

REGULAR LITTLEFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

June 1, 2021 TIME: 7:00 PM

Meeting called to order by Damien Henning, Supervisor. Present: Dean Morford, Trustee, Katie Derrohn, Trustee, Kim Shomin Treasurer, and Sondra Festerling, Clerk. Guests: Casey Festerling, Mike Wargel, Geoff Frey, Scott Lauer, Jason Losey, Kurt Hoffman, Sue Droste, Dave Droste, Jule Peurasaari, and Kim Morgan.

D. Henning asked if there were any items to be removed from the Consent Agenda. K. Derrohn asked for #9 Blight to be removed.

Consent Agenda: Items #3 **Minutes:** Public Hearing 5-6-21 and Regular Meeting 5-6-21. **#5 Budget Adjustments:** None. **#6 Approval of Bills:** \$13,580.56. **#10 Management Authority Report:** None. **#11 Assessor's Report:** None. **#13 Sewer Authority Report:** In Packet. **#14 Library Board Report:** Will Forward, and **#17 Miscellaneous: Correspondence:** MTA-Board of Review Training, L-4029, Emmet County Road Commission Invoices, and ECRC Minutes were all entered into the Consent Agenda and declared Adopted.

Treasurers Financial Report: K. Shomin reported: General Fund Checking \$240,998.19, Sewer Fund Checking \$23,077.35, Fire Fund \$92,551.39, Tax Account \$1.10, Cemetery Savings \$11,332.32, Oden Light Savings \$8,705.67, Hay Lake Marina Op. Fund \$1,005.00, and Hay Lake Marina \$10,894.18. Kim reported that Jule Peurasaari will be covering for her while she is gone from June 10-22. The ACH payments will be up and going on the Trust account when payments start to be received in July and the Hay Lake Marina Operating account will be ready as soon as we have a new web page established for it.

Fire Board Report: Minutes and financials were received. Kim Morgan reported that the Crooked River Firefighters did the spring clean up on Powers Rd on April 26th. The Fire Board approved Casey Festerling to fill a vacant seat on the Fire Board. K. Morgan asked if the Township had any questions. D. Henning stated that under the Chief's Report on the air packs he has half grant written and is assuming Chris Baiardi wants it for all 8 and that the remaining 8 needed will be put in the departments 2022 budget. Scott Lauer reported that was correct.

D. Hennig reported that Kim Morgan dropped off the 2021 Jaws of Life Service Agreement to him. This year's agreement has Art Drayton's name on as the Fire Chief again and will need to be corrected. Kim Morgan reported they did have Scott Lauer as the Chief last year and that the requirements for the agreement is the same as last year. Kim went on to say that at the Fire Board meeting they discussed having the ability to have input into what actually is and is not written into the contract for the qualifying documentation needed. The Fire Board would like to see any costs associated with the runs that the Jaws is used on, and the hours that goes into facilitating the specialized training for firemen not just the time training them. K. Derrohn said one of the things that also came up at the Fire Board Meeting was who drew up this revised contract and who had input into what was put into it. It would be interesting to find out if the Fire Departments that are smaller in nature than a department the size of City of Petoskey & Resort-Bear Creek can have a say in what expenses can be used as qualifiers. The smaller departments have less revenue coming in but can have just as high volume of runs and our budgets are stretched tighter than theirs. The bigger departments may not recognize missing out on these funds a much but the smaller departments do. Public comment was made by Kurt Hoffman that he sat in on a County Zoom Meeting and he heard them say if it doesn't come back exactly as the agreement was sent out, they will not pay it. He also said he didn't like the tone of the meeting when it came to this topic, and it was obvious to him they didn't want to pay and wouldn't on the slightest of reasons. K. Derrohn asked if Commissioner, Mike Wargel, can help us find out who came up with these guidelines or where they came from (State?) since it is a fairly new concept from all the years of receiving the funds. D. Morford said again that he would be ready to send the Jaws back to the County to have on their Sherriff cars because the requirements to get \$4,500.00 to run a Jaws is no where close to the true costs to have them or to support having to purchase a new unit at the end of the Jaws life expectancy. Kim M. reported that before 2019 there was no requirements to qualify to receive the Jaws money.

