GENESEE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 9, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Supervisor Eashoo.

All present gave Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present: Eashoo, Bates, Sorensen, Burrus, Gerace and Sutton

Arriving at 6:05 - Witte

Also present: 28 guests

Moved by Bates supported by Sutton to approve the agenda as presented. No discussion. Vote taken. All yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Bates supported by Sutton to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2022 board meeting without corrections. No discussion. Vote taken. All yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

PRESENTATIONS: None

\*PUBLIC COMMENTS: Supervisor Eashoo reminded all present that public comments are limited to agenda items only at this time. No comments at this time.

**CLERK**

Moved by Sutton supported by Sorensen to approve used car license for Yba Services, DBA Kearsley Auto Sales located at 5263 N. Genesee Rd. good for one year. Discussion held. Vote taken. All yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Sutton supported by Gerace to approve **Resolution 22-10** – recommendation to the State of Michigan Liquor Control Commission that a liquor license be issued to Harris Fizer for G-7214 N. Saginaw St. Discussion held. Roll call vote taken. All yes. Motion carried.

**SUPERVISOR**

Moved by Bates supported by Sutton to approve accepting the resignation of Justin Hall firefighter for Station #1 effective July 12, 2022. No discussion. Roll call vote taken. All yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Bates supported by Sutton to approve AMI bid for seal coating/restriping of Township Administration/Police Department parking lot at a cost of $6,013. No discussion. Roll call vote taken. All yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Bates supported by Sutton to approve Board Committee Assignments:

1. Building and Grounds – \*\*Eashoo, Witte and Bates
2. Fire – \*\*Burrus, Sutton and Gerace
3. Police - \*\*Sutton, Gerace and Burrus
4. DPW - \*\*Witte, Sutton and Bob Ellis
5. Personnel - \*\*Eashoo, Bates and Sorensen
6. Community Development - \*\*Sorensen
7. Finance - \*\*Sorensen

\*\*Chairperson

No discussion. Roll call vote taken. All yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Bates supported by Burrus to approve appointment of Patrick Gerace to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Discussion held. Roll call vote taken. All yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Bates supported by Sutton to approve the Genesee County Agricultural Society request for a fire truck and two firefighters with CO2 extinguishers at the Genesee County Fair on August 22, 23 and 24, 2022 from 6pm to 9pm at a cost of $500 per day for a total of $1,500. Discussion held. Roll call vote taken. 6 – yes and 1 – no. Motion carried.

Eashoo reviewed three (3) proposals for updating the IT room and computer maintenance throughout the Township Administration, Police Department, Fire Station #1 and Fire Station #2.

Moved by Eashoo supported by Bates to accept proposal from Sky Pro to update IT room and to provide computer maintenance throughout the Township Administration building, Police Department, Fire Station #1 and Fire Station #2 in the amount of a onetime fee of $51,112.78 and a monthly fee of $1,039.59. The cost of this service would be split between A.R.P.A and Fund Balance 50/50. Discussion held. Roll call vote taken. All yes. Motion carried.

**TREASURER**

 Sorensen presented July bill list and financial statement.

Moved by Sorensen supported by Bates to approve July bill list and Financial Statement. No Discussion. Roll call vote taken. All yes. Motion carried.

Sorensen updated Board members regarding the status of purchasing vehicles for Township use. Due to the rising cost of vehicles he is researching options to lease vehicles.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** – Witte presented report.

**FIRE** – No report at this time

**POLICE COMMITTEE** – Sutton presented report.

**DPW** – Sutton presented report

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Several residents of Indian Hills Mobile Home Park voiced their concerns about the living conditions in Indian Hills. A petition signed by 101 residents of Indian Hills was presented to the Board. The new owner is bringing in condemned homes, not mowing the grass, raising lot rent and water fees, evicting residents and allowing people to live in travel trailers. Residents are picking up needles, glass and other drug paraphernalia. There is no storm shelter or playground for children and the pool is closed. The streets are full of potholes and tree limbs are down throughout the park. Cars are being broken into. Police have been called multiple times with little or no results. Overflowing dumpsters are parked next to homes and have been there for months. The residents feel that there is a need for security. The State of Michigan Licensing And Regulatory Affairs - Mobile Home Compliance Division has been contacted by the residents.

Supervisor Eashoo stated that he understands the concerns of the residents. He also stated that this is private property and the Township can only do so much regarding mobile home parks. He also stated that he would contact L.A.R.A. Police Chief Hart stated that every time there is a concern from residents regarding their safety they need to call 911 and get an officer on scene.

Residents that live at 5090 Branch Rd. voiced their concerns about 5082 Branch Rd. The property is covered with blight. The owner is letting people stay in tents. There is a terrible stench coming from the property. Turkeys, ducks and multiple other animals roam freely on this property. Roof is caving in on the structure. Eashoo stated that he would be looking into this matter.

**NEW BUSINESS** – None

**COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Bates thanked all in attendance for coming and also stated that we hear your complaints and will do whatever we can to help remedy the issues. Sutton read an email from a resident regarding the conduct of Township Officers going above and beyond the call of duty. Eashoo thanked everyone for coming out and also stated that just recently we had a couple more firefighters get certified.

Moved by Sutton supported by Bates to adjourn. No discussion. Vote taken. All yes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned by consensus at 6:41p.m.

\*3 minutes, agenda items

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Wayne Bates, Clerk Daniel Eashoo, Supervisor