

Custer Township Board  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
October 10, 2023

**Meeting Called to Order at 7:00p.m by Supervisor Flake.**

**Members Present:** R. Flake, R. Elder, D. Allen, A. Fleet, S. Simon

**Others Present:** D. Kulongowski, J. Ottgen, L. Brown, B. Brown, B. Richardson, S. Paul, R. Elder, B. Holland

**Pledge of Allegiance**

1. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion by Allen supported by Elder to approve the October Agenda. MC.
2. **Public Comments:** None
3. **Approval of Consent Agenda Items:** Motion by Allen supported by Fleet to approve September Consent Agenda Items. MC.
4. **Correspondence:**
  - Alden District Library October Newsletter
  - September Antrim County Bulletin
  - Sheriff's September stats
  - Bellaire Fire Department Minutes
  - Mancelona Township Fire Dept. September report
  - STLF & R July, August and September reports
5. **Committee Reports:**
  - A. Water and Sewer- New well—bid for piping awarded to Matt's construction; SVA projects close to complete; 131 sewer project bids came in \$200,000 plus over funds being provided by State. Meeting with bidders to see if project can be scaled back. WWTP- Lab tests WNL.
  - B. Ambulance Authority- No meeting in September due to educational conference, informational packet only.
  - C. Board of Review- Next Meeting Dec 12
  - D. Technology/Website-up to date
  - E. Roads- ACRC waiting to repair hole in Johnson Rd along with the patch on Elder Rd. Bebb Rd work is done looks good. Way Rd- tree has be trimmed, ACRC will remove and complete culvert/ditch line before fall.
  - F. Election update- Proposal 2 - has updated voting process for upcoming elections starting 2024; trying to find internet provider for Early Vote; - next to try Star Link and or Att at the end of week. Waiting for Ballot Drop box. Discussion on new 9 day Early Vote, required announcements that have to be sent for 9 day Early vote to all voters, new Absentee Ballot applications, envelopes with prepaid postage for voter return applications and ballot now.
6. **Supervisors Report:** Discussion and worked on recommendations from insurance Risk Control Department letter. Getting calls about Trail 29 properties; it seems there is misinformation about properties being presented to buyers. Clean-up was small –63 yds compacted trash, 30 yds steel and 31 tires; looking to possibly going to just one clean-up a year. Working with Township Attorney on new Nuisance Ordinance. Talked to D. Coronado, who has agreed to be our Township Ordinance Enforcement Office. Received an email from equalization; 12 addresses on County Line Rd, will use Mancelona/Custer Twp line to divide road into West and East County Line Road.
7. **Public Comments:** None
8. **Action Items:**
  - a. Motion by Allen supported by Simon for Township Board to approve location of the 9-Day Early Vote at Custer Township Hall contingent on Internet service, if no internet available, we will be in a shared location with Mancelona Township. MC
  - b. Motion by Allen supported by Fleet to approve closed session recommendation from September meeting. MC
  - c. Motion by Allen supported by Fleet to sign snowplowing contract with Bert's Excavating for 2023-2024. MC
  - d. Motion by Allen supported by Simon to pay bill for KCI pre-postage for winter tax bills of \$938.24. MC
9. **Items for future consideration:** contact ACRC for early estimates for Schuss Mt Drive, part of Lake of the Woods Rd. and part of Finch Creek Rd. Work on language for Road and Trash Millage proposals for 2024 election.
10. **Adjournment of regular meeting:** Motion by Allen supported by Elder to adjourn at 7:49 p.m. 4 yes, 1 no MC

Respectfully submitted by Stacy Simon, Custer Township Clerk