

Moffatt Township  
Regular Board Meeting  
January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
At Fire Hall 6:30pm

Board Members: Supervisor Ray Daniels (absent) Clerk -Stefanie Kernstock, Treasurer -Kevin Kazmierczak, Trustees- Lee Chard and Lenny Mezey.

Lee Chard opened the meeting with the pledge by all at 6:30pm.

No Public Comment. Kevin motioned with Lenny support to accept December meeting minutes as is. Motion passed.

Supervisor Update: Deputy Supervisor -Tom Spencer read report made out by Ray. Tom read the road commission letter for upcoming years monies for road projects including 2 miles of free ditch cutting and spraying of tree's that when the letter was written we did not have snow yet and the road commission was hoping to start asap. Lenny motioned with Stefanie supporting to use the ditching monies on 1 mile of each side of Jack Pine. Motion passed.

Treasurers Report: Kevin read his report. Total assets in Huntington Bank including CD'S are \$165,790.12 and Michigan Class Fund Balance \$258,340.49. Lenny motioned with Lee supporting to accept report as is. Kevin also would like to make a motion in the New Business section for a resolution to establish a 5% increase to all Moffatt Twp. Employee's wages for 20224. Inflation and Cost of Living went up last year. The rate of CPI (Consumer Price Index) peaked at a staggering 9.1%

Bills/Communications: Stefanie presented bills to be paid. Kevin motioned and Lee supported to pay bills as is. Motion passed. Stefanie referred to letter from Representative Hoadly thanking us for writing in with concerns on taking local rights away on large solar farm zoning. HEs available anytime.

Clerks Report: Reminded everyone on the upcoming Presidential primary and to get your absentee ballot request in with your second mailing address if you are a snowbird. Explained the 9 days if early election and that yes, we are voting here on Tues Feb27th if you do not use absentee or early voting.

New Business: Discussed Kevins motion for a resolution for the 24-25 budget year and will table for next meeting as Ray & Tom have sent out surveys for the other jurisdictions in Arenac and Ogemaw Counties asking what each of them pay. Stefanie presented new contract from Neil of Hammbacher & CO for the state 23 audit for \$7,200. If there is more work to do, then additional cost will be incurred. Lenny motioned and Lee Supported to accept the contract. Motion passed. Tom presented a letter from Ray on putting the building contractor bid request of the new hall addition on a statewide website for all to see and bid and not just our local paper. Stefanie motioned Lee supported, and Lee supported. Motion passed.

Old Business: Brighthouse Pension update- Making progress, letters to all involved have been sent with no negative feed backs. Check for the recontributions has been issued and sitting with Lucina our insurance case worker waiting for guidance from Bright House how to proceed. The process of the overpaid contributions has not been taken out of the employees account to put in the pension fund yet.

Planning and Zoning: No planning update as no scheduled meeting for January, Don Hamilton will be at the February planning meeting to present next stage of updates on the zoning ordinance master plan and solar ordinance, etc. Zoning Administrator John gave his report. He discussed how he went to county building to find the procedure of taking someone to court on a violation citation. He needs DOB, Driver's License # to fill out the court papers and twp. attorney needs to be present for the court hearing. Concerned on how to get driver's license # and paying for the twp. attorney to come to court. Discussion on shipping containers ordinance as they are not allowed in residential area and there is one in Eymers subdivision that was brought in. Kevin motioned and lee supported to accept report as is, Motion carried.

Fire Dept: Chief gave report that we are at 29 runs for the year of 2024 already and in all of 2023 there was 50 runs total. We have been the hardest hit area of the 2 big snowstorms, with 7 runs on Tuesday night/ Wednesday morning and 19 on Friday night/Saturday night. Discussed about transformers and fuses and how they work and when they blow. Everything ran smooth and great teamwork. Presented the 2023 Firefighter point pay- 50 runs this year, 1 student completed and passed the FF 1&11 class and gets a training bonus. Kevin motioned and Lee Supported paying the 2023-point pay. Roll Call vote Lenny-yes, Stefanie -yes, Lee -yes, Kevin- yes. 4 Yeas & 1 absent. Motion passed. The annual Fire Dept Dinner will be coming up soon.

Parks & Rec: - Thanks for all the continued support in all the events. Easter Egg hunt has not been scheduled yet. N

Public Comment: Tom spoke on that the waiver for unemployment fee is still in the process.

Stefanie Kernstock  
Moffatt Twp Clerk