

STAMBAUGH TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Meeting

The meeting of the Stambaugh Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Isaacson on November 8, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Stambaugh Township Hall.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Roll call was taken with Supervisor Isaacson, Clerk Christensen, Treasurer Rogers, and Trustee Stolberg in attendance. Trustee Pangrazzi was absent. Also present was Water Supervisor, Wyatt Johnson.

The minutes were read from the October 11, 2023, meeting and accepted as read with a correction on the Indian Lake generator being a one phase.

Clerk Christensen read the bills for the month and Trustee Stolberg made a motion to approve the bills with a second by Treasurer Rogers. Bills were approved.

Treasurer Rogers read the Treasurer's report which was accepted as presented.

Zach Hautala with the Iron County Economic Chamber Alliance stated that he will be the sales associate for all ads for the 2024 Iron County Visitor's Guide. Ads are the same price as last year with a 5% discount being offered until December 1st. The goal is to sell as many ads that will allow for 20,000 copies of the guide to be printed. During this year's West Iron County and Forest Park "Pink Out" volleyball match, nearly \$9,800 was raised in support of the Iron County Cancer Unit. Many holiday associated events are coming up with Small Business Saturday on November 25th. Two hospitality locations will be set up: one at the Iron County Museum and the other at Amberlicious Nail. The ICECA will compile a list of promotions, deals and discounts that businesses will be offering during that day. A reach out to the public at large will take place through Facebook. The first area Business After Hours was held at Chung's Bar & Grill with a good attendance. The next BAH will be at the Iron County Museum on December 6th in collaboration with the Christmas Tree Galleria. The City of Caspian received a MEDC Community Development Block Grant for upgrades to their community park/playground.

Supervisor Johnson reported there was a problem with the furnace and electric backup at the Hagerman Lake well house, but that it was fixed. Drier Electric has been contacted to replace the outside light by the hall entry doors and the parking lot light. Our pump house needed electrical repair work which was completed by Ahlberg Electric.

John Nieminen stated that he now had a signed contract with the Chmura's on Cataldo Drive. He was representing the homeowners to present the contract regarding moving the waterline. The resident's will be responsible for half of the expenses, approximately \$5,500, with the Township paying for the other half. A water easement will be put in writing with stipulations and signed by all parties. Trustee Stolberg made a motion to accept this contract with a second from Treasurer Rogers. Motion carried.

Perspective water ordinance changes were tabled until the December meeting with the absence of Trustee Pangrazzi.

No ongoing major projects for roads are projected. W. Brule Lake Road will get some overlayment from Hagerman Lake Road to the Forest Service gravel pit.

Golden Lake Trail will need some work soon.

Supervisor Isaacson reported that the cemetery funds are at zero. A 50% increase is needed for operations at \$25 per capita with \$28,500 being the Township's responsibility, a \$9,121 increase. Treasurer Rogers made a motion to approve the increase with a second from Trustee Stolberg. Motion carried.

Townships and municipalities have lost local control over solar and wind project development which the State is promoting.

With a number of Airbnb's in our area, it was stated that there are no real guidelines set up to govern them.

Supervisor Isaacson reported that the Fire Department received a \$10,000 grant for new air tanks and gear.

Winter taxes will be out soon.

Supervisor Johnson asked about purchasing a booster for his cell phone to be used while in his truck. He will be trying one out to see if it is worthwhile.

Zoning permits were read by Supervisor Isaacson.

Our next regular meeting will be held on December 13, 2023, with our Christmas Party to follow.

Treasurer Rogers made a motion to adjourn with a second from Trustee Stolberg.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Christensen