

Fork Township Regular Meeting

January 16, 2023

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Fork Township Supervisor, Lori Helmer, called the Regular Meeting of the Fork Township Board to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag was recited.

Roll call of board members: Lori Helmer-present, Roberta Hazen-present, Doug Brand-present, Mitch Mackersie-present, Tyler Martin-present. All present; none absent.

Public in attendance: Various.

**Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes**

Doug Brand motioned to approve regular meeting minutes of December 19, 2022 with corrections. Roberta Hazen seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Approval of The Treasurers Report**

Roberta Hazen motioned to approve treasurers report as presented. Lori Helmer seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Treasurers Report:**

General Fund	\$245,232.95
Fire Op Fund	\$74,987.40
First Responders Rescue Fund	\$21,549.21
Fire Equipment Fund CD	\$130,267.83
Fire Equipment Fund	\$226,758.66
Tax Collection	\$194,835.09
ARPA-CD1 Fund	\$66,926.95
ARPA-CD 2	\$67,028.52
East Fork Cemetery Trust fund	\$12,751.00
Flake Cemetery Trust Fund	\$16,500.00
Merrill Lake Park-SA Fund	\$372.81
Merrill Lake Roads-SA Fund	\$1,749.78
Rescue Truck	\$576.10
Road Millage Money	\$15,571.89
West Chippewa Vista-SA Fund	\$4,264.59

**Budget Adjustment:**

Roberta Hazen motioned to move \$5000.00 from Fund Balance line item account number 101.000.399 to Township Board line item account number 101.101.801. Seconded by Lori Helmer. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Approval of the Bills**

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Lori Helmer motioned to approve bills as presented. Mitch Mackersie seconded. Roll Call Vote: Lori Helmer-yes; Roberta Hazen-yes; Doug Brand-yes; Mitch Mackersie-yes; Tyler Martin-yes. Motion carried.

General Fund and EFTs	14254-14285 voided14252;14253;14273	\$18,709.48
Fire OP Fund and EFTs	5856-5861	\$5,120.97
Rescue Fund	2760	\$257.00

**1. Fork/Barryton Community Fire Dept:** Report by Chief Terry Vogel.

Motion by Roberta Hazen to accept the VFA grant for 2023 at \$2310.00. Mitch Mackersie seconded. Roll call vote: Lori Helmer-yes; Roberta Hazen-yes; Doug Brand-yes; Mitch Mackersie-yes, Tyler Martin-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Tyler Martin to approve purchase of 19 Wildland helmets; 19 Wildcat goggles; 19 Wildcat pair gloves; 6 Indian packs for a total of \$4,738.22. Seconded by Mitch Mackersie Roll call vote: Lori Helmer-yes; Roberta Hazen-yes; Doug Brand-yes; Mitch Mackersie-yes, Tyler Martin-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Tyler Martin to approve the grant writer to write FEMA AFG 2023 grant for up to \$485,000.00. *Seconded by Mitch Mackersie.* Roll call vote: Lori Helmer-yes; Roberta Hazen-yes; Doug Brand-yes; Mitch Mackersie-yes, Tyler Martin-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lori Helmer to give Terry approval to present fire contract 2024-2026 to Sheridan township and present it at their next board meeting. Seconded by Tyler Martin. All ayes. Motion carried.

**2. Fork Township Rescue:** Report by supervisor Terry Vogel.

**3. Assessor:** Report given by Julia Fletcher.

**4. Cemeteries:** Report given by cemetery clerk.

**5. Community Center/hall:** Report given by manager Lori Helmer

**6. West Chippewa Vista Committee:** Committee report.

**7. Merrill Lake Roads & Park Committee:** No report.

**8. County Commissioner:** Report given by Jerilynn Strong.

**9. Road Committee:** Report given by members.

**10. Recycle:** No report.

**11. Joint Recreation Committee:**

Public hearing January 23, 2023 6pm at Township hall.

