

CHERRY VALLEY TOWNSHIP

REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 26, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Robert Shepler at 7:00pm.

Everyone was asked to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Supervisor Robert Shepler, Treasurer Lori Jeffery, Clerk Debra Smith, Trustee Connie Avery, Trustee Vicki Sherman.

Minutes from January 10, 2024 General Meeting were given to the board and copies were available for the audience to review. A period of time was allowed for everyone to read them. Motion by Robert Shepler to approve minutes from the General Meeting and seconded by Lori Jeffrey. Motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT:

All board members received a packet from the treasurer containing a print out of the Balance Sheet, Bank Statements for both the General Fund and Tax Account along with Reconciliation detail for both. Copies were available for the public to review. Treasurer Lori explained accounts and asked if there were any comments. None being said, a Motion was made by Debra Smith and seconded by Connie Avery to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Motion by Robert Shepler and seconded by Debra Smith to approve payment of outstanding bills. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Lori Jeffrey and seconded by Connie Avery to use the rest of the Covid Relief Fund to pay the monthly fee for our web site. Board was in agreement and funds were committed. Motion carried.

BOARD OF REVIEW:

Report was given by Dawn Shepler, Chairperson for March 12th BOR. They received 6 petitions. Two were for Poverty Exemption 1 was granted the other denied. Another 2 were for a lower taxable value and both were denied. The other 2 were for the same property owner and one washed the other but corrected the problem.

The new equipment made it easier for the BOR to perform their duties and make the switch from paper to electronic smoother.

SUPERVISOR REPORT: We received 3 new building permits since our last meeting. We had some blight complaints I checked the one for the old trailer for a building permit nobody was there. I also found an old bldg. permit at a different location and looking into it. I was informed that the MSU Extension offers a guide to eliminate blight that I will check into.

For the storage unit on US10 the State is going to send a Letter of Comply for the curb & gutter required by the state law. The storage bldg. at US10 & Nelson is to have the drives on Nelson Road removed, Building Dept. is going to inspect.

CLERKS REPORT:

I attended a meeting for Clerks given by the County Clerk at the county building. Early voting had less than 50 people for 13 townships and only 1 for Cherry Valley. Lake County is looking for new vendors for voting equipment and their contract with Election Source expires in 2 years. Election Source has increased their prices quite a bit, plus their ballots are printed in another state. Was also informed that the law requires Clerks to run their own accuracy test. This is another \$65 for a test kit.

SPECIAL GUEST:

Sheriff Rich Martin - Talked about the shooting in Lake County from a child felony stop. ORV roads that are closed and ORV patrols. Having people contact the ORV Club in Manistee for more information. Active shooter training and Self-defense Act.

Commissioner Robert Sanders – Donald Divis is the new director for 911. The 911 system has been completely updated and will start using the 800 MHz radio April 3, 2024. Yates Fire Dept. was able to get their new radios with the help from our township and what Yates gave them. Patrick Maddox is the new Emergency Management Director. Some representatives are still pushing for a septic tank inspection. This is not something needed in our area and to write to Lansing.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Supervisor to contact Michigan State University Extension for more information on how to fight the blight problem.

Lake County Township Officers Association will hold their meeting at Cherry Valley township hall on April 25, 2024 at 7pm

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

Being no further business a motion was made by Robert Shepler to adjourn and seconded by Lori Jeffrey. Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Smith, Clerk