

Ellsworth Township

Regular Meeting Minutes

December 9, 2024

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Supervisor Todd Charles called the meeting to order @ 7:00 pm.

Members Present: Supervisor Todd Charles, Treasurer Kimberly Pendley, Clerk Brittany Carlson, Deputy Clerk Connie Holmes, Trustees Patrick Chachulski

Members Absent: None

Visitor's Present: James Bacon, Sheriff Rich Martin

Chachulski made a motion to accept the agenda dated December 9, 2024, 2nd by Pendley. All in favor, Motion Carried.

Public Comment- Sheriff Martin updated the council on county happenings. There will be a Christmas present giveaway Christmas eve at the Luther fire barn 1-3pm.

Pendley motioned to accept the regular scheduled meeting minutes dated November 18th, 2024 2nd by Chachulski. All in Favor, Motion carried.

The Financial report dated November 2024 was given with the following balances: General Fund \$120,727.21; ARPA Fund \$43,999.15; Tax Account \$2,411.20; Fire Operating Account \$35,521.82; Fire Equipment Account \$178,296.87; Fire Hall Debt \$2,691.09; Township Roads Account \$90,807.50; Nichoson CD \$3,113.75. Total of all accounts \$477,568.59. A motion was made by Chachulski, 2nd by Pendley to approve the financial statement as presented. –Roll Call Vote- Yes-Carlson, Chachulski, Pendley, Charles –No- None. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chachulski motioned to accept the budget amendment. Decrease attorney (\$3,000.00) from \$5,000.00 to \$2,000.00. Increase Election \$3,000.00 from (\$383.16) to \$2,616.84. 2nd by Pendley. –Roll Call Vote- Yes-Carlson, Chachulski, Pendley, Charles –No- None. All in favor. Motion carried.

Bills-Consumers Energy \$50.68; Verizon \$171.13; Summit Digital \$150.00; Cadillac Accounting \$120.00; Election Source \$3,333.50; Kelso Media \$520.00; Amazon \$103.85. Chachulski made a motion to pay the bills, 2nd by Pendley –Roll Call Vote- Yes- Chachulski, Charles, Pendley, Carlson. –No- None. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

Board of Review will be held on December 10th. Chachulski made a motion to adopt the Resolution to establishing poverty guidelines for exemption from property tax contributions, 2nd by Pendley. –Roll Call Vote- Yes-Carlson, Chachulski, Pendley, Charles –No- None. All in favor. Motion carried.

Three tree bids were received for the tree work needed in Pleasant Hill Cemetery. James Tree Service \$17,000.00 Rivers Edge \$12,600.00, Krisch Tree Removal \$19,500.00. Chachulski made a motion to accept Rivers Edge Bid of \$12,600.00 For the tree work in Pleasant Hill Cemetery. 2nd by Charles. –Roll Call Vote- Yes-Carlson, Chachulski, Pendley, Charles –No- None. All in favor. Motion carried.

Still looking into quotes for cemetery signage.

In need of a caretaker for all the cemeteries.

Tentative date for Area Cleanup is August 23rd.

The township discussed the brine map for 2025. Carlson made a motion to accept the brine map as presented. 2nd Pendley. –Roll Call Vote- Yes-Carlson, Chachulski, Pendley, Charles –No- None. All in favor. Motion carried.

There were two bids received for the roof Andrew Cornelius \$17,918.25 Dagens Home Improvements \$12,650.00. The council needs more information on these quotes. Will discuss further at next meeting.

Carlson made a motion to remove Allen Dean from the bank signatory and add Deputy Clerk Connie Holmes and Supervisor Todd Charles to the account. 2nd Chachulski. Motion Carried.

The council received one letter of interest for the open trustee position. Chachulski made a motion to appoint James Bacon to the open trustee position. 2nd Carlson. –Roll Call Vote- Yes-Carlson, Chachulski, Pendley, Charles –No- None. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chachulski made a motion to schedule a special meeting for December 19, 2024 to discuss final ARPA Funds. 2nd by Pendley. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Chachulski, 2nd Charles to adjourn the meeting at 8:48pm. All in favor! Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:48pm

Brittany Carlson Ellsworth Township Clerk