

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
MIDDLEVILLE TOWNSHIP
3014 CO. RD. 6 SW
HOWARD LAKE, MN 55349
December 12, 2023

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairman James Raymond, at 7:00 pm followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Also present were Supervisors Walt Barlow and James Jacobson, Deputy Treasurer Jamie Hirsch, Clerk Joey Berg and Maintenance Man Randy Klugow. Also present was Septic Inspector Mark Hayes. Absent were Treasurer Judy Forst and PZ Administrator Jessica Elfmann. Others in attendance are noted on the sign-in sheet included with the approved minutes.
2. Richard Sonstegard and his son, Mark, were present with a request for a variance regarding a new septic system to be installed on Richard's property. Mark Hayes explained the situation. Due to the size of the lot, the mound will infringe into the road right of way a bit. The slope of the mound will be slightly in the road ditch; and, the mound will be fourteen feet from the house rather than the twenty feet provided in the ordinance. Mark Hayes said the system will work just fine with those variances. James R. made a motion and Walt second the motion to grant the variances as stated. Motion carried unanimously 4-0.
3. Joey presented the Clerk's report: The November minutes were reviewed. The December misc. receipts in the amount of \$3,081.72 and claims in the amount of \$41,755.67 were reviewed. Joey pointed out a clerical error in entering November claims. The PERA should have been 902.31 (not 1,211.02, as presented). A corrected Claim Sheet was provided for board signatures. Walt made a motion and James J. second to approve the Clerk's report (including claim #s 10201-10217 & EFT#s E122301-E122307). Carried unanimously 3-0.
4. Jamie then presented the Treasurer's report: she stated that the balance on hand at the end of November was \$651,492.54. She mentioned we received our 2nd half distribution, 122,605.52 and 3rd quarter recycling incentive, 587.20, from Wright County. We had transferred \$20,000 (Misc/Emerg fund) from savings to cover bills. She noted that there had been interest income of \$301.29 in the month of November of which \$299.43 was reinvested. Walt made a motion and James R. second to approve the Treasurer's report. Carried unanimously 3-0. The board then did an audit of the Clerk's November books along with the Treasurer's report and bank statements. A motion was made by Walt and second by James J. to approve the audit of the Clerk's November books. Carried unanimously 3-0.
5. Planning and Zoning: none
6. Road Maintenance Report: Randy reported 1) it had been too dry, so blading has not worked very well, especially where there had been heavy truck traffic, 2) the payloader had some repair work done on it, 3) he'd been hauling rock in preparation for winter, 4) Scott Zubrod will be unavailable this winter, but Mark Hurley, who is an experienced operator will be available to help with plowing snow when needed. James J. made a motion to approve Mark for part time help as needed. James R. seconded the motion. Carried unanimously 3-0.
Randy had replaced the broken posts on the ←→ sign on Gowan at end of 47th St. He had also installed a mailbox post and a couple address signs.

7. Old Business: none

8. New Business: 1) James R. reported on the business meeting at the recent annual MAT conference. There seems to be ongoing issues with the current Executive Director. Jim said it was such a mess, he just had to leave the meeting.

2) James J. expressed his thoughts on some of the electives at the conference.

3) Walt had attended the "round table" on Earned Sick and Safe Time. He mentioned a few of the basics with the new program after Jan , 2024. An hour of paid ESS time will be earned for every 30 hours worked and can be built up to 80 hours. At end of year, hours can be carried over, but again cannot exceed 80. Brianna, our Deputy Clerk, and Jamie both have a pretty good handle on the new program. Brianna will email Joey the link for more information.

4) Mark Hayes mentioned how he and Metro West, as inspectors should be able to give the Township some help with a couple "problem properties" we have...both the one at 1607 Keats and also the one at 960210th St.

5) James J. will get the Recycling postcards ready for 2024.

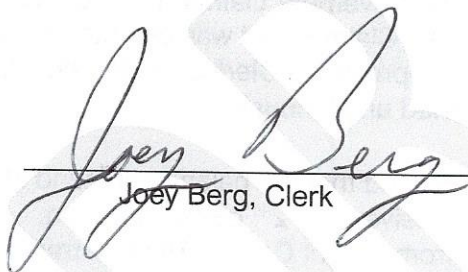
6) 2024 Maintenance Man contract was discussed. James J. made a motion and James R. seconded to give a 4% increase, making the new hourly rate \$38.22. Carried unanimously 3-0.

9. Meetings:

Jan 4 – Wright Co Ass'n of Townships mtg, Southside Twp, 7:00 pm

Jan 9 – monthly mtg at 7:00 pm

10. Meeting was adjourned at 8.37 pm.



Joey Berg, Clerk

James Raymond, Chairman