

## BLISS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

January 14, 2025

- I. Lechowicz called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.
- II. All board members were present.
- III. The regular board meeting minutes for December 2024 were presented. Lechowicz moved, with Eby 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 December 31, 2024 was \$222,661.28.
- V. Prout presented the bills to be paid, totaling \$8,013.23. Lechowicz moved, with Byard supporting, to approve payment of the bills presented. All yes. We recently ordered new checks for the township and there was a slight error in the order. As a result, the check numbers jumped from 10,500 to 100,501.
- VI. Correspondence: Prout received notice of a rate increase for notices published in the Harbor Light News.
- VII. Set/Amend Agenda: No changes
- VIII. Public Comment – none
- IX. Appearances – none
- X. Library Report – Kent presented a library board report. The Mackinaw branch has new shelves coming and Bliss may get some new shelving as well.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- I. Fire Hall Upgrades - We are ready to solicit bids. The plans are available for viewing in the library or by contacting Phil.
- II. New Hall Door - The bid request is posted on our website.
- III. Manna - The mobile pantry from Manna is no longer available in Carp Lake Township. It will now be in Bliss twice a month, on the first and third Thursdays each month.

### NEW BUSINESS

- I. Lechowicz Absent in February - Lechowicz will be out of town for next month's meeting. Everything will be available beforehand.
- II. Budget - The board will prepare the FY 2025-2026 budget at the next meeting.
- III. Poverty Guidelines - Lechowicz moved, with Holt supporting, to pass a resolution to adopt the poverty guidelines for 2025 and, per Lavender's recommendation, allow the Board of Review to base decisions on the federal poverty level plus 20%. By roll call vote: Lechowicz, Byard, Holt, Eby and Prout voted yes. Motion carried.

FYI - There is an ECTA meeting on January 15 at the Little Traverse Township Hall. There will be a Board of Review organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 4. Appeals Meetings will be held on Monday, March 10<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 3pm and Wednesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 3pm – 9pm,

Public Comment - none

Adjournment - Lechowicz moved, with Eby supporting, to adjourn. All yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:47.