

Supervisor Meerman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Board members present: Helen Dietrich, Troy Goodno and Nanita Sammons. Mike Dunnuck was absent. Fire Chief Sheridan was also present.

**Agenda Approval-**

Motion by Goodno to approve the agenda with the addition of shipping containers and abandoned vehicles at New Business. Second by Sammons. Motion carries.

**Public Comment**-none**Consent Agenda**

Motion by Dietrich to approve the consent agenda. Second by Meerman, motion carries

Approval of Minutes from January 9, 2023.

Financial Report/Payment of checks 17975-18010 and ACH transactions 1107-1116 and Direct Deposit Payroll DD4443-DD4479 and tax payment/dues totaling \$ 57,457.93

Budget Amendments-attached.

**Township Reports-**

Community Policing-20 calls.

Fire Department-Chief Sheridan reported there were 4 calls in January. A grant for SCBA was awarded in the amount of \$114,778.50. Annual repairs and inspections of the trucks is completed. One student in the academy. NEOFC dance is March 25<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are available online. Memorial Day breakfast will be Sunday May 28<sup>th</sup>.

Planning Commission-Election of officers took place at the January meeting. A land division was previewed. There will be two public hearings at the February meeting. A complete draft of the master plan was reviewed. The first draft of ADU (accessory dwelling units) ordinance was reviewed.

Zoning Board of Appeals-no meeting held.

Senior Services-Report provided. Foot care will start in February. A free luncheon will be held on March 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:00. 4points and Coopersville Library will present information.

Zoning Department-Report provided.

County Commissioner Allison Meidema was in attendance. She gave an update on phase 2 of the broadband initiative. The ball field at Grose Park was discussed. The county would like to remove it from the master plan. A resident stated that the area is used. The board is in support of keeping the ball field.

**Unfinished Business**-None**New Business-**

Hazard Mitigation Resolution. Motion by Sammons second by Goodno to adopt the 2023 Hazard Mitigation Plan for Kent and Ottawa Counties. Roll call vote. Dietrich-yes; Dunnuck-absent; Goodno-yes; Meerman-yes; Sammons-yes. Resolution declared passed.

Play Ball Conklin Inc. Agreement- Motion by Meerman to approve the agreement for services in lieu of payment with Play Ball Conklin Inc. Second by Dietrich. Motion carries.

Contracts-Motion by Meerman to approve the proposal with Urban Services for summer mowing and trimming. Second by Goodno. Motion carries.

Discussion of attorney contract. Will discuss again at the March meeting.

Shipping containers/abandoned vehicles. Discussion if the board would be in favor of bringing a shipping container ordinance request to the Planning Commission. The current abandoned vehicle ordinance was discussed. The consensus was to leave it alone.

**Public Comment-**

A resident stated that attorney contract hourly rate should not be a consideration.

A resident asked about the public hearing for the upcoming Planning Commission meeting.

**Board Member Discussion-**

Dietrich stated that there will be an election on May 2 for Ravenna School District. Muskegon ISD millage will be on ballot. The Ottawa County Land Bank Authority granted funds to the old mill in the Village of Conklin for demolition. The heat exchanger was installed at the township hall.

Sammons submitted her resignation to take effect March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Adjournment-**Motion by Goodno to adjourn at 8:03 p.m.

Helen Dietrich  
Chester Township Clerk