ELBA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING Ashley Township Building Ashley MI 48806 March 21, 2023

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

Present: Madalin, Roger, Tom, Paula and Connie

Absent:

Visitors: Chuck Washburn and Angie Thompson

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Angie went over the new election laws. If the townships have the 9 days prior to election day, the clerk has to be in the office for 8 hours each day and has to have poll workers.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

CEMETERY

The flowers have been removed and put in the dumpster. The dumpster needs to be emptied before the grave blankets can be taken care of. Paula is going to call for a possible pick up this week.

OLD BUSINESS

Website – Roger went over all the information the state is requiring to be on line. There will be a subpage for the Fire Authority. The board also discussed a picture for a screen saver.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Tom and second by Paula to have the clerk make the budget adjustments to the 2022-2023 budget. Carried unanimously.

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Sexton/Increases – Motion by Tom and second by Connie to separate the sexton from the clerk. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Tom and second by Connie to appoint Paula Bolton as sexton. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Tom and second by Connie to create a sexton deputy position. Carrie unanimously.

Motion by Paula and second by Tom to us the new formula of width x depth divided by 4 for determining the cost of a foundation. Carried unanimously.

The board decided to raise the cost of grave openings and sale of lots. The new prices would be:

Sale of one grave would be \$360.00 with \$60.00 going to perm care.

Cost of a grave opening in the summer would be \$480.00 and \$735.00 in the winter with \$50.00 of the increase going to Plesko Diggers and \$10.00 going to Chuck.

Cremations and baby burials would be \$175.00 in the summer and \$575.00 in the winter with the increase going to Chuck.

Motion by Madalin and second by Connie to accept the increased prices for grave openings and sale of lots. Passed unanimously.

Roads – Motion by Tom and second by Paula to gravel two roads. Carried unanimously. Motion by Tom and second by Paula to seal coat the remaining streets in Bannister. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Tom and second by Connie to chloride two roads. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Paula and second by Tom to create the position of supervisor deputy. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Paula and second by Tom to adjourn meeting. Carried unanimously. Meeting closed at 8:18pm.

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Township Clerk