

Custer Township Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2024

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

Others Present: B. Richardson, J. Ottgen, R. Elder, W. Brown, L. Brown, Undersheriff Lasater, S. Paul, S. Volz, P. Strickland, Chief Fabiano, Chief Shumaker

Pledge of Allegiance/ Meeting Called to Order by Supervisor Flake at 7:00p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda: Motion by Allen supported by Elder to approve the February Agenda. MC
2. Public Comments: Discussion with STLFD Chief Fabiano, and BFDA Chief Shumaker, each reviewed yearly reports and new plans for trucks. Undersheriff Lasater discussed township and county stat reports.
3. Approval of Consent Agenda Items: Motion by Allen supported by Fleet to approve January Consent Agenda Items. MC
4. Correspondence:
 - January Antrim County Bulletin
 - Sheriff's Stat report for January
 - Nov-Jan snow plowing bill
 - Alden District Library Feb Bookmarks
 - STLFD January fire report/2023 year end
 - Memo from Attorney-Hourly rate for legal services
 - Bellaire Public Library 2023 review; 2024 meeting dates; budget
 - 2024-2025 proposed budget
5. Committee Reports:
 - A. Water and Sewer- Water line from new well has been hooked up to storage tank. Control panels and computer programs are still being worked on. TCE has been detected in 4 residential wells along Shanty Creek Road and are being hooked up to MAWSA water. 11 homes still need to be hooked up to water in the SVA area. Scheduling these hook-ups is challenging due to availability of seasonal residents. MAWSA is seeking support from Senator Damoose, Representatives Roth and Borton to seek State funding to complete the 131-sewer project as well as run new water lines in that area and to install a 30,000-gallon EQ tank (Equalization Storage Tank) at the sewer plant. MAWSA Special Committee and staff will be meeting with these gentlemen in February to present their proposal. (Total funding request - \$1,534,490)
 - B. Ambulance Authority –Implementing increased benefits for long term employees for retention purposes. (eliminates the practice of employees hopping from one agency to another) Officers' terms have been increased from a one-year term to a two-year term. 2 new Paramedics have joined the team. December runs total 174 Custer Twp 21 2022 YTD runs 1835, 2023 YTD runs 1776—a decrease of runs by 59
 - C. Board of Review – Feb 7 training, March 4,11,12,13
 - D. Technology/Web site – updated
 - E. Roads—Trustee Allen- Discussion on the estimates for Lake of the Woods Rd, Finch Creek Road, Schuss Mt Drive
6. Supervisor's Report: received application to convert Klaus D4-35 gas well to co2 injection well. Communication from Health Department, property splits need to be approved by the Health Department to issue property can support the appropriate systems. Notice from EGLE on the Finch Creek Tributaries wanting to expand corridors.
7. Citizen's Comments on Action Items: P. Strickland-will there be any plans on more road work for Del Mason rd in the future

8. Action Items:

1. Motion by Allen supported by Elder to pay Election Inspectors. MC
2. Motion by Fleet supported by Elder to send out pledge letters to Mancelona Township Library, Bellaire Public Library, and Alden District Library then send pledge checks when contracts are signed and returned. MC
3. Motion by Allen supported by Fleet to pass Ordinance 1 of 2024 Nuisance Ordinance; Roll call vote 5 yes, 0 no. MC
4. Motion by Elder supported by Fleet to pass Resolution 2 of 2024 Resolution to Adopt Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset test. Roll call vote 5 yes, 0 no, MC.
5. Motion by Allen supported by Fleet to adopt OEO Employee Agreement. MC
6. Motion by Fleet supported by Elder to accept the estimate for Lake of the Woods road work project of \$175,000.00. MC

9. Items for future consideration:

- 2024-2025 Budget Hearing immediately following the regular March meeting

Adjournment: Motion by Allen supported by Simon to adjourn at 8: 11 p.m. 4 yes, 1 no MC

Respectfully submitted by Stacy Simon, Custer Township Clerk