

BLISS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

January 9, 2024

- I. Lechowicz called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.
- II. Board members Byard, Holt, Lechowicz and Prout were present. Cease was absent.
- III. The regular board meeting minutes for December were presented. Lechowicz moved, with Holt supporting, to approve the minutes as corrected. All yes.
- IV. Treasurer's Report – Byard presented the treasurer's report. The total of our bank accounts on December 31, 2023, was \$187,243.37.
- V. Prout presented the bills to be paid, totaling \$8,589.19. One check was voided. Lechowicz moved, with Byard supporting, to approve payment of bills. All yes.
- VI. Correspondence: Prout received 1) information from Citizens for Local Choice about a ballot signature petition and 2) an EGLE notice of authorization.
- VII. Set/Amend Agenda – No changes
- VIII. Public Comment – None
- IX. Appearances – Three members of the Carp Lake Fire Board were present with a proposed agreement to house a fire truck and a brush truck in the fire hall with the stipulation that only fire department personnel and the Bliss Supervisor are authorized to have access to the area where the trucks are stored. Lechowicz signed the agreement with township board support.
- X. Library Report – Kent reported that there was a good turnout for the open house. The library board is considering an increase in the non-resident card fee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- I. Road SLFRF Funds - The money has been received and will be deposited in the appropriate funds to replace the money used to pay for the road work.
- II. Hall Wind Curtains, Toilets - Lechowicz did repairs on the wind curtains. He also addressed the issues in keeping the toilets clean.
- III. Township Hall Rental - The group that has been renting the hall may find a new place soon. They rented the hall 5 times for December – January.
- IV. Fire Hall - Lechowicz adjusted the lighting and worked on the plumbing. Manna is interested in placing a freezer in one of the front rooms. They also said they may be able to help divide the truck area so it would be available for food distribution.

NEW BUSINESS

- I. Ron Cease - Cease submitted a letter of resignation effective January 6, 2024. Lechowicz moved, with Holt supporting, to accept the resignation. All yes. Holt nominated Deanna Eby to fill the role of trustee for the remainder of the term. Lechowicz moved, with Byard supporting, to appoint Deanna Eby as Bliss Township trustee. By roll call vote: yes – Byard, Holt, Lechowicz, Prout; no – none. Motion carried.

FYI - The ECTA meeting will be held on January 17th, at 7:00pm, at the Little Traverse Township Hall.

Public Comment – None

ADJOURNMENT: Lechowicz moved, with Holt supporting, to adjourn. All yes. Meeting adjourned at 8:00.