Chief Lauer spoke up about a recent call that the department responded to a fatal accident on M-68 where a guy that had a cardiac event ran off the road and hit a telephone pole. Conway Towing was there to pick up the truck and our department had two trucks and six of our guys on the scene. The road was back open when Randy from Emmet County Sheriff's Department said can you keep your guys here to direct traffic until we get a few more photos of the scene. The few more photos turned into 2 ½ hours. Who in the county do we send a bill to cover our departments extra costs for 2 trucks and 6 guys to stay on site of an accident and direct traffic for them? The County should have called in the Emmet County Road Commission or more Sheriff Deputies to cover their extra time needed to do their job, our job is done when the scene is cleared and the road is back open. It will never happen again on our dime Scott said. Kim M. stated that our firemen have done upkeep and repair on the Jaws and there has been times they have known family members that had a needed part for the fix and it was given for free to save the department money. We had lots of man hours to fix it but there is no compensation back to the department for the time spent fixing it. K. Derrohn asked what would happen if we didn't sign the document right now, and Kim M. stated that we wouldn't get the \$2,125.00 that they would pay for this year out of the full \$4,250.00 as a penalty. Scott responded that we were 6 days late and there were items that they didn't recognize as payable costs within our report. Even with Kim M. getting everything compiled and turned in the day after finding out the deadline was missed. Mr. Reeves came back asking for the cancelled check from the Jaws equipment inspection that wasn't done until the 26th of December. Kim was able to get a copy of that cancelled check on the 28th of January after it was cashed. Scott went on to say that we will never be late again and additional recordkeeping is being done so that there will never be a question on the true cost to our department for the Jaws. He asked Al Welsheimer, Bear Creek's Fire Chief and litigator for the Firemen's Association, where the extra comes from when we are allotted \$4,500 but we spend over \$8,000.00 (for example) where does the extra come from? His response was you get \$4,500.00... Scott said that Chief Cupps in Harbor spent \$60,000.00 upgrading the equipment but he can't use the \$4,500.00 to supplement the needs for the updating. It just becomes the burden of each department and the smaller departments don't have large enough revenue to keep up with replacing outdated Jaws let alone all of the other very expensive equipment and trucks.

K. Derrohn stated it seems our hands are tied and asked Commissioner Wargel where is the County coming from on this. Mike Wargel responded that he is making sure to sit down and talk with Scott on the process and then get a meeting set up with Scott & Mike Reeves to go over everything and to ask any other questions we might have to Mike Reeves at that time. S. Festerling then asked the question as to why we can not consider some of the funds being held for new Jaws equipment to replace the outdated and tired equipment. Our department has started the search for a new Jaws of Life because it is/has met its life expectancy. Casey Festerling said the point is that the County expects us to have this type of program available (instead of on the Sheriff cars) but they don't give enough to cover the true costs to operate the device: there is definitely nothing left over for the eventual replacement of the unit.

