

## BLISS TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

April 8, 2025

- I. Lechowicz called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. The meeting was held at the fire hall, as the power was out at the township hall.
- II. All board members were present.
- III. The regular board meeting minutes for March 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 March 31, 2025, was \$290,182.14.
- V. Payment of Bills - Prout presented the bills to be paid, totaling \$5,444.88. We also need to pay the payroll taxes due this month, totaling \$2,171.24, but the online form cannot be completed without power and internet. Lechowicz moved, with Eby supporting, to approve payment of the bills presented, with the treasury bill being paid with the upcoming utility bills. All yes.
- VI. Correspondence: 1) Prout received a bill from the Mackinaw Post Office for a business reply permit. She will investigate this; 2) Parker Fairbairn's office sent a request for board members' contact information; 3) Networks Northwest sent information about the FEMA hazard mitigation plan.
- VII. Set/Amend Agenda: no changes
- VIII. Public Comment – None
- IX. Appearances – None
- X. Library Report – Kent was not able to attend the meeting.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- I. Fire Hall Upgrades - Lechowicz moved, with Holt supporting, to spend up to \$35,000 on fire hall modifications in accordance with the architect blueprints. All yes. Since no bids have been received, different aspects of the work are being done as qualified people are available. Alexander's Plumbing and Heating has rerouted the heating for the two sections.
- II. New Hall Door - No bids have been received.
- III. Wind Curtains - Lechowicz adjusted the fasteners on the front curtain.
- IV. Hall Cleaning - We still do not have anyone to do the monthly cleaning. Eby moved, with Lechowicz supporting, to pay Prout when she cleans the hall.

### NEW BUSINESS

- I. Bathroom repairs - Lechowicz replaced the sink in the men's bathroom at the township hall and installed new light bulbs where needed.
- II. Ice Storm Updates - During the recent widespread, long-lasting power outages, the fire hall has received a lot of use, and several issues have been revealed. The well, pressure tank and septic lines were not up to the demand placed on them. Lechowicz did repairs on the sewer pipe and found help for the pressure tank.
- III. Preparing for the next emergency - There are several things that need to be addressed to make sure the fire hall is ready for the next emergency: 1) It needs a new well; 2) The current on-demand water heater should be replaced with a tank heater; 3) The kitchen sink needs a new faucet with higher clearance; 4) Evaluation of the cost versus usage for installing internet; 5) Curtains or blinds that still allow for air circulation should be installed in the front room; 6) Looking into paving the parking lot and a driveway to the front door.
- IV. AED Battery - The AED battery had to be replaced. We need to order a new one.

FYI - Lechowicz will be out of town April 15 – May 6.

Public Comment - none

Adjournment - Lechowicz moved, with Byard supporting, to adjourn. All yes. Meeting adjourned at 8:34.