

Elmer Township Meeting
August 21, 2017
Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Members Present: Marty Galbraith, Supervisor; Jeanie Smith, Clerk; Jenni Layman, Treasurer; Sue Stenson, Trustee; Richard Ellis, Trustee

Number of non-members present: 5

July 17, 2017 minutes approved as read. Treasurer & Clerk financial reports approved as presented.

PNC Bank CD's: The bank requires minutes showing the change of treasurers. Sue must come in and sign off the bank's card and have Jenni Layman put on.

As an official statement to PNC, Richard made a motion to allow, E. Sue Stenson, past township treasurer, to be removed from the bank card and current treasurer, Jenni Layman added to both of the township's CD accounts. Certificate numbers: 000022013269386 and 000022013269387

Motion seconded by Jeanie Smith. All were in favor.

Further discussion on the CD's shows that they are not earning the interest rate that they could be and with the closest PNC branch (in Lewiston) now closed, a motion was made by Richard to allow Jenni to close both accounts at PNC and open CD funds at the Mercantile Bank in Fairview. Motion seconded by Jeanie. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Marty received bids on the removal of two trees and some trimming of another - Jerry Schullar quoted \$3,000 and Smity's Tree Service, \$1,140. Motion to accept Smity's bid made by Richard, seconded by Sue. All in favor.

Samuel Beachy will custom make a 3' x 5' grill for the township's cook shack. Motion made by Jenni, seconded by Sue, to accept payment when it comes in. All in favor.

The purchase of a new mower was discussed. Marty had checked on some prices and Klimmek's Sales has a 50 inch mower for \$2,799. Klimmek's is also good about doing maintenance and repair work for the township. Motion made by Jeanie, seconded by Jenni to buy a mower from Klimmek's. All in favor.

The Oscoda Co. Road Commission contacted Marty about doing 1 mile of crushed limestone in the spring, at the cost of \$60,000. While it's not a final decision, the board feels that Helmer Lake/Yordy would be the best choice. Deputy Clerk, Ann Esch confirmed that the road can be extremely bad. The board will finalize that decision in a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Transfer Site: Curt was asked how the recycling was going to which he replied that volume is about the same as usual.

Jennie mentioned that new signs should be made for the transfer site since the current ones are almost unreadable. Marty will check on cost of having signs made.

Manatron: The treasurer also said that it looks like the tax software program, Manatron, may not be functioning at the end of 2018. She will look into it further to see what kind of changes that might mean for the township.

Retirement pension: Jeanie talked with Ashley Blamer at H&R Block in Mio who stated that currently the retirement's financial year runs from September 26th of one year to September 25th of the following year.

The amount the township owes each year is paid in advance (on Sept 25) based on the employee's 'estimated' earnings for the coming year. For the seasonal employees this estimated guess regarding their future income just complicates things, making retractions necessary every year. Changes that would simplify the retirement is to change the year to run from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31 and pay in 'arrears' (instead of in advance) and base the township's payment on the employee's actual income for the past year. A motion was made by Sue to sign the pension agreement making those changes. Seconded by Jenni. All in favor.

Checks #1493 through #1524. Other bills approved to be paid are to Smity's, Klimmek's, Equalization and the Accident Fund. Motion made to accept bills as presented. Sue / Jenni. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by,

Jeanie Smith, Clerk