K. Shomin stated that we have had many months of talking on this issue and the history of how the fire departments came into taking over the Jaws for the Sheriff's department and that over the 20+ years we were always given the same amount without a cost-of-living increase. It seems that the Jaws could be given back stating that due to our own budgetary constraints we can no longer pay above what the County gives on this agreement. K. Derrohn said she has no problem showing what has been spent on the Jaws as long as it is the complete costs of maintaining a department with a Jaws of Life. She does however have a problem with the County tying our hands so tight that there is no way we can even reach their qualifications for the \$4,500.00. K. Derrohn also stated she wouldn't sign the contract without full justification of why and who within the County made these changes to the agreement making it harder to reach. D. Henning responded that the County writes these contracts and the Townships get no input, and that the standards they are trying to make us comply with could be less stringent. For years we would get the \$4,500.00 and we would do the job even though it costed us more, but this looks like it was written with Emmet County already going out the door. Next year they could even write a more stringent contract with more criteria to insure it won't be met. It feels like nothing is going to stop them. Scott Lauer stepped in and stated 6 months before all of this came to a head our department had already started investigating the cost to replace our unit. Jason Losey had the costs of the two different brands tested with the electric unit being \$40,225.18 and the updated version of what we currently use at \$34,615.00. D. Morford felt that we don't sign the contract until it has been modified by our attorney to include a rental charge for us to continue operating their Jaws of Life for them in the amount of \$6,000.00 per year, and they can either sign it or not. We will show what we have spent on the Jaws that will include rent for the space it takes up on our trucks, buildings, and charge for every run it is used on

besides the maintenance for the unit and a prorated cost to help with the replacement when at its end of operational use.

D. Henning asked Scott for his opinion. Scott stated that he understands the feeling of handing it back to the County but whether you are dealing with a full-time fireman or a volunteer, we are all professionals and if called to a scene with someone trapped, we will find enough guys to break through the door to extricate them with or without the Jaws. Precious time to save a life would be lost if we don't have the Jaws and to have something like this come down to \$4,500.00 in the end, it boils down to somebodies' life. We (firemen & first responders) are professionals and truly care about that life. In a small community like ours \$4,500.00 is critical with the budgets we have. Our department is getting to the age of needing trucks, air packs, jaws equipment, and turnout gear- millions of dollars need to be spent soon, but we just don't have the funding like Resort-Bear Creek. Scott went on to say that Mackinaw was another one who wasn't going to get the funding but their Chief has said let them keep their funds. He is also in a different/higher revenue base with Shepler's, Arnold's and tons of motels than we have here in Alanson. We don't have an unlimited budget and being cut the full funding does hurt us, but we won't make the same mistake twice. Scott took a moment to compliment Kim Morgan for working very hard on this report in such a short turn-a-round time along with a few others that helped.

D. Henning asked Mike Wargel if he knew the background of how the Jaws ended up in the hands of the departments and how it has transformed into today. Mike responded yes and that he felt there always should have been an accounting of funds to receive the grant. That's when comments were made by multiple board members that originally the \$4,500.00 was treated like an appropriation from Emmet County to the departments that took the Jaws over but is now (these last few years) treated like a grant we have to apply/qualify for. The true concern is not that an accounting is being requested; it is what can be used to qualify and that is nearly impossible for us small departments to reach the full amount of the appropriation. D. Henning did state that if we told Scott to turn in a contract, we draft with a \$6,000 cost like D. Morford stated we might as well tell Scott to just turn in the Jaws equipment to the Sheriff, because they won't pay it being how it feels they have made every effort to make it impossible to qualify these last few years. D. Morford stated he didn't care if we are to keep the equipment but he is not inclined to approve signing the contract the way it is. If they were to modify the contract that would allow for runs and other true costs to operate by eliminating the restrictive language, he would be more likely to approve signing it. Scott made a point to ask the question (knowing the answer), in support of the fire departments keeping the Jaws, how many Sheriffs and State Police are on the roads in Emmet County between 11PM and 6:30AM for most of the year other than the three summer months. There is only 1 Emmet County Sheriff Deputy and 1 possibly 2 State Troopers spread out between Emmet, Mackinaw, and Cheboygan. So, if an accident was to happen during those hours and the Sheriff Deputies once again have the Jaws in their cars, the life expectancy of an accident victim goes down dramatically due to slower response time getting to a scene half way across the county. K. Shomin asked if there is a responsibility for the County to provide this service or provide aid for someone else to do it for them like they have to with the care center and ambulance service that is paid through their tax base. If there is no responsibility on their part it won't matter because they will continue to find ways to get out of paying the \$4,500 and make the townships look bad. A common statement from board members was stated again by K. Shomin that our township has worked well with other county entities like the Road Commission and Planning and Zoning, and it is tiring to continue to battle for such a small allocation that means a lot to our small department. D. Henning stated and was agreed by other board members that we would expect to be treated like this from the state level but not from our own county.

