

**ARCADIA TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Arcadia Township Board was held Monday January 9, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Arcadia Township Hall, 4900 Spencer Street, Lum, Michigan.

Supervisor Lashbrook called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Supervisor Lashbrook, Clerk Smith, Trustee Howe and Trustee Jostock. Treasurer Skovran was absent.

AGENDA: Moved by Howe, seconded by Jostock to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 12, 2023: Moved by Jostock, seconded by Howe to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

PUBLIC TIME: No one wished to speak at this time.

POLICE REPORT: Officer Poniatowski responded to 44 calls and made 6 traffic stops for the month of December 2023.

BUILDING PERMITS: There was 1 final building permit for December 2023.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Knaggs shared his report on fire runs for the month of December and the entire 2023 year.

CEMETERY: Cemetery Sexton Steve Nirhantz reported 1 resident and 2 non-resident burials for the month of December.

COUNTY COMMISSION REPORT: Commissioner Truman Mast was not available for a report.

NEW BUSINESS:

VETERANS AFFAIRS: Pete Kirley, Lapeer County Department of Veteran Affairs Director gave a brief update on the upcoming millage for Lapeer County Veterans at the August Primary Election.

RESOLUTION: PROPERTY TAX POVERTY EXEMPTION: Moved by Howe, seconded by Jostock to adopt the resolution on the 2024 Poverty Exemption Policy, Guidelines and Application as presented. Motion carried.

HALL RENTAL-Security Deposit Return: After much discussion, it was the consensus of the board to return to Chris Dickenson the full security deposit for a hall rental in December 2023.

It was the consensus of the board to approve the added verbiage to the Hall Rental Agreement.

CONTRACTS-Snow Removal, Mowing, Sexton: Discussion was held on increasing annual amounts on contracts for Sexton and Mowing. It was the consensus of the board to increase the Sexton by 25%,

the Grounds Maintenance by 10% and bid out the Snow Removal. The contracts will be presented to the board at the March 2024 Meeting.

BASEBALL FIELDS-Rules and Regulations: Discussion was held on additional rules for the use of the baseball fields. Supervisor Lashbrook will bring a final draft for approval at the next regular meeting.

TRUSTEE JOSTOCK RESIGNATION: Moved by Smith, supported by Howe to accept the resignation of Trustee Jack Jostock, after 31 years of service, effective January 31, 2024. Motion carried.

A committee including Supervisor Lashbrook, Treasurer Skovran and Trustee Howe will advertise the vacant position in the newspaper and township website, conducting interviews in February.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

ROADS: There was a brief discussion on the roads.

BILLS AND VOUCHERS: Moved by Smith, seconded by Jostock to approve the bills and vouchers for the month of December in the amount of \$32,442.26 including checks 32661-32716. Motion carried.

BUDGET REVIEW: Moved by Jostock, seconded by Howe to approve the budget for December 2023. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Moved by Smith, seconded by Jostock to waive the reading of the November and December 2023 treasurer reports, and place it on file for audit. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter was read from Attorney Mike Gildner, informing the board of his rate increase.

BOARD COMMENTS: The respective representatives gave a brief synopsis, if available, of the Planning Commission, ZBA, Construction Code Authority, MTA, Lapeer County Road Commission and EMS.

PUBLIC TIME: Clerk Smith thanked Trustee Jostock for his years of service to the Arcadia Township Board and being an instrumental voice for the community.

ADJOURN: Moved by Jostock, seconded by Howe to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Sharna L. Smith, Clerk

Patricia Lashbrook, Supervisor