

BLISS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

October 10, 2023

- I. Lechowicz called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.
- II. All board members were present.
- III. The regular board meeting minutes for September 2023 were presented. Lechowicz moved, with Cease supporting, to approve the minutes as read. All yes.
- IV. Treasurer's Report – Byard presented the treasurer's report. The total of our bank accounts on September 30, 2023, was \$116,848.43. All the ARPA funds have been spent.
- V. Prout presented the bills to be paid, totaling \$11,201.61. The bill for the surveillance system was about \$234 more than the bid amount. Lechowicz moved, with Holt supporting, to approve payment of bills. All yes.
- VI. Correspondence: 1) Lechowicz received a suggestion to post bid requests on our website; 2) Prout received a quote from BS&A about a cloud upgrade.
- VII. Set/Amend Agenda – Add early voting to new business
- VIII. Public Comment – None
- IX. Appearances – None
- X. Library Report – Kent presented a report on the library. The new website is working well. The main branch is setting up a workroom/classroom area. The MAPL is joining the local Chamber of Commerce.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- I. Road SLFRF Funds - We are working on the paperwork to submit for reimbursement.
- II. Security Cameras - The security cameras and system have been installed.
- III. Road signs - Lechowicz was contacted again about the signs. The board liked the one that says "Bliss Est. 1877."
- IV. Projector Screen - We still need more information.
- V. Outside Water - The outside water spigot at the township hall is ready to use. The ballot drop box is installed, as well.
- VI. Black Dirt - Fifteen yards of dirt will cost \$540. We need to pay for this soon after delivery. Prout moved, with Cease supporting, to approve payment upon receipt of the dirt and the bill. All yes.

NEW BUSINESS

- I. Fire Hall Sewer - There were issues with the septic system at the fire hall. Lechowicz was able to make the needed repairs. After a group used the hall, there was a toilet seat broken. Lechowicz will make sure everything is in order before the rental this coming weekend.
- II. Fire Hall Use - The board will investigate options for using the fire hall.
- III. Oktoberfest - Pastor Holcroft held a program at the Bliss Missionary Church.
- IV. Early Voting - Prout presented information regarding the countywide Early Voting Site Agreement. All early voting for Emmet County will be done at one site with local clerks and election inspectors covering various days. Many of the costs for 2024 elections will be covered by state grants, but some costs will be shared by the local jurisdictions. The estimated cost to each jurisdiction in 2024 is \$2475. Holt moved, with Prout supporting, for Bliss Township to enter into this agreement. By roll call vote, the following members voted yes: Lechowicz, Cease, Byard, Holt, Prout. Motion carried.

FYI - There is a PODS drop-off on Saturday, October 14th. An ECTA meeting will be held on October 18th at 7pm.

Public Comment – None

ADJOURNMENT: Lechowicz moved, with Cease supporting, to adjourn. All yes. Meeting adjourned.