D. Henning stated that we need to move on, but what was the Boards pleasure knowing that we are not going to sign the current contract. Are we wanting to put it into our attorneys' hands and let him counter or is there something else? Multiple board members felt it would be best to see what would come out of the meeting that Scott is going to attend with Commissioner Wargel and Mike Reeves. S. Festerling asked if it was a meeting that one of the township board members should attend with Scott. Scott piped in and stated that he would like to have someone from the township board and Kim Morgan as well with him to fully represent our department since we are all on the same page. D. Henning stated that he would attend any evening after 5PM and to let him know when it is.

D. Henning asked if there was anything else under the Fire Board. S. Festerling stated that the Township Board would need to make a motion approving Casey Festerling to the Fire Board. K. Derrohn thought we had approved. S. Festerling explained that last month it was mentioned that Casey was going to attend the Fire Board meeting to listen in but we never approved by a motion or vote. D. Henning made the recommendation that Casey Festerling be appointed to the Fire Board. D. Morford made the **Motion** to approve the Supervisors recommendation to appoint Casey Festerling to the Fire Board. Second by K. Derrohn. Carried 5 Yes, 0 No. S. Festerling then administered the Oath of Office for Fire Board to Casey Festerling.

Blight: K. Derrohn stated that we have a real situation in Oden with blight.

Corner of Luce and US31 continues to be a problem on their front porch the property owners will clean up after getting the first reminder letter from the Blight Officer but then will start accumulating soon after it is verified of a clean-up.

8844 Luce St: This property is also very aware of our blight ordinance because they have been notified more than once also. They need to mow their grass but it does tend to slightly conceal the junk. This property also tends to have a lot of cars on it. Kurt Hoffman stated that he noticed today that they were attempting to mow the grass.

8630 Milton Rd: This is the property that never cleaned up after a fire happened and they have continued to add to the garbage, vehicles, and junk ever since. We have started the Blight process with them but then winter would come and it wouldn't go any further. Their neighbors wouldn't be the type to complain since their property is close to the same way. The follow through on the blight process has not happened since before 2014 if ever. This property needs to go to court it won't get cleaned up otherwise.

5275 Valley Rd: This property is a continued problem and is getting worse. The lady that owns it claims she is not occupying the trailer, however now she has called the county because she is looking to add a garage and attach it to the trailer so she can live in it. She has goats, chickens, and other animals there but they are down by the stream since there is no other form of water on the property. S. Festerling asked about how she could even get a permit to build a garage if there is no occupancy permit due to the lack of running water. D. Henning did say he drove by there just this past week to look at the scope of it and she saw him and waved. She has thwarted Emmet County Health and Building Departments. She is undoubtedly living there without an occupancy permit but unless we have someone stake her house out and obtain proof of her living in the trailer there isn't much the county will do. The county will not stake it out. K. Derrohn wondered if the DEQ would be able to do anything because of the water situation and having kids there with her.

There should be a way to escalate habitual offenders especially ones that keep having to be reminded numerous times each year for years on end. D. Henning stated to K. Derrohn that our attorney will tell us that we have to go through the process of filing blight, sending notices, monitoring the property for any improvements etc. and that we only have the three short months to either have the property owner comply or to take them to court. K. Derrohn stated that we need to become more aggressive in not letting these properties fall into the "winter" and have to re-start the process year after year. Pictures need to be updated on all properties and be accelerated to our attorney for action.

Planning & Zoning: K. Derrohn said the reason that there was no report from Planning Committee for this month is there wasn't a meeting held for them.

