

WALTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
MINUTES

March 12th, 2024

Present: Supervisor Bob Starkweather, Treasurer Jeanine Nowak, Clerk Erin Cummings, Trustee Tom Harmon, Trustee Richard Heisler, Dave Soblesky, Dave Moody, John and Patti Ostrowski, Jeff Willis, Margo Aseltine, Carl Gallihugh, John Conklin, Terry Sedlar, Diane Barmes, Rick and Barb Platzer, John and Nancy Holton

Absent:

Supervisor Starkweather called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Trustee Heisler moved to approve the March agenda. Seconded by Trustee Harmon MOTION CARRIED.

Clerk Cummings presented the payables in written form, Trustee Heisler moved to transfer \$39,000.00, seconded by Trustee Harmon. MOTION CARRIED

Nowak presented the Treasurer's report in written form. Trustee Harmon moved to accept the Treasurer's report as written and seconded by Trustee Heisler. MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE:

NEW BUSINESS:

Olivet Fire Department Contract April 1, 2024 through April 1, 2026- Trustee Heisler moved to approve the Fire Contract. Seconded by Trustee Harmon MOTION CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Reports:

- Clerk- Reminder Annual Meeting will be held on March 19th at 5pm. Election went well, we had 10 voters attend early voting at Carmel Township, election day we had 244 voters and 139 absentee voters.
- Rural Fire- Charlotte Fire will be buying a new pickup truck for the Safety Inspector position, that will be hired. It will be jointly owned by rural fire and the city. Grant funds will be used for this. There is still a dispute between Carmel Township and the City. Carmel's expiration date to withdraw from Rural Fire is July 1. Our percentage for rural fire will increase once Carmel is completely out. Supervisor Starweather will have additional information at the budget workshop.
- Supervisor- Art is no longer on board of review. DJ Barr will step into that position; Clerk Cummings will add the application to the website for anyone that is interested in being an alternate.
- Sheriff-65 events
Olivet Fire Chief-7 total calls. They have not received an assembly date yet for the new truck. Spartan will assembly and then it will be sent to Spencer for 3-4 months. There are still discussions on a new Fire Dept. Lee Township will be buying a utv and a pickup truck for Olivet Fire Dept.
- County Commissioner-Jim discussed the funding issues facing the county. They will be holding town hall meetings to discuss further. There will be a millage on the November ballot. There has been no increase in tax allocation since 1978. Many things are different causing a shortfall. If a millage is not passed there could be a decrease of services.
- Road Commissioner Update-Road Commission Meeting will be held March 26th for Township officials, Supervisor Starkweather plans to attend.
- Assessing- Holding board of review meetings this week.

Public Comment:

John Holton-Many improvements have been made on Eaton County Roads.

Carl Gallihugh-asked where he could get permits if needed for a property clean-up.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:41p.m. Trustee Harmon moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Heisler MOTION CARRIED