GENESEE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 10, 2023

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, Sutton and Witte

Also present: 23 guests

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

Moved by Bates supported by Gerace to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2022 special 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. Indian Hills resident thanked Board for their help in getting the trailer parked cleaned up.

**CLERK**

Moved by Sutton supported by Witte to approve lease with option to buy until quiet title for sale of Township owned property located at 2343 E. Coldwater Rd. to Andrew Simons and Charlotte Henritzy for $3,000. Discussion held. Bates commented that this property is a vacant house. Roll call vote taken. All yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Sutton supported by Sorensen to approve lease with option to buy until quiet title for sale of Township owned property located at 1306 E. Humphrey Ave. to Dondric Wright for $2,200. Discussion held. Bates commented that this property is a vacant house. Roll call vote taken. All yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Sutton supported by Burrus to approve lease option to buy until quiet title for sale of Township owned property located at 1160 Hartman St. to Cheryl Wilson for $900. Discussion held. Sutton asked if these properties are personal residence’s. Bates stated that this property is occupied and is being sold to the occupant. Roll call vote taken. All yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Sutton supported by Gerace to approve entertainment license for Peppermint Lounge located at 3421 Richfield Rd. for one year. Discussion held. Sutton stated that not all of the questions on the application were answered. Bates commented that for the last 3 years the application has been filled out the same way and that they still needed to follow all of the Township Ordinances. Eashoo stated that he did not see an issue with this application.

Vote taken. Yes-6 No-1 Motion carried.

Move by Sorensen supported by Bates to approve used car license for Almost Anything Auto LLC located at 5258 N. Genesee Rd. for one year. Discussion held. Bates commented that no State license has been issued for this and that the form was not notarized. Sutton asked how many used car lots do we have in the Township. Bates stated that he was not sure but if you would have asked that question before the meeting I could have looked it up. Sorensen stated that you cannot legally regulate how many used car lots in the Township. Eashoo made a motion that was supported by Bates to table this request. Vote taken. All yes to table the used car license request. Motion carried.

Moved by Sutton supported by Witte to approve pawn shop license for American Pawn LLC located at G-5282 N. Saginaw St. for one year. No discussion. Vote taken. All yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Sorensen supported by Burrus to approve lease option to buy until quiet title for Township owned property located at 6030 N. Saginaw St. to Harris Fizer for $12,000. Discussion held. Eashoo stated that this is the old KFC building. Sutton asked what type of business is going in there. Bates stated a bar. Roll call vote taken. All yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Bates supported by Sutton to approve **Resolution 23-02** – Liquor License Application from Harris Fizer DBA Lakeview Bar and Grill located at 6030 N. Saginaw St. Discussion held. Sutton asked if this had already been approved by the State. Bates stated no we have to approve it and send it into the State. Roll call vote taken. Yes-6 No-1 Motion carried.

**SUPERVISOR**

Moved by Bates supported by Sutton to approve purchase of WatchGuard Firebox and WatchGuard USP Wi-Fi Management 3 year license at a cost of $5,743.67 for Station #1. No Discussion. Roll call vote taken. All yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Bates supported by Burrus to approve 60 Retro LED Bulb fixtures for Fire Station #1 at a cost of $3,600. Discussion held. Sutton asked if this was just for bulbs because that is expensive? Eashoo stated no. This is for bulbs and fixtures. Chief Fremd stated that half of the lights are out right now. Roll call vote taken. All yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Bates supported by Sutton to approve promotion of Genesee Township Firefighter Max Maxwell from Captain to Battalion Chief at Station #1 effective January 1, 2023. Discussion held. Sutton asked what is the difference between Assistant Chief and Battalion Chief. Fire Chief Fremd explained the difference and also stated that the Fire Department is growing. Roll call vote taken. All yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Bates supported by Gerace to approve promotion of Genesee Township Firefighter John Courneya from Assistant Chief to Battalion Chief at Station #2 effective January 1, 2023. No discussion. Roll call vote taken. All yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Bates supported by Burrus to approve promotion of Genesee Township Firefighter John Crocker from Lieutenant to Captain at Station #1 effective January 1, 2023. No discussion. Roll call vote taken. All yes. Motion carried.

Move by Sutton supported by Gerace to approve promotion of Genesee Township Firefighter Cameron Kulawiak to Sergeant at Station #1 effective January 1, 2023. No discussion. Roll call vote taken. All yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Bates supported by Sorensen to approve pay increase for Battalion Chief and pay increase for Assistant Chief positions effective January 1, 2023. Discussion held. Sutton asked how much is this going to cost in extra payroll. Chief Fremd stated nothing. With the restructuring process in place there will be no increase in payroll . Roll call vote taken. All yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Sutton supported Gerace to approve emergency repair cost to pump station #4 in the amount of $20,420. Discussion held. Roll call vote taken. All yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Bates supported by Sutton to approve **Resolution 23-01** – Genesee County Drain Commission maintenance or repairs to Prowant Drain #0616. No discussion. Roll call vote taken. All yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Bates supported by Gerace to approve accepting bids for one police vehicle. No discussion. Roll call vote. All yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Bates supported by Sorensen to approve M.A.P.E. contract. Discussion held. Eashoo stated that is for Secretarial staff and DPW workers. Roll call vote. All yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Bates supported by Sorensen to approve hiring Kyle Hoffman as a full time officer pending passing of pre-employment qualifications. Discussion held. Burrus asked if Kyle was present. (Kyle Hoffman was present) Sutton asked if this was the Officer that would be working in the Genesee School District. Chief Hart stated no. Roll call vote taken. Eashoo abstained from voting. All yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Bates supported by Sorensen to approve 2.75 percent wage increase for Management Staff, Fire Department Staff, Code Enforcement Officer and Building Official. Roll call vote taken. Gerace abstained from voting. All yes. Motion carried.

**TREASURER**

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

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT** – No report at this time.

**FIRE** – No report at this time

**POLICE COMMITTEE** – Mrs. Sutton presented report.

**DPW** – Mrs. Witte presented report.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** None

**NEW BUSINESS** – None

**COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Eashoo reminded everyone that the Township Offices will be closed on Monday, January 16, 2023 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Bates thanked everyone in attendance for coming.

Moved by Bates supported by Gerace to adjourn. No discussion. Roll call vote taken. All yes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned by consensus at 6:29 p.m.

\*3 minutes, agenda items

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Wayne Bates, Clerk Daniel Eashoo, Supervisor