PREZN20-01: This case was previously voted on and approved by the township last year. The County accidentally left off these two parcels from the legal notice for rezoning of 28 other parcels approved for rezoning last year. This is more of a formality to name these parcels so they can be grouped with the others off of Cincinnati next to the trail.

K. Derrohn made the **Motion** to approve PREZN20-01 for the two parcel numbers that was accidentally left off from the legal notice to rezone 28 other parcels from B-1 to R-2. Second by S. Festerling, Carried 5 Yes, 0 No.

PPTEXT21-02: This is a proposed text amendment regarding Flagpole Standards. When looking at it K. Derrohn did not see anything other than cleaner wording for a clearer text and felt the committee wouldn't add or take out

anything to it. She went on to say that if the Township felt like there was something to be added or omitted, we could do that now.

K. Derrohn made the **Motion** recommending the Township approve PPTXT21-02 a text amendment to the Flagpole Standards Ordinance as provided and forward to the County. Second by S. Festerling, Carried 4 Yes, 1 No.

Unfinished Business:

Geoff Frye Sewer Update: D. Henning reported that last month we talked about the conversations that were held with Mark Hurley from Gosling Czubak about the sewer system that Geoff Frye offered to the Township. Mark talked about 6000 gallons of flow and that it fell under a community system once the second person tapped into Geoff's system rather than a public system. After the meeting D. Henning got a call from Dave Walters from the DEQ and he was talking to him about the situation in section 27 and found out that Mark Hurley was wrong. The difference is that the information we received last month was the difference between ground water discharge and sewer discharge. This is now back in the townships lap. Dave Walters explained when Geoff was hooked up on the system by himself it was a single sewer system tapped onto Eagle Beach. A year and a half ago another property owner tapped onto it which then turned it into a public system. Geoff gave a brief history update of how it all came about for him to tap onto Eagle Beach's line and that he had the engineers make the sewer line large enough to support his eight neighbors to the west of him if they decided to tap on at their own expense. He also went into the history of the neighbor easement agreements that are filed with the county in perpetuity so that if they ever wanted to tap onto his line, they could no mater if the property changed hands. Jumping forward to a year and a half ago Tom Carswell wanted to make improvements to his house but found out he couldn't under his existing septic field nor would a new one be approved because it would not perk. He went forward thinking he had the permission to pull the permit to tap on and hired Williams Excavating to do the work which leads us to today. Now a property to the East of Geoff would like to update their property and tap on but is not a part of the original easement on file with the county.

D. Henning stated there was no Part 41 applied for before the second person tapped into Geoff's line. He also went on to say that what Dave Walters wants from Geoff is to prove this sewer system through Bryan Nolan at Benchmark Engineering will work in conjunction with the system that is already put in at Eagle Beach. Geoff has copies of all the documentation that was created to establish his line but as far as what has already been stated there was no known oversite of the line when it was built. D. Henning stated that Bryan Nolan said he did not do any oversite while it was being built. Something will have to be generated, so a meeting will need to be planned with Damien, Dean, Geoff, Scott from HSASDA, Bryan Nolan, and Dave Walters from DEQ/EGLE to allow all of us an understanding of what DEQ/EGLE is looking for right now. D. Henning stated since we accepted a tap in fee of \$2,700.00 from Carswell, that implied to Carswell he could move forward. Geoff said that he got permission, and D. Henning stated that he didn't get permission by simply buying a tap. He also went on to say that Scott has agreed that if someone calls the sewer clerk to purchase a tap it is her job to sell the tap its not permission from the township without coming before the township board or going to the Sewer Authority. D. Henning went on to report that when the Township was upheld to take over Eagle Beach Sewer, he did sign the Part 41 when they became an entity but what we did not do is pay for the system. We also took it over with conditions. The conditions in this case will probably be different than in Eagle Beach. In Eagle Beach we had to have the ability to be able to pig in or flush the system so it could be properly be maintained and it wasn't something that was a part of the original design.

