

AMBER TOWNSHIP BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

Amber Township Hall, Regular Session

February 28, 2022 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL- Present: C. Anderson, J. Gallie, R. Alway, T. Alway, T. Rohde, Absent: None.

PLEDGE RECITED

GUESTS- Three guests. Paul Keson from Ludington Mass Transit discussed a one-year study along the US-10 corridor for commercial businesses with a cost share program for Amber Township. Packet info attached.

MASON COUNTY SHERIFF REPORT-None.

MASON COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT- Court security starts April 1, 2022. Courthouse taking bids for new roof. Next County Commissioner meeting is March 8, 2022 at 9 a.m. There are some line changes in the Brownfield.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA- Motion to approve with right of chair to alter as necessary; with additions- Move: J. Gallie/Support: T. Alway, Ayes-5/Nays-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES from December 20, 2021 regular board meeting with corrections- Move: T. Alway/Support: R. Alway, Ayes-5/Nays-0. Approval of minutes from February 15, 2022 special meeting- Move: T. Alway/Support: R. Alway, Ayes-5/Nays-0.

CORRESPONDENCE-Read & filed.

ASSESSOR REPORT-Resolution to Extend Poverty Exemptions for Qualified Applicants, Move: R. Alway/Support: J. Gallie, Ayes-5, Nays-0, Absent-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING & ZONING- Nothing.

FIRE- Missed 2/24/22 meeting. Dale Goodrich is new chairperson.

DPW-Sewer rates increasing.

STREET LIGHTS-All good, no reports of any issues.

ROADS-The south end. (300'400' ft.) of Johnson Road will need wedging this year. We have eight road projects scheduled for this year, four of which did not get completed in 2021 for an estimated cost of \$242,213.11. Motion to approve the eight road projects, Move-R.
Alway/Support- T. Alway, Ayes-5, Nays-0.

ELECTIONS- May 3, 2022 Special Election, MCC Schools bond proposal and LASD sinking fund renewal millage, so we will have two ballot styles. There are 453 absentee voters to date, ordering AV supplies this week. Next Election Commission meeting needs to be between March 24 and April 12. State is still working on redistricting.

HALL/GROUNDS- Spring clean-up is Saturday, May 7, 2022 from 8 a.m. until noon. Bookings for rentals are picking up, have five rentals booked through July. LED light bulbs should be installed this month. Insurance coverage renew 4/1/2000 with Municipal Underwriters of West MI at \$3851.

CEMETERIES- Fencing to be installed on the sides of both cemeteries. Weed and feed needs to be applied to the grounds, as well as more trap rock. Burial markers will be finished this year. Flag order is due March 15, 2022- will order one gross.

TREASURER'S REPORT-None.

PAYMENT OF EXPENSES- Total of \$4821.61. Motion to Approve: R. Alway/Support: T. Alway, Ayes-5/Nays-0.

SUPERVISOR REPORT- Met with LMTA, road commission and DPW meeting. Hidden Forest addition of 60 more units. Timber sale, 1/3 selection at estimated \$18,750 less the 10% fee.

CLERK REPORT- Amend accounts: Fire to \$3400, Cemetery to \$6900, Contingency to \$17,200. Move: T. Alway/Support J. Gallie, Ayes-5, Nays-0. Postal Meter was estimated at \$1848 yearly lease, plus postage cost, we spend about \$1700, not worth it at this time, re-check pricing and budget next year.

OLD BUSINESS-

1. FORENSIC AUDIT- Ongoing.

2. LMTA-One year cost share agreement for transportation on the US-10 corridor for commercial businesses only. Estimated at \$6200, with a CAP at \$8500. Reports and payments to be done on a quarterly basis. Motion to approve: Move-T. Alway/Support-T. Rohde, Ayes-5, Nays-0.

NEW BUSINESS-

1. 2022-2023 MEETING SCHEDULE-motion to accept the attached schedule with the December 19, 2022 meeting to start at 5:00 p.m. Move-J. Gallie/Support-T. Alway, Ayes-5, Nays-0.

2. BUDGET MEETING DISCUSSION- final budget hearing to be held at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 28, 2022 before the regular 6:30 board meeting.

3. HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE AGREEMENT-requested amount for 2022 is \$1011.60, calculated at .40/person for 2529 people. Last year rounded up to \$1025. Motion to accept the agreement and round up to \$1100: Move-T. Alway/Support: R. Alway, Ayes-5, Nays-0.

4. ATTORNEY FEES for Delinquent Properties-Motion to join with the other townships in Mason County to split the attorney fees associated with any court costs for pursuing delinquent property taxes. Move-J. Gallie/Support-C. Anderson, Ayes-5. Nays-0.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS- Commissioner Squires expressed his gratitude for the Amber Township board passing the LMTA agreement. Commissioner Squires also suggested the Amber Township Board write a letter to the Mason County Board of Commissioners on recommending the Zoning and Drain offices remain in their building, as they are currently centrally located.

ADJOURN- 8:11 p.m.

Submitted by,

Handwritten signatures of Theresa and Randy.

Theresa Rohde, Amber Township Clerk

Drafted March 1, 2022

To be approved March 28, 2022 / Approved 3/28/22