

Work Session January 8, 2025 12:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call attendance Bertrand \_ Pearn\_ Hopps\_ Detmer\_ Monet\_ All Present

Went over Agenda briefly:

Fire Dept Recruiting: Possibilities Paying Bonus , Trustee Detmer will talk to police officers for their ideas Chief JC has some ideas, May present at Next board meeting, altering distance requirement for response More discussion necessary

Short term rental: More canvassing necessary and more thoroughly to include most taxpayers Their opinions are valued , Supervisor Bertrand and Treasurer Hopps in agreement , trustees Detmer and Monet both spoke on the subject of Rules being posted and emergency numbers being readily available. Clerk Pearn emphasizing Owners responsibility and that no penalty would be imposed on those who comply with the rules. Occupancy numbers will be restricted and enforced.

Records room retention /cleanup : Clerk Pearn has retained Trustee and his Deputy Courtney to put in extra hours to help with project . Will look into proper disposal of documents ; As described by Supervisor Bertrand "in complete disarray "

TWP Health Insurance/Retirement plan : Process needs to be looked at , However Clerk Pearn says: Plan was in place mainly as a perk of elected office, see no reason to change without a better, more reasonable plan in place. The fact that employee contribution to township's share seems backwards to me....supervisor Bertrand agreed. The need to check around for new benefits , perhaps to include 3 deputies and receptionist. Treasurer Hopps : we need to shop around. Trustee Monet : Have hours checked , other companies may not require full time. Board Members may need a certain number of hours as well, (Trustees in Particular) to get to the required time constraints to qualify. Much more information is needed. It has been mentioned that maybe the primary reason for trustees in the past doing extra duties.

Huntington Bank Review: Representative was here on Tuesday. Treasurer Hopps suggesting diversification, not have all our eggs in one basket. Supervisor Bertrand is talking with CPA and going through accounts....the process has started, perhaps switching banks is a possibility . Representative presented more options...Ongoing talks.

Solar Farms: Treasurer Hopps reported from a county treasurers' meeting in Gerrish township that more than 400 acres of trees are scheduled for removal in Gaylord. Supervisor Bertrand added that a designated area near here was at the DNR airport, for a proposed farm. Trustee Detmer said it makes no sense , Clerk Pearn adamantly was against removal of trees . Apparently no study was necessary , No data to look at to see if the system even works or worth the cost of destroying greenery, one of the main reasons most of us are living here....that and our beautiful lake! We may need a resolution.

Foia: The decision has been made , for Supervisor Bertrand to take over all FOIA requests and that we will supply as best we can within 5 days . Results of all correspondence will be shared with Board members. A discussion was held as to the sense of the supervisor take care of this

because of his interaction with the township law firm. Clerk Pearn agreed wholeheartedly, Board members were in agreement. All correspondence to go to Supervisor Bertrand or if indisposed Deputy Fay.

Board Comments: Supervisor Bertrand : Budget will be done, CPA will offer advice , Each section will have an accounting : Fire, General Fund, Payroll , etc. There was money movement needed to pay bills. Will be paid back to original account as taxes come in. We need to determine why there was not sufficient funds for bills acquired by previous board. We will maintain an orderly and open book as far as our expenditures. We need to look seriously at making decisions about our budget policy.

The Q and A under public comment and written on the supervisor contact forms will be available at the next board meeting . Approximately 30 of them. Please ask if you have any questions either by written forms or at public comment.

Public comments:

Unknown man, What qualifications were there for the GLUA board! Supervisor Bertrand answered at length, discussed canvassing in detail.

Patti Dennis: Concerns about people purchasing only for the purpose of renting , Wanted an explanation of FOIA . Was told that the information was out there and available. Commented on new board members not attending meetings, How to get Lyon Township residents information when they are not up here, all people who pay taxes should have a voice.

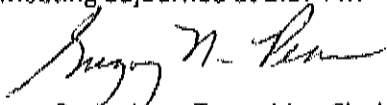
Brian Cook : brought up past fees for health insurance, was under 1,000 dollars he says. He is opposed to giving trustees same benefits as full time positions. Had budget suggestions , look for better returns , Commented on Julie Tatro, who was the assessor and Acting Supervisor.

Sam Boodorian Jr. : Pilot program to test STR

Dave Hall Gerrish Twp, : Spoke on things being run through the commissioners office.

John Barden: Septic meetings worthwhile in his opinion, many vendors there, Fire Dept collaborate with Gerrish and other townships for back up and possible recruits. Communications with residents is limited. Must do better.

Meeting adjourned at 2:07 PM



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