

AMBER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
Amber Township Hall, Regular Session

September 28, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: 6:34 P.M.

Roll Call: Present- T. Alway, R. Alway, T. Rohde, C. Anderson, Absent- J. Gallie, Thomas Alway meeting moderator.

PLEDGE RECITED.

GUESTS-1 (Dan Quinn)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA- Motion to approve with right of chair to alter as necessary, Move- R. Alway / Support-C. Anderson, Ayes-4

APPROVAL OF MINUTES from August 24, 2020: Motion to approve-R. Alway/Support-T. Alway, Ayes-4

SHERIFF REPORT-Submitted

MASON Co. Comm. REPORT-County approved six tax levies, loaned \$86,000 for the Ross Drain.

Budget meeting 9/30/2020 to approve about \$14- ½ million

CORRESPONDENCE-

9/12/20 Received letter from Carlos Alvarado Law accepting Amber Township as our legal counsel.

9/28/20 Clerk Rohde received a thank-you letter from a voter for election assistance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING & ZONING-

Board met with City Planner, Tim Johnson on September 15, 2020, waiting to hear back from him for a proposal on cost of his services and assistance in what the Amber Township board needs to do to move forward to create a planning commission.

FIRE- MCRFA added \$10,000 to next year's equipment budget line for purchase toward a rescue/recovery boat. Would like to ask Townships to allow some money in their budgets to donate to this. Adding a proposal to the May 2021 election for 3/8 milage for operating funds.

DPW-None

STREET LIGHTS- No problems reported

ROADS- Dennis Road paved and the two miles of First Street paved last week.

ELECTIONS- Had new Chairperson, 7 veteran inspectors, 5 new inspectors, plus Deputy clerk, did well splitting shifts, rotating positions and tabulating 344 absentee ballots. One- way voting was a great success, in the front, out the back. 1985 registered voters, Absentee ballots: 414 sent out, 344 returned. 654 ballots tabulated, (33% of voters), 310 voters at the polls. November estimated Absentee is at 70% Starting to receive some of the PPE from the State of MI through the CARES ACT.

Tuesday, October 6, 2020 Election Commission Meeting, 10am

Wednesday, October 21, 2020 Public Test of Election equipment, 9am

Both at Amber Township Hall

HALL/GROUNDS-None

CEMETERIES- Cement markers were delivered.

SUPERVISOR REPORT- NONE

TREASURER REPORT- Motion to accept as amended, Trust & Agency account adjusted, Support--R. Alway, Support-T. Alway, Ayes-4

CLERK REPORT - NONE

PAYMENT OF EXPENSES- September 2 checks, \$445 & \$32,024.63 for a total of \$32,469.63. Motion to approve R. Alway/Support-C. Anderson, Ayes-4

ASSESSOR REPORT-NONE

OLD BUSINESS-

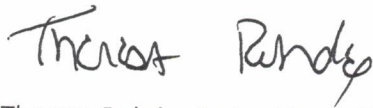
1. Amber Planning commission-nothing new, covered under committee reports

NEW BUSINESS-

1. Walter's Fishery-water bill. Owes PM Township for water, will look into further.
2. COVID rental contract- Clerk Rohde will make a contract for renters to sign to follow the Governor's Executive order, so Amber Township is not liable for the virus if rented to small groups.

ADJOURN: 7:25 P.M.

Submitted by,



Theresa Rohde, Amber Township Clerk