

Fork Township Regular Meeting

December 19, 2022

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Fork Township Supervisor, Lori Helmer, called the Regular Meeting of the Fork Township Board to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag was recited.

Roll call of board members: Lori Helmer-present, Roberta Hazen-present, Doug Brand-present, Mitch Mackersie-present, Tyler Martin-present. All present; none absent.

Public in attendance: Various.

**Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes**

Mitch Mackersie motioned to approve regular meeting minutes of November 21, 2022 with corrections. Tyler Martin seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Approval of the Special Meeting Minutes**

Roberta Hazen motioned to approve special meeting minutes of December 8, 2022 as presented. Doug Brand seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Approval of the Special Meeting Minutes**

Mitch Mackersie motioned to approve special meeting minutes of December 14, 2022 as presented. Roberta Hazen seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Approval of The Treasurers Report**

Roberta Hazen motioned to approve treasurers report as presented. Lori Helmer seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Treasurers Report:**

General Fund	\$263,368.33
Fire Op Fund	\$71,547.79
First Responders Rescue Fund	\$15,568.35
Fire Equipment Fund CD	\$130,214.32
Fire Equipment Fund	\$226,655.58
Tax Collection	\$14,991.44
ARPA-CD1 Fund	\$686,899.45
ARPA-CD 2	\$67,000.98
East Fork Cemetery Trust fund	\$12,751.00
Flake Cemetery Trust Fund	\$16,500.00
Merrill Lake Park-SA Fund	\$372.78
Merrill Lake Roads-SA Fund	\$1,749.61
Rescue Truck	\$576.10
Road Millage Money	\$15,571.89
West Chippewa Vista-SA Fund	\$5,564.09

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**Budget Adjustment:**

Roberta Hazen motioned to move \$8500.00 from Fund Balance line item account number 101.000.399 to Township Board line item account number 101.101.801. Seconded by Lori Helmer. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Approval of the Bills**

Lori Helmer motioned to approve bills as presented. Doug Brand seconded. Roll Call Vote: Lori Helmer-yes; Roberta Hazen-yes; Doug Brand-yes; Mitch Mackersie-yes; Tyler Martin-yes. Motion carried.

General Fund and EFTs	14220-14251	\$19,353.67
Fire OP Fund and EFTs	5854-5855	\$1,677.50
WCRV	721	\$1,300.00

**1. Fork/Barryton Community Fire Dept:** Report by Chief Terry Vogel.

Motion by Tyler Martin to approve purchase of 10 SBCA's at \$103,500.00 from Dinges Fire. Seconded by Roberta Hazen. Roll call vote: Lori Helmer-yes; Roberta Hazen-yes; Doug Brand-yes; Mitch Mackersie-yes, Tyler Martin-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Tyler Martin to approve Fire department and Rescue as part of the Mecosta County Fire Chaplin program at a cost of \$275.00. Seconded by Mitch Mackersie. Roll call vote: Lori Helmer-yes; Roberta Hazen-yes; Doug Brand-yes; Mitch Mackersie-yes, Tyler Martin-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Roberta Hazen to approve Bob Huningta to do physicals for \$600.00, Seconded by Mitch Mackersie. Roll call vote: Lori Helmer-yes; Roberta Hazen-yes; Doug Brand-yes; Mitch Mackersie-yes, Tyler Martin-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Tyler Martin to approve per diem request for Terry to go to LEPT with a max of 8 meetings at 35.00 per diem per meeting and mileage at IRS rates. Seconded by Mitch Mackersie. Roll call vote: Lori Helmer-yes; Roberta Hazen-yes; Doug Brand-yes; Mitch Mackersie-yes, Tyler Martin-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Roberta Hazen to allow Terry to purchase a gas sniffer from Dinges Fire for \$547.50 plus shipping. Seconded by Mitch Mackersie. Roll call vote: Lori Helmer-yes; Roberta Hazen-yes; Doug Brand-yes; Mitch Mackersie-yes, Tyler Martin-yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mitch Mackersie to allow Terry to purchase a label maker and ribbons from Amazon not to exceed \$100.00. Seconded by Lori Helmer. Roll call vote: Lori Helmer-

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yes; Roberta Hazen-yes; Doug Brand-yes; Mitch Mackersie-yes, Tyler Martin-yes.  
Motion carried.

**2. Fork Township Rescue:** Report by supervisor Terry Vogel.

**3. Assessor:** Report given by Julia Fletcher.

March 2023 Board of Review: March 7, 2023

10 am organization; March 15, 2023 3pm-9pm; March 16, 2023 9am-3pm.

**4. Cemeteries:** Report given by cemetery clerk.

**5. Community Center/hall:** Report given by manager Lori Helmer

**6. West Chippewa Vista Committee:** Committee report.

**7. Merrill Lake Roads & Park Committee:** Report given by secretary.

**8. County Commissioner:** Report given by Jerilynn Strong.

**9. Road Committee:** Report given by members.

**10. Recycle:** No report.

**11. Joint Recreation Committee:**

Public hearing January 23, 2023 6pm at Township hall.

**Approval of agenda:**

Tyler Martin motioned to approve the agenda. Mitch Mackersie seconded. All Ayes.  
Motion carried.

**Unfinished Business:**

**ARPA(American Rescue Plan Act):**

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ARPA discussion.

**New Business:**

**Appointments/reappointments to Board of Review:**

Lori Helmer motioned to reappoint Ruth Earle, John Ulrich and Linda Lalonde as Board of Review for January 2023 to December 2024 term and have Dave Dowell as alternate for same term. Seconded by Doug Brand. Roll call vote: Lori Helmer-yes; Roberta Hazen-yes; Doug Brand-yes; Mitch Mackersie-yes, Tyler Martin-yes. Motion carried.

**Board of Review training:**

Motion by Tyler Martin to approve Fork township signup for Mecosta County Assessors Associations Board of Review training at a cost of \$50.00. Seconded by Mitch Mackersie. Roll call vote: Lori Helmer-yes; Roberta Hazen-yes; Doug Brand-yes; Mitch Mackersie-yes, Tyler Martin-yes. Motion carried.

**Notice to bidders:**

Motion by Roberta Hazen to allow Lori to put notices for bidders, four projects: Community Center Renovation Project, Lighting replacement project, Pavilion project, Exterior Paint project, to social media and in town. Seconded by Tyler Martin. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Reports/Roundtable:**

**Lori Helmer, Supervisor:**

Motion by Roberta Hazen to allow any township board member to attend training, Planning for a millage question, at \$25.00 per person webinar. Seconded by Mitch Mackersie. Roll call vote: Lori Helmer-yes; Roberta Hazen-yes; Doug Brand-yes; Mitch Mackersie-yes, Tyler Martin-yes. Motion carried.

**Roberta Hazen, Clerk-**

Motion by Tyler Martin to approve annual membership for MAMC at \$75.00. Seconded by Lori Helmer. Roll call Vote: Lori Helmer-yes; Roberta Hazen-yes; Doug Brand-yes; Mitch Mackersie-yes, Tyler Martin-yes. Motion carried.

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**Doug Brand, Treasurer**-No report.

**Mitch Mackersie, Trustee**- No report.

**Tyler Martin, Trustee**- Excited about the projects coming about due to ARPA funds.

**Adjournment:**

Tyler Martin motioned to adjourn at 9:03 p.m. Mitch Mackersie seconded. All ayes.  
Motion carried

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Roberta Hazen, Fork Township Clerk Approved: 1-16-2022