Geoff wanted to know what his next step was and it was mentioned that a meeting with Dave Walters DEQ/EGLE would need to be contacted for that information. D. Henning also stated that talking with Bryan Nolan there is no asbuilts. Geoff said that when this all took place Emmet County wouldn't sign off on their occupancy permit until someone signed off on the inspection. Someone did it but he doesn't know who. K. Derrohn asked if the rest of the property owners will now need to hook into this system. Geoff stated at one of our board meetings that was held over at the fire hall it was a fear of a few of the neighbors they would be required to hook up as well and he remembered D. Henning said no because that was what helped to convince Carswell to sign the easement. D.

Henning responded that at the time it was only going to be for one person and slated as a public system but now that there are two taped in it is a community system which changes everything. Moving forward these are discussions to be had with EGLE, and it would be wise to invite the Health Department, at some point the neighbors, besides Township Representatives, Scott from HSASDA, and Bryan Nolan.

Hay Lake Marina Update: D. Henning stated we have started leasing out the slips and to date have collected \$14,080.00. One of the things that people who are leasing the slips ask is what are they to do when the current lock system locks down at night and they need to use a bathroom between 10PM & 6AM. Damien did talk with Access Locksmithing and Kevin from Gosling Czubak because we did spend quite a bit of money on our current locks that are just timed. The aspect of them being shut down or not accessible by just anyone 24-7 is a good aspect. The quote to add pin pads to unlock the bathrooms after hours came in at \$3,758.00 and Damien told them to go ahead and place the order. Currently the bathrooms are not open. What we have found out that there was a number of pedestals that were not solid welded by Elmer's and as soon as we get full pressure out there the pipes blow apart. The well is shut down and Damien is working with Fairbairns to connect them so we can fire the wells up and have water out there and the bathrooms will be functional. Elmer's will pay for the fix. Damien is requesting for after the fact board permission to engage Access Locksmithing Inc. to upgrade our locks on the bathrooms to include pin pads. K. Derrohn made the **Motion** to Authorize D. Henning to approve upgrading our bathroom locks with Access Locksmithing Inc. to pin pads at the estimated cost of \$3,758.00. Second by K. Shomin, Carried 5 Yes, 0 No.

D. Henning stated with the opening of the bathrooms and needing garbage collection he has talked to Glen Pemberton to go to Hay Lake Marina on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday to clean the bathrooms and collect the garbage. On Wednesday and Saturday nights a quote was received from Petoskey Janitorial LLC to do the bathhouse and collect garbage in the amount of \$42.50 per cleaning. A dumpster will not be placed down at the Marina and Damien was wanting to talk with Scott about the garbage being placed in the fire departments dumpster since it has not been full. S. Festerling made the **Motion** to have D. Henning engage Petoskey Janitorial LLC. to do the Hay Lake Marina bathhouse cleaning and garbage removal on Wednesday and Saturday nights. Second by K. Derrohn, Carried 5 Yes, 0 No.

D. Henning provided the Board with pictures of docks and the placement of the cleats for tying a boat up to. Our docks don't have front cleats to tie a boat up to and should be added. Kurt Hoffman was asked if he had a source to purchase the cleats, and he said he can get back with Damien. K. Derrohn made the **Motion** to add front cleats on our docks to tie the bow of the boats up to. Second by S. Festerling, Carried 5 Yes, 0 No. Kurt brought to D. Henning's attention that when people have been putting their boats in by our ramp there is nothing to protect the boats from the steel wall or steel skid ramp. Wood would even be better than the steel. Kurt has offered to go around the Marina and give some pointers to Damien of thing to be aware of or things that his locations have done. D. Henning also talked with Trevor from Elmer's about moving the dry hydrant. Where it is now you could probably move the top of it close to a foot. He told Trevor that a better design could have been drawn on a bar napkin than what is there and he agreed. Its not substantial enough that when you are to add a bit of pressure to it, it probably will get torn off the wall. Before making it stronger we have talked and would like it to be moved over by the universal kayak launch area for easier access by the fire trucks. Either Jason or Glen will source fittings for it as well because the size of the pipe is too big and needs downsizing to fit to the trucks. Another item we need to talk about is what we would charge a commercial operator like Kurt who pulls in and out boats seasonally from storage as a seasonal ramp fee. Kurt feels like he and possibly Maple Bay would use our ramp for commercial use to place their customers boats in for the season and it would be easier to pay for a seasonal commercial ramp fee than to do it per time per customer boat. This will need to be something we will need to look into along with obtaining a secured drop box and additional signage for the rates and how we can take payments.

