

BLISS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

April 11, 2023

- I. Lechowicz called the meeting to order at 7:15pm.
- II. All board members were present.
- III. The regular board meeting minutes for March 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 March 31, 2023, was \$229,722.74, including ARPA funds of \$34,737.94. Two deposits totaling \$625 went into checking rather than savings. Byard also presented a summary of the tax account, including the amounts that were collected and disbursed.
- V. Prout presented the bills to pay for April 2023, totaling \$5677.52. Lechowicz moved, with Cease supporting, to approve payment of bills as listed. All yes. Two additional bills, totaling \$9,500, were presented. Lechowicz moved, with Cease supporting, to pay these bills this month when the pre-approved utility bills are paid. All yes.
- VI. Correspondence: 1) Lechowicz is working with the person interested in purchasing Bliss signs; 2) Prout received a notice that a company called Land Acquisitions would like to buy Bliss Park; 3) Prout received information about a Cemetery Management Seminar and would like to attend; 4) Byard received information about cd accounts.
- VII. Set/Amend Agenda – no change
- VIII. Public Comment – Chuck Laughbaum, our new County Commissioner, was present to introduce himself and provide information about issues facing the county.
- IX. Appearances – none
- X. Library Report – Kent was not present but provided an update. Events hosted by the library continue to go well. The library board was informed that the bill introduced in the Michigan legislature will not affect the MAPL.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- I. 2022-2023 Budget - Two final amendments were needed for the 2022-2023 budget. Lechowicz moved, with Cease supporting, to increase the amount for the fire hall to \$5021.21 and increase the amount for the township hall to \$6171.80. All yes.
- II. Security Cameras - Lechowicz will check on the timing to have the security cameras installed.
- III. Roads - Lechowicz has the contracts for the planned road work. He will check with Mike Keiser about the grant. Holt will prepare the grant application.
- IV. Hall Improvements - There was discussion about doing work on the hall siding and doors. We will hold off for now and see how our finances stand.
- V. Manna - We have not heard a reason for the staffing change.
- VI. Cemetery Lots - There has been some confusion lately about how pricing works for the various cemetery lots. The board discussed this.

NEW BUSINESS

- I. Projector Screen - During a recent program at the hall, a screen had to be borrowed from the Mackinaw Library. Lechowicz researched screens and found one on Amazon that is 127" and costs \$100. We will investigate size and price options further.
- II. Pavillion Curtains - Lechowicz received a request that wind curtains be installed at the pavilion. There was discussion about cost and usage. It is not something we are planning to do at this time.

FYI: The ECTA meeting will be next Wednesday, April 19th, at 7pm at the Center Township hall.

Public Comment – None

ADJOURNMENT: Lechowicz moved, with Cease supporting, to adjourn. All yes. Meeting adjourned at 8:25.