**Approval of agenda:**

Tyler Martin motioned to approve the agenda. Doug Brand seconded. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**Unfinished Business:**

**ARPA(American Rescue Plan Act):**

Motion by Mitch Mackersie to accept the bid proposal from Steve Helmer Builders for \$36,260.00 for Community Center renovations. Roll call vote: Lori Helmer-abstain; Roberta Hazen-yes; Doug Brand-yes; Mitch Mackersie-yes, Tyler Martin-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Tyler Martin to accept Steve Helmer Builders bid proposal for the 24X20X8 pavilion with cement floor at \$13,276.00. Roll call vote: Lori Helmer-abstain ; Roberta Hazen-yes; Doug Brand-yes; Mitch Mackersie-yes, Tyler Martin-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Roberta Hazen to accept Stratz Heating and Cooling bids for Trane Furnace at \$3795.00 and the Trane AC unit at \$5795.00. Roll call vote: Lori Helmer-yes; Roberta Hazen-yes; Doug Brand-yes; Mitch Mackersie-yes, Tyler Martin-yes. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

**Adoption of Salary Resolutions:**

Motion by Roberta Hazen to adopt R-2023-01 as presented. Seconded by Mitch Mackersie. Roll call vote: Lori Helmer-yes; Roberta Hazen-yes; Doug Brand-yes; Mitch Mackersie-yes, Tyler Martin-yes. Motion carried.

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Motion by Lori Helmer to adopt R-2023-02 as presented. Seconded by Doug Brand. Roll call vote: Lori Helmer-yes; Roberta Hazen-yes; Doug Brand-yes; Mitch Mackersie-yes, Tyler Martin-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Tyler Martin to adopt R-2023-03 as presented. Seconded by Roberta Hazen. Roll call vote: Lori Helmer-yes; Roberta Hazen-yes; Doug Brand-yes; Mitch Mackersie-yes, Tyler Martin-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lori Helmer to adopt R-2023-04 as presented. Seconded by Mitch Mackersie. Roll call vote: Lori Helmer-yes; Roberta Hazen-yes; Doug Brand-yes; Mitch Mackersie-yes, Tyler Martin-yes. Motion carried.

**Millage Ballot Language resolutions:**

Motion by Roberta Hazen to adopt R-2023-05 as presented. Seconded by Doug Brand. Roll call vote: Lori Helmer-yes; Roberta Hazen-yes; Doug Brand-yes; Mitch Mackersie-yes, Tyler Martin-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mitch Mackersie to adopt R-2023-06 as presented. Seconded by Roberta Hazen. Roll call vote: Lori Helmer-yes; Roberta Hazen-yes; Doug Brand-yes; Mitch Mackersie-yes, Tyler Martin-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Tyler Martin to adopt R-2023-07 as presented. Seconded by Doug Brand. Roll call vote: Lori Helmer-yes; Roberta Hazen-yes; Doug Brand-yes; Mitch Mackersie-yes, Tyler Martin-yes. Motion carried.

**Morton Township Building and Zoning Proposal:**

Motion by Doug Brand to continue the relationship with the Mecosta County Building & Zoning Dept. at this time. Seconded by Roberta Hazen. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Proposed Assessor Contract:**

Motion by Tyler Martin to approve assessor contract with Fork Township and Julia Fletcher as presented. Seconded by Lori Helmer. Roll call vote: Lori Helmer-yes; Roberta Hazen-yes; Doug Brand-yes; Mitch Mackersie-yes, Tyler Martin-yes. Motion carried.

**MTA Conference:**

Motion by Roberta Hazen to allow any board member that would like to go to the MTA-2023 conference lodging, registration, mileage and per diem. Seconded by Tyler

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Martin. Roll call vote: Lori Helmer-yes; Roberta Hazen-yes; Doug Brand-yes; Mitch Mackersie-yes, Tyler Martin-yes. Motion carried.

**Budget workshop:**

Saturday February 4, 2023 at 9:00AM.

**Public Comment:**

Discussion about building and zoning and assessor.

**Reports/Roundtable:**

**Lori Helmer, Supervisor:**

Board of Review Training on 2-11-2023 at Chippewa Hills

**Roberta Hazen, Clerk-**

Motion by Roberta Hazen to set the mileage rate to 65.5 cents fpr 2023 per IRS mileage rate. Seconded by Lori Helmer. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Doug Brand, Treasurer-**No report.

**Mitch Mackersie, Trustee-**

Will get a road committee meeting setup.

**Tyler Martin, Trustee-**

Road condition discussion and project done by signs.

**Adjournment:**

Tyler Martin motioned to adjourn at 9:50 p.m. Roberta Hazen seconded. All ayes. Motion carried

Roberta Hazen, Fork Township Clerk Unapproved: 1-16-2023