Gazebo Park Update: The Blue house is now gone and looks really nice not having it there. The topsoil still needs to be brought in. D. Henning did talk to Wade Williams when he was doing the work and parts of what he

was doing is attributable to the blue house move, but others is from the old shed and underbrush that was around the trees that is attributable to the township and park. There were also 6-7 slabs of concrete removed because they were upheaved and could be a tripping hazard. We will get a bill for our portion of clean-up provided by Wade. We will also be billed for new posts from Harbor Fence one bill will be to replace some in Walter Dow Park and the other one will be for Gazebo Park to prevent people parking where the blue house used to be. K. Derrohn would also like to get a bid for posts to be placed back by the bike path because we will have people trying to park along there from Luce St.

Crystals Well: There is new owners of the house behind Crystals well and they are very nice. They set a blessing chest (food) that is a part of Harbor Light out near the fountain. K. Derrohn stopped to ask them to reposition the chest away from the Township easement. When she was there, he was dismantling the wishing well behind the garage and she asked him not to do anymore because of it being a part of the fountain shut off. They talked further and he would like to partner with us and remove the fence so more parking can be created for people stopping to fill up jugs from the well. He would also like to turn the little garage into a little souvenir spot for the fountain where people can take pictures of the fountain or buy pictures and other trinkets. Katie told him to really think about it and come up with a plan that can be brought before the township but we don't have any money to go towards it but we would be happy to provide input to his plan for improvement. The new homeowners may also be removing the driveway there next to the fountain because they have considered coming off of Milton Rd. instead of the highway. Katie has also called Fairbairn's to come out and take a look at the fountain because someone might have put something down it to prevent it from draining.

New Business:

MTA Dues Invoice: S. Festerling provided the board with the dues invoice so they can consider the extra options for the MTA online learning options. After a brief discussion of what the different plans entailed it was decided that if anyone would decide to go to some of these meetings, we could pay for them individually. If it was something that we were all going to use then it would be worth it but for this year it might be better to keep the training as a 'la carte.

D. Henning made the **Motion** to pay the MTA dues along with the Legal Defense Fund with the total amount coming to \$2,425.31. Second by S. Festerling, Carried 5 Yes, 0 No.

Clerks Agenda: S. Festerling said that an email is being drafted for a request for proposal for the Township Audit with Kammerman & Bascom and we will need to move on getting it scheduled so we don't have problems with getting it done by the deadline. It is still not known if they will come to our hall or if we need to drop stuff off again. I would like to request the Board approval to obtain an RFP along with setting up a tentative start date for the Audit so it doesn't get pushed into August which would make it hard to meet the reporting time of September 30th. D. Henning made the **Motion** authorizing the clerk to engage the Township Auditor, Kammerman and Bascom, for the Township audit for 2020-2021 audit year up to \$13,000.00. Second by K. Shomin. Carried 5 Yes, 0 No.

Public Comment: Jule Peurasaari asked if the Township has Fireworks ordinance above what is legal under Michigan Law. K. Derrohn said she just recently gave D. Morford contact info for Springvale who is also wanting to establish a fireworks ordinance. D. Henning said that we might be able to ask Joel if he is also their attorney and if they would be willing to cost share with us.

No other comments or information was brought before the Township Board.

Regular Meeting was adjourned @ 10:10PM by D. Henning.