

Fork Township Regular Meeting

August 21 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-present. All present; None absent.

Public in attendance: Various.

Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes

Tyler Martin motioned to approve regular meeting minutes of July 17, 2023 with corrections. Mitch Mackersie seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of the Special Meeting Minutes

Doug Brand motioned to approve special meeting minutes of July 12, 2023 as presented. Mitch Mackersie seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of The Treasurers Report

Tyler Martin motioned to accept Treasurers Report as presented. Mitch Mackersie seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report:

General Fund	\$312,007.53
Fire Op Fund	\$110,809.16
First Responders Rescue Fund	\$35,600.17
Fire Equipment Fund CD	\$130,646.61
Fire Equipment Fund	\$159,582.52
Tax Collection	\$128,856.27
East Fork Cemetery Trust fund	\$12,751.00
Flake Cemetery Trust Fund	\$16,500.00
Merrill Lake Park-SA Fund	\$460.87
Merrill Lake Roads-SA Fund	\$2,598.30
Rescue Truck	\$6,755.23
Road Millage Money	\$67,440.61
West Chippewa Vista-SA Fund	\$5,519.12

Budget Adjustment:

None.

Approval of the Bills

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

General Fund	14488-14522 and EFTs	\$45,461.75
Fire OP Fund	5901-5906 and ETFs	\$13,318.11
Mer LK Improv	782	\$120.00

Presentation by *Rusty Reynolds, Optic Edge Sign*

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

Lori Helmer motioned to approve sending up to 10 members to Electric Vehicle Extrication course for \$150.00/member. Mitch Mackersie seconded. Roll call vote: Lori Helmer-yes; Doug Brand-yes; Roberta Hazen-yes; Mitch Mackerries-yes; Tyler Martin-yes. Motion carried.

Lori Helmer motioned to hire Kate Fletcher as a probationary member pending outcome of interview. Tyler Martin seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Lori Helmer motioned to hire Dan Waldron as a probationary member pending outcome of interview. Roberta Hazen seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Doug Brand motioned to approve replacement of four lights on truck 6 at a cost of \$774.10 each for a total of \$3098.00. Tyler Martin seconded. Roll call vote: Lori Helmer-yes; Doug Brand-yes; Roberta Hazen-yes; Mitch Mackerries-yes; Tyler Martin-yes. Motion carried.

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

3. Assessor: Report received from Julia Fletcher.

4. Cemeteries: Report given by cemetery clerk.

Tyler Martin motioned to approve bid from F&B Stump Grinding to remove tree at East Fork. Mitch Mackersie seconded. Roll call vote: Lori Helmer-yes; Doug Brand-yes; Roberta Hazen-yes; Mitch Mackerries-yes; Tyler Martin-yes. Motion carried.

5. Community Center/hall: Given by manager Lori Helmer

6. West Chippewa Vista Committee: Committee report.

7. Merrill Lake Roads & Park Committee:

Motion by Tyler Martin to approve \$350.00 out of Merrill Lake Roads fund for dumpster to Steveo Construction. Doug Brand seconded. Roll call vote: Lori Helmer-yes; Doug Brand-yes; Roberta Hazen-yes; Mitch Mackerries-yes; Tyler Martin-yes. Motion carried.

8. County Commissioner: Report by Jerilyn Strong.

9. Road Committee: Report given by members.

10. Recycle: No report.

11. Joint Recreation Committee: No report

Approval of agenda:

Doug Brand motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Roberta Hazen seconded. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

ARPA(American Rescue Plan Act):

Doug Brand motioned to approve bid for Christina Martin for design of Flake and Brown cemetery sign at a cost of \$150.00 and will include 1 design change then any change would be \$40.00 per hour. *Mitch Mackersie seconded*. Roll call vote: Lori Helmer-yes; Doug Brand-yes; Roberta Hazen-yes; Mitch Mackerie-yes; Tyler Martin-abstain. Motion carried.

New Business

Consumers Energy:

Tyler Martin motioned to approve Consumers Energy easement and allow Lori Helmer to be signer and get it notarized. Mitch Mackersie seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Reports/Roundtable:

Lori Helmer, Supervisor: Discussed Successful Barryton days and next year's theme is Local Business.

Roberta Hazen, Clerk:

Lori Helmer motioned to allow Roberta sign and send Metro Act right of way permit extension with AT&T. Tyler Martin seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Lori Helmer motioned to allow Roberta to attend MAMC Education Day with per diem and mileage. Doug Brand seconded. Roll call vote: Lori Helmer-yes; Doug Brand-yes; Roberta Hazen-yes; Mitch Mackerie-yes; Tyler Martin-yes. Motion carried.

Doug Brand, Treasurer: None.

Mitch Mackersie, Trustee: M-66 property discussion; road and gravel discussion

Tyler Martin, Trustee: Discussion of basketball hoops.

Adjournment:

Tyler Martin motioned to adjourn at 9:36 p.m. Mitch Mackersie seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.