member, spoke about a number of activities occurring at the library. She highlighted that the Haunted Library – it is all a bunch of HOCUS POCUS - will be back at the library this year. The event will happen on Monday, October $31^{\rm st}$ from 5:00 Pm – 7:00 PM. If anyone is interested in dressing up and being part of the festivities – let the library know. | Library, Recreation and Fire Department |
| The fol | llowing reports were received and placed on file: | STAFF REPORTS |
| • | Zoning, Cemetery & Transfer Station | Zoning, Assessing, |
| Report | s not provided this period: | Cemetery, Transfer Station |
| • | Assessing | |
| Unfinis | shed Business: | UNFINISHED BUSINESS a) |
| a) | Parson's Avenue Correspondence with Township Attorney: | Parsons Avenue |
| Av Ad of wa the of | ning Administrator, Keith Edwards was asked to give an update on the Parsons enue lawsuit to vacate a portion of Parsons Avenue in the Pentwater Beach dition No. 2. The law firm Parmenter Law had requested that the Township Board Trustees pass a resolution approving the vacation of Parson's Avenue, a right of the vacation within the Pentwater Beach Addition No. 2 Plat, in accordance with a lawsuit filed by the Vandersteldts. At the September, 2022 meeting the Board Trustees, requested the Planning Commission to schedule a public hearing on the quest for October 11, 2022. However, more recent correspondence from the | Correspondence with Township Attorney |

| c) City Committee Update: 8 applicants have submitted paperwork to be on the committee. The applicants represent both township and village residents. Plans are underway to call the group together soon. No date has been set. Unfinished Business: d) Michigan Shallow Harbor Commission Motion by Cavazos and seconded by Douglas to prepare have attorney, Mark Nettleton, prepare a Township Resolution in support the Michigan Shallow Harbor Coalition. Roll call vote: YES: Cavazos, Douglas, Flynn NO: None Motion carries | UNFINISHED BUSINESS c) City Committee Update UNFINISHED BUSINESS d) Michigan Shallow Harbor Commission |
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| November 2022 meeting of the Township Board. No Action Taken | |
| designed for properly managing storm water and some properties are receiving damage as a result of inadequate facilities. Subsequently, Staff asked the Township Attorney to provide guidance for such a moratorium, which the Attorney will be prepared to address at the November 2022 meeting of the Township Board. Thus, this item will be postponed for discussion until the | Subdivisions |
| At the September 2022 meeting of the Pentwater Township Board of Trustees, Zoning Administrator Keith Edwards asked the Township Board to consider a moratorium on the construction of new homes within the Apache Hills and Ottawattamie Park plats due to these properties exceeding the groundwater discharge permit limits for 2019 and 2020, and because these plats were not | Construction in Apache Hills and Ottawattamie Park Platted |
| b) Request for Moratorium on New House Construction in Apache Hills and Ottawattamie Park platted subdivisions: | BUSINESS b) Request for Moratorium on New House |
| No Action Taken Unfinished Business: | UNFINISHED |
| Township attorney, Bradley Fowler of the Mika Meyers Law Firm provided an opinion that the public hearing was not necessary, and no decision was required from the Township Board, since the Oceana County Road Commission had absolutely abandoned the referenced Parsons Avenue right-of-way in April of 2022, without simply relinquishing the property by deed to Pentwater Township. Therefore, the real property associated with the abandoned Parsons Avenue reverts to the adjacent property owners, and Pentwater Township thus has no jurisdiction over the abandoned Parsons Avenue. Therefore, the issue is moot, requiring no decision on behalf of the Pentwater Township Board of Trustees, and the matter should be closed. | |

| Superintendent of Pentwater School, Scott Karaptian, provided information on the upcoming Pentwater Public School Bond initiative. Scott reviewed the pamphlet – "Building Community: Honoring Tradition, provided an overview of Proposals I and II, and provided additional information in the PowerPoint presentation. | Scott Karaptian, PhD - School Bond |
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| New Business: b) Contract for Recreational Services Motion by Douglas, seconded by Flynn to approve the Contract for Recreational Services which includes an annual Township financial obligation of \$7,500 through Fiscal year 2022/2023. | NEW BUSINESS b) Contract for Recreational Services |
| Roll Call Vote: Yes: Douglas, Flynn, Cavazos No: None Motion carries | |
| New Business: | NEW BUSINESS c) |
| c) Republic Services Contract Renewal Motion by Cavazos, seconded by Douglas to renew our contract with Republic Services which commences on April 1, 2023, and expires March 31, 2026 (36 month contract). Roll call vote: YES: Cavazos, Douglas, Cavazos, Flynn NO: None | Republic Services Contract Renewal |
| Motion carries | PUBLIC |
| Ron Christians, County Commissioner District 1, indicates: | COMMENTS |
| The County is looking for ways to reduce costs for the Transfer/Recycle Station that the county operates on M-20. | |
| County Commissioners are working on the 2023 budget. | |
| Uptick in cases within the County Court System. | |
| County ARPA Committee moving forward on ARPA funds distribution – recommendation by County Commissioners to support Fire Department requests. | |
| Amy Labarge: Questioned the use of Township funds to request our lawyer to draft a Resolution in support of the Michigan Shallow Harbor Coalition. | |
| Chris Conroy: Also Questioned the use of Township funds to request our lawyer to draft a resolution in support of the Michigan Shallow Harbor Coalition. | |
| Mike Flynn, Township Board Trustee, as a graduate of Pentwater Public Schools offered his support for the Pentwater School Bond Initiative. | OTHER ITEMS from BOARD |
| Heather Douglas, Township Board Treasurer, also explained the importance of the | MEMBERS |

| programs offered by Pentwater Public Schools for students (including her son) and her support for the Pentwater School Bond Initiative. | |
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| Heather Douglas, Township Board Treasurer, noted that we were asked by the leadership team of the Michigan Shallow Harbor Coalition to provide a resolution from the Pentwater Township Board in support of their work at the State and Federal level. | |
| Moved by Flynn and seconded by Douglas to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM. Motion carried. | ADJOURNMENT |
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| Lynne Cavazos, Township Supervisor Date | |