

Fork Township Regular Meeting

February 20, 2023

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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-absent. All present; ~~none~~ one absent.

Public in attendance: Various.

Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes

Doug Brand motioned to approve regular meeting minutes of January 16, 2023 with corrections. Mitch Mackersie seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mitch Mackersie motioned to approve January 23, 2023 public hearing meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Roberta Hazen. All ayes. Motion carried.

Doug Brand motioned to approve January 23, 2023 special meeting minutes with corrections. Seconded by Mitch Mackersie. All ayes. Motion carried.

Roberta Hazen motioned to approve February 4, 2023 budget meeting workshop minutes as presented. Seconded by Lori Helmer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of The Treasurers Report

Mitch Mackersie motioned to approve treasurers report as presented. Roberta Hazen seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report:

General Fund	\$332,015.85
Fire Op Fund	\$97,973.42
First Responders Rescue Fund	\$32,5814.18
Fire Equipment Fund CD	\$130,323.15
Fire Equipment Fund	\$238,208.96
Tax Collection	\$69,845.16
ARPA-CD1 Fund	\$66,949.87
ARPA-CD 2	\$67,056.98
East Fork Cemetery Trust fund	\$12,751.00
Flake Cemetery Trust Fund	\$16,500.00
Merrill Lake Park-SA Fund	\$132.85
Merrill Lake Roads-SA Fund	\$1,749.95
Rescue Truck	\$576.10
Road Millage Money	\$38,156.94
West Chippewa Vista-SA Fund	\$4,265.01

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Budget Adjustment:

Roberta Hazen motioned to move \$3,400.00 from Fund Balance line item account number 101.000.399 to treasurer line item account number 101.253.000. Seconded by Lori Helmer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Roberta Hazen motioned to increase ARPA expense line item account number 101.000.503 from zero to \$34,975.00 and increase ARPA revenue line item account number 101.000.502 from zero to \$34,975.00.. Seconded by Lori Helmer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of the Bills

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

General Fund and EFTs	14256-14316	\$45,049.46
Fire OP Fund and EFTs	5863-5868	\$11,926.28
Rescue Fund	2761-2763	\$406.85
Merrill LK IMP	776	\$240.00
WCRV	722	\$600.00

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

Motion by Lori Helmer to put Josh Horstman on as a probationary member pending the interview and background outcome. Seconded by Mitch Mackersie. Mitch Mackersie seconded All Ayes. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Lori Helmer to put Morgan Hopkins as a probationary member pending discussion outcome with MML. Seconded by Roberta Hazen. All ayes. Motion carried.

3. Assessor: Report given by Julia Fletcher.

4. Cemeteries: Report given by cemetery clerk.

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

6. West Chippewa Vista Committee: Committee report.

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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:** No report.

Approval of agenda:

Mitch Mackersie motioned to approve the agenda. Doug Brand seconded. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

ARPA(American Rescue Plan Act): Discussion.

New Business:

Board Adoption of 2023-2024 Budget

Roberta Hazen motioned to adopt 2023-2024 proposed budget as presented. Seconded by Doug Brand. Roll call vote: Lori Helmer-yes; Roberta Hazen-yes; Doug Brand-yes; Mitch Mackersie-yes; Tyler Martin-absent. Motion carried.

Resolution for poverty exemption guidelines for 2023-2024(R-2023-9)

Roberta Hazen motioned to adopt R-2023-9 as presented. Seconded by Mitch Mackersie. Roll call vote: Lori Helmer-yes; Roberta Hazen-yes; Doug Brand-yes; Tyler Martin-absent. Motion carried.

Hazardous waste collection:

Lori Helmer motioned to contract with Mecosta Osceola/Lake Conservation District for \$500.00 for the 2023 household hazardous waste program. Seconded by Mitch Mackersie. Roll call vote: Lori Helmer-yes; Roberta Hazen-yes; Doug Brand-yes; Mitch Mackersie-yes; Tyler Martin-absent. Motion carried.

Public Comment:

Compliment on our ARPA funding projects.

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Lori Helmer, Supervisor:

Board of Review discussion.

Roberta Hazen, Clerk-

Motion by Roberta Hazen to sign the letter from Emerson Geophysical LLC seismic survey at community center. Seconded by Lori Helmer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Doug Brand, Treasurer-

Eight more days of property tax season.

Mitch Mackersie, Trustee-

Road committee getting together in ~~August~~ April.

Tyler Martin, Trustee- absent.

Adjournment:

Doug Brand motioned to adjourn at 9:50 p.m. Mitch Mackersie seconded. All ayes.
Motion carried

Roberta Hazen, Fork Township Clerk Approved: 3-18-2023