

The regular meeting of Macon Township was held on Monday, February 5, 2024 at 7p.m. with Supervisor Dean Montrief Presiding. Roll Call: Dean Montrief: present; Julia DeJonghe Marshall: present; Beth DeJonghe: present; Joe Rine: present; Charles Downing: present. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Important Dates:

Township Board Meeting March 4, 2024 at 7p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting April 17, 2024 at 7p.m

Public Comment

Bill Hunt – 12810 Macon Hwy. – public comment was heard. The Macon Cemetery is not a park. The Township should buy land and develop a park.

Nancy Peltes – 8880 Smith Rd. – public comment was heard. The Petition Drive for Local Control started on Saturday and she will be one person who is circulating the petition in the township.

Penny Hunt – 12810 Macon Hwy. – public comment was heard. Explained what the Macon Cemetery Board does and how they maintain the Cemetery.

Joe Rine moved, seconded by Charles Downing to approve the January 8, 2024 minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

General Fund Receipts \$27,395.40 Disbursements \$25,645.61. Total balance in the General Fund \$219,812.18

COVID/ARPA Account Receipts \$144.78. Disbursements \$102.78. Total balance in the COVID/ARPA Account \$98,325.02

Solar Escrow Account balance remains the same at \$1,764.46

Fire Account Receipts \$11.23 Disbursements \$4,209.75. Total balance in the Fire Account \$5,487.11

Road Account Receipts \$1,103.07. No disbursements. Total balance in the Road Account \$29,111.13

Julia DeJonghe Marshall moved, seconded by Joe Rine to approve the ledger account balances. Motion carried.

Beth DeJonghe moved, seconded by Julia DeJonghe Marshall to amend the attorney budget to allow for \$8,067.65 over the budgeted amount. Motion carried.

Julia DeJonghe Marshall moved, seconded by Joe Rine to pay all bills. Motion carried.

Old Business

Proposed Rules for Township Cemeteries: Discussion. Change the rule of no pets to all pets must be leashed and revisit that rule in the future or if problems continue or come up.

New Business

- a. Macon Cemetery Inc. proposed audit – Dean talked to the auditor and will be getting a quote for the cost of the audit from Rehman Robson. We also need to figure out who owns the other 2 cemeteries in the township.

- Bill Hunt – asked that the dogs be kept where the headstones aren't.

Joe Rine suggested that we wait until we get the auditor and lawyers thoughts before pursuing any ordinances or rules.

- Marilyn Bagby – 15% of sales have to go into a perpetual care fund per the State of Michigan.

Charles Downing will send the Cemetery Ordinances that he has found for us to review.

- b. Discussion on Resolution regarding Local Control – table until next meeting.

Supervisors Report

- a. COVID Funds Update – use the majority of the Funds to pay for the 2 Fire Departments service.

- b. Future Agenda Items –

1. Local Control Resolution

2. Mustang Mile Time Extension – Originally had 500 days and the board voted to give an unlimited timeframe for the project. Attorney Mike Homier suggested formally inviting Mustang Mile to the next meeting to discuss. Joe Rine will contact Mike Homier to send a formal invitation. One case Judge Olsaver has not decided on, which is regarding fencing. The other case is in the Court of Appeals to determine if a building permit is needed.

- c. Ordinance Officer – no update

Beth DeJonghe moved, seconded by Charles Downing to adjourn the meeting at 7:51p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia DeJonghe Marshall

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Clerk

Macon Township

Guests: 23