

ELBA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

Ashley Township Building

Ashley MI 48806

August 8, 2023

The meeting was opened by Paula at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Present: Madalin, Connie, Paula, Tom and Roger

Absent:

Visitors: Chuck Washburn, Laura Beaver, Officer Matt Tomas, Cheri Slavik, Wes and Carrie Swanson, Under Sherriff Steve Sopocy and Ada Boog

Motion by Tom and second by Connie to accept the clerk's minutes. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Tom and second by Madalin to pay the bills as presented. Carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Laura introduced herself to the board and visitors. She is the new Prosecuting Attorney. Wes stated the problems he is having with Laura Skriba about the noise at the bar. Steve let us know there is no state laws on noise. Steve went over the number of officers there are in Gratiot County and the strain the complaints is putting on them. Laura Beaver discussed how the sheriff's office can handle the calls without sending a patrol car.

Tim Swanson sent a text to Roger stating he wanted to attend the meeting but couldn't. He wanted everyone to know Bannister has a lot of problems bur Wes and Carrie are not one of them.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

CEMETERY

Paula told the board she has been getting complaints on the lack of trimming and a hole form a grave that needed more dirt. The hole was filled in by Jose Whitford the morning after the funeral.

Paula asked the board if she could get a subcontractor to help with the work at the cemetery. The board said for her to look into it.

The board discussed spending the \$80,000 from the covid relief grant to build a small building

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with electricity and have lights out at the cemetery.

OLD BUSINESS

Legal Council Review – The board went over a proposal from Fahey Schultz. The company has more lawyers which deal with the different kind of problems. They are the company which represents the Fire Authority.

Motion by Tom and second by Paula to hire Fahey Schultz to represent Elba Township as our new law firm. Passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Tom and second by Connie to renew our involvement in the Greater Gratiot Development Master Plan Process. A roll call vote was taken.

Tom-aye, Roger-aye, Connie-aye, Paula-aye and Madalin-aye. Carried unanimously.

Cheri asked how the building at 100 S. Sterling was going to be used this year for the Polar Express. There was a discussion on letting the village can use it for the Sweet Shop or let the ZCJB have use of the building. Tom stated ZCJB wanted to stay where they have been.

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Motion by Tom and second by Connie to adjourn meeting. Carried unanimously.
Meeting closed at 8:28pm.



Madalin C. Morris
Township Clerk