

STAMBAUGH TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Meeting

The meeting of the Stambaugh Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Isaacson on February 14, 2024, 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 Trustees Stolberg and Pangrazzi in attendance. Also present was Water Supervisor, Wyatt Johnson.

The minutes were read from the January 10, 2024, meeting and accepted as read.

Clerk Christensen read the bills for the month. Trustee Stolberg made a motion to approve the bills with a second from Trustee Pangrazzi. Motion carried.

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

John Nieminen reported that the State is looking at changes for new construction with increased insulation and sprinkler systems which would only make it more expensive and create other issues.

Zach Hautala with the Iron County Economic Chamber Alliance reported that Lt. Gov. Gilchrist was in the area and they were able to discuss with him the Crystal Falls housing project. The 2024 Iron County Visitor's Guide will go to print in a week with a mid-March target date to be returned for distribution. The annual report for the ICECA was also submitted to the Board.

Water Supervisor, Wyatt Johnson, reported that we have had a few leaks in the area that have been repaired. The #1 Pump at the Hagerman Lake well house is having issues. The electrical aspect has been worked on, but it continues to blow circuits. It will need to be repaired, replaced or upgraded. Estimates will be needed for review. Water Ordinances were reviewed with three changes recommended: a meter pit must be approved by the Water Department Supervisor; a water main can be moved with Township approval, however, the cost of moving the water main for construction purposes will fall wholly on the customer; and lastly a customer that damages water department property while turning their water on or off, will be charged for the repair and all costs incurred. Trustee Stolberg made a motion to make these three changes with Treasurer Rogers seconded it. Motion carried.

Supervisor Isaacson stated upgrade will take place on W. Brule Lake Road, but Hagerman Lake Road and Golden Lake Trail would be less expensive if delayed to 2025.

Highline and Jamadots are moving ahead to expand broadband to our area.

The Fire Department and community resources came together to handle the damage to property and house the displaced residents in Iron River after the house explosion. The investigation into the cause continues.

Clerk Christensen stated that our Public Accuracy Test for Election Day will take place at the Stambaugh Township Hall at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 22nd. Early voting in Iron River will start on February 17th and continue through February 25th. Stambaugh Township will run the EV election on February 23rd

in Iron River along with regular election on Tuesday, February 27th. Our auditor was unable to start due to illness. Waiting to hear when the audit will take place. BS&A is looking to go live by the end of April with replacement of our Fund Balance programs for Utility Billing, Payroll, Accounts Payable, and our General Ledger and enhancement to Treasurer Rogers program as well. It was decided that we would not upgrade Mari Negro's program at this time. Clerk Christensen will hold mandatory pre-election hours on February 24th and 25th from 8—noon at the hall for registration of voters.

Treasurer Rogers will be holding mandatory hours at the hall on Thursday, February 29th from 9—5 for residents to pay their taxes.

The next township meeting will be held on March 13, 2024.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Christensen