

Elmer Township Meeting
June 18, 2018
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: 8

May minutes approved as read. Treasurer' financial report approved as presented.

New Business:

Presque Isle Electric: Tom Sobeck from Presque Isle Electric spoke to the board about the soon to be expiration of the franchise with Elmer Twp and the company's desire to renew it. He gave an overview of the company and assets and said they give service to 377 residents and businesses in Elmer Twp.

Motion made by Sue, seconded by Jenni to accept the franchise renewal. Roll call vote taken:

Marty – yes

Jenni – yes

Sue – yes

Richard – yes

Jeanie – yes

Passed. Renewal will be signed by clerk and sent to Presque Isle Electric.

Prosecuting Attorney, Cassie Morse Bills also spoke to the board about the upcoming election and that she is running for the position of judge which is being vacated by Kathryn Root, who will be retiring. Cassie talked about her qualifications for the position and her close connections with the community.

Fire Chief, Dave Stenzel, briefly mentioned that the new fire truck had been purchased and even though it needs some work to bring up to par, he felt it was a good purchase.

Sheriff Kevin Grace gave an update on new 911 equipment, two new dispatchers, the animal control person, and some summer events.

Commissioner Larry Wilson mentioned the new courthouse and the problem of not being able to find any local contractors who are able to take on the building project due to the fact they are booked with other jobs throughout the summer.

Old Business:

Hill Rd – Regarding the resident who wants the hill of dirt in front of his property leveled, Marty has spoken to the Rd. Commission about it and will follow up with another call to see if they've looked at it yet.

Mower –Dave Klimmek replaced another belt and instructed Curt and Raquel on some things to do and not to do, which will keep belts from breaking like they have been.

Helmer Lake Rd (in the 1 mile stretch) has been much improved with the limestone and most people seem to be happy with it. One resident preferred it the way it was.

DTE Project to bring natural gas down Kittle, to Galbraith and around to E. Miller Rd. has been approved. DTE will let us know when they will begin to run the lines.

Margaret Byler has been hired to schedule hall rentals and do the cleaning of the hall, offices, and basement bathroom.

Increasing wages for the scheduling of rentals was discussed. The general consensus was that the long time pay of \$15 per rental was not adequate to cover opening, closing and time spent on phone calls, paperwork and keeping track of scheduling, checks, etc. This led to the discussion of the pay rates in general and increases in rental scheduling and hourly wages were agreed on as follows:

\$25 per rental. Hourly pay: 1st yr - \$10.00, 2nd yr - \$10.50 – 3rd yr – \$11.50, 4th yr – \$12.50 – 5th yr - \$13.00
Motion made by Richard, seconded by Sue to adopt the new pay schedule. Carried.

Cemetery: Raquel showed the board a picture of a gravesite that has stone on top of it but is full of weeds. The stones make it difficult to weed whip. The owner said she would take care of it a couple of years ago but since nothing has been done the board agreed that Raquel can remove the stones and plant grass. A letter will be sent to the owner, Rita Crick to notify her.

Bills approved – Richard / Sue. Checks #1756 – 1784.

Meeting adjourned 8:35 pm.

Submitted by,
Jeanie Smith, Clerk