

BLISS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

March 11, 2025

- I. Lechowicz called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.
- II. All board members were present.
- III. The regular board meeting minutes for February 2025 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 February 28, 2025, was \$283,355.99. Additional administration fee of \$881.22 and additional property tax receipts for the general fund and road fund of \$792.70 will be received this month.
- V. Payment of Bills - Prout presented the bills to be paid, totaling \$6,083.53. Lechowicz moved, with Eby supporting, to approve payment of the bills presented. All yes. Holt moved, with Prout supporting, to preapprove payments to the Board of Review. All yes.
- VI. Correspondence: Byard received notice that we can use a .gov domain for our website.
- VII. Set/Amend Agenda: Add "Hall Cleaning" to unfinished business; add "Spirit Lake Rd." to new business.
- VIII. Public Comment – None
- IX. Appearances – None
- X. Library Report – Kent presented a library board report. Their paid time off policy has been updated to reflect the change in law.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- I. Fire Hall Upgrades - One person has expressed interest in building the wall but doesn't want to oversee any of the HVAC or electrical work. Lechowicz will look for people who are available to do this work.
- II. New Hall Door - No bids have been received.
- III. Budget - Planning at the last meeting went well. Two additional modifications need to be made to the current budget. Lechowicz moved, with Eby supporting, to increase the budgeted amounts for Supervisor to \$7758 and Township Hall to \$6158. All yes.
- IV. Wind Curtains - The wind curtains are doing well after putting the straps up to limit movement.
- V. Hall Cleaning - We still do not have anyone to do the monthly cleaning. Prout will do the cleaning before the upcoming rental this week.

NEW BUSINESS

- I. Bathroom repairs - Lechowicz has parts coming to replace the sink in the men's bathroom.
- II. Wind Curtains - The northern wind curtain beside the ramp ripped. It has been fixed and Lechowicz fastened straps to the posts to keep the curtains from moving in the wind.
- III. The meeting was suspended to move to the Budget Hearing.
- IV. Budget Hearing - The proposed budget was adjusted. Lechowicz moved, with Byard supporting, to pass a resolution to adopt the proposed budget for FY 2025-2026. Anticipated income is \$141,060 and anticipated expenditures are \$199,920. By roll call vote: Lechowicz – yes, Byard – yes, Eby – yes, Holt – yes, Prout – yes. The resolution passes. The hearing was closed and the regular meeting resumed.
- V. Dust Control Bids - Lechowicz presented the dust control bids from the Emmet County Road Commission.

- VI. Roads - We currently have \$65,000 in the road fund and will receive an allocation of \$19,358 from the county. We will discuss how to use those funds next month.
- VII. LP ran out - The propane ran out at the township hall. Since no one was at the hall after the tank was filled, the furnace was not re-lit. Alexanders were called to light the furnace and make sure everything was working correctly. The bill from Alexanders has been submitted to Blarney Castle.
- VIII. Fire Hall Furnace - The furnace at the fire hall has not been igniting properly. Alexanders checked it but couldn't find the issue.
- IX. Spirit Lake Road - A resident on Spirit Lake Road does not like the name change. It doesn't affect his mailing address.

FYI - none

Public Comment - none

Adjournment - Lechowicz moved, with Holt supporting, to adjourn. All yes. Meeting adjourned at 8:30.