

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 Mackersie-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

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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 Mackeries-yes; Tyler Martin-yes. Motion carried.

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

Lori Helmer motioned to hire Dan Waldron as a probationary member pending out come 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 Mackeries-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 Mackeries-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 Mackeries-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):**

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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 Mackeries-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 Mackeries-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.

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Roberta Hazen, Fork Township Clerk Approved: 9-18-2023