

**KIMBALL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
2160 WADHAMS ROAD, KIMBALL, MI 48074
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 01, 2020
6:30 P.M.**

Usakowski opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: Usakowski, Jackson, Wrubel, Sturdevant, Deland, Hoffman and Ward.

ABSENT: None.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Wrubel: Add under New Business D. DPW New Hire.

Sturdevant motioned to approve the agenda as amended supported by Jackson.

Motion Carried.

II. PRESENTATION OF MINUTES FOR AUGUST 18, 2020

Sturdevant: Page 4, statements that were made, were not made by me.

Deland: Page 8 under Sturdevant's officer report, where it says they served 00 should be 100.

Sturdevant: Page 7 under Usakowski report, "question asked by Sturdevant" should be "question asked by Hoffman".

Wrubel: Page 6, under Bluewater Gas Storage, we need to add that it is an essential service.

Deland motioned to approve the minutes as amended supported by Hoffman.

Motion Carried.

III. CONSENT AGENDA AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. Check Register from 08/12/2020 to 08/27/2020

B. Revenue & Expenditure Report for Period Ending 08/31/2020

Deland: Page 4 of the Check Register, HP Electric Motors, emergency expense for a pump. Didn't we buy a new pump and have one rebuilt to have on the shelf? Have those already been used?

Wrubel: Those have already been used.

Deland: Is it not on warranty?

Wrubel: This pump is a pump that was damaged and it had to be replaced.

Deland: Is this a rebuild and is there a warranty on it?

Wrubel: It has a one year warranty and we are looking into getting a new one to replace it with insurance.

Jackson motioned to approve the disbursement of \$685,847.81 to pay the bills supported by Sturdevant.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Jackson, Sturdevant, Ward, Deland, Hoffman, Wrubel and Usakowski. NO: None. ABSENT: None. (7-0-0) **Motion Carried.**

IV. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A. Planning Commission Regular Meeting/Public Hearing Minutes for 08/25/2020

This meeting was cancelled.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT (Brief Comments)

Brian Reed 1305 Range Road: Complaint about 1301 Woodrow Avenue. There was a complaint made back on March 21, 2019 and they had two notices with a final notice also. I'm watching for strangers. This year the owner moved his son into the house who is wanted by the sheriff. The son was arrested. On August 30, 2020 someone came in and boarded up the house except the back door. There is junk everywhere and this house needs to be torn down.

Discussion.

Nick Barraco: The Kimball Township Firefighters Auxiliary will be selling coffee beans or ground coffee at a cost of \$10.00 per 12 ounce bag. The money the fire department makes will go toward the auxiliary.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Boards and Commissions Applications

1. Gary Miller – Planning Commission & Blight Inspection

2. Jennifer Henry – Planning Commission

Usakowski recommends that the board appoints Gary Miller to the Planning Commission that was vacated by John Milton and appoint Jennifer Henry to the Planning Commission that was held by Charles Kern supported by Sturdevant. **Motion Carried.**

B. COCM 2020 Fall Conference

Sturdevant motioned to bring this back to the next meeting supported by Deland. **Motion Carried.**

C. Policy Reviews Administrative – Section 3

There are some things that need to be reviewed, for example 3.6 B which is outdated as well as 3.6 D & 3.6 E. Background checks should be done before the interviews.

Usakowski will bring back some changes to the next meeting so we can review them and let me know if you have any other changes that should be changed.

D. DPW Position

1. Jacob Gregg
2. John Houle

Questions asked and answered of both applicants.

Discussion.

Hoffman motioned to hire John Houle for the DPW position supported by Deland.

ROLL CALL VOTE: YES: Hoffman, Deland and Ward. NO: Sturdevant, Jackson, Wrubel and Usakowski. ABSENT: None. (3-4-0) **Motion Denied.**

Jackson motioned to hire Jacob Gregg for the DPW with no support.

Wrubel will bring this back at a special meeting.

VIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Nick Gates: The resume should be updated after three years.

Joseph Fontain: Has anyone tried calling union 324? That's a good place to get new hires.

IX. OFFICERS REPORT

A. Supervisor Usakowski

I had a meeting yesterday with Senator ~~Lowers~~ Lauwers about the Advocates Bill that is currently before the Senate. It is in relations to mining operations and what they can and cannot do. If there is aggregate in the township, the township is required to change its zoning to allow for that aggregate mining. By law, we would have to go through the process of rezoning.

I expressed my concerns about roads, hours of operations, restoration and a Master Plan.

B. Clerk Wrubel

All of our office equipment comes from Kerr Albert and we have been price matching with Amazon and have saved \$212.00 this past month.

The Smiths Creek Landfill has raised their prices by 3%. The last time they raise their prices was 2014 and the time before was in 1999.

The Fire Board still has openings.

C. Treasurer Jackson

Jackson gave an update on the finances.

We have to come up with a resolution as far as who can and what we can do with people that might have a problem with a water bill or has a leak and others that may want to go on a payment plans. Our lawyer suggests that we do a resolution instead of doing any additions or amendments to the ordinance. I will have something on the table at the next meeting to cover this.

D. Trustee Hoffman

No report.

E. Trustee Deland

Did we sign up for a water assistant program?

Jackson: Yes we did.

Deland: The City of Port Huron sent out letters to their residents about whether or not they have lead or galvanized pipes. Is that going to affect us at some point?

Usakowski: Yes. That will affect us at some point.

Discussion.

F. Trustee Sturdevant

Darryl's is out of business.

Usakowski: I think that they are hopeful to reopen at a later date.

We are having a fish fry on Friday evening at the American Legion for carry out only at a cost of \$8.00.

G. Trustee Ward

Are the bathrooms going to reopen at Sutherland Park?

Usakowski: Yes.

Ward: Are we going to spray the weeds on fields two and three?

Usakowski: Yes, he is in the process of doing that.

Ward: What hours is Mitchell working?

Usakowski: He is working every day except for Thursday and Saturday and is working in the evening.

Scott Pontack: Questioned about the aggregate mining and any restrictions they will have.

Usakowski explained.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Deland motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. supported by Hoffman.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Submitted by Becky Wrubel, Clerk