

BREVORT TOWNSHIP
BOARD MEETING
August 13, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Serwach at 6:05 pm by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members were Supervisor Serwach, Treasurer Olsen, Clerk Matelski, Trustee William Orr and Tabitha Orr were not present. They were excused due to medical reasons.

The public present were

Daryl Orr., Steve Bird, Mark Peterson, Boyd Bigger, Les Therrian, Thomas Moga, Madeline Shephard and Daniel _____

Clerk Matelski read July 9, 2024 meeting minutes. Motion to approve minutes made by Supervisor Serwach, seconded by Treasurer Olsen. Motion approved.

Clerk Matelski read the bills due. Motion to approve bills as read made by Supervisor Serwach , seconded by Treasurer B. Olsen. Motion approved.

Treasurer B. Olsen read the Treasurer's report for July 31, 2024. Motion to approve the report made by Supervisor Serwach, seconded by Clerk K. Matelski.. Motion approved

New Business:

Madeline Shephard from the Chippewa Luce Mackinac Conservation District spoke to the Board about a grant program for communities. The Michigan Community Forest Investment Act allows public and some private lands to be considered to receive funding. The grant is for the planting and maintenance of trees and necessary equipment to do same. The grant application is due August 31, 2024. Discussion was held of possibly using the fairground property and the Township park. It appears the grant could be used to remove the older poplar trees at the park and plant new trees. The Board members present were receptive with proceeding on the behalf of the Township to secure funding..

Supervisor Serwach stated that the home on Lewis Street has a full dumpster at this time. It has not been picked up yet but has been paid for. He will continue to monitor this situation.

Les Therrian stated that he has secured a quote to make the necessary valve correction for the sewer. He stated that he is working on the permit at this time but that the cost to make the necessary corrections is \$18450.00. He also talked about having the lift station generator placed on a trailer to be used in the Township. Treasurer Olsen stated that he could amend the budget related to the sewer accounts for this money. Motion made by Treasurer Olsen, seconded by Clerk Matelski to approve this expenditure. Motion passed.

Chief Peterson stated that he has checked on a sale price of a side by side utility vehicle. He has spoken to Clark Township about the cost and where they purchased theirs. He believes the cost of this unit is too high and will not be beneficial at this time to the fire department, and that the matter should be tabled to the future. He also stated that he has completed his required fire reports and that these reports need to be done monthly to secure state funding. He stated that First Aid training will take place on Monday. He also talked about getting new LED lights to replace the older ones on some of the fire trucks. Board members agreed that he should secure pricing quotes and bring this matter back at the August, 2024 meeting.

Chief Peterson reported that Ron Peterka recently fell and is hospitalized. He along with other fire department personnel had a ceremony for Ron at the hospital and presented him with a gold badge for his retirement from the Fire Department.

Various parties spoke regarding the need for a new brush hog to cut the lagoon. Various types of equipment were discussed and Boyd Bigger will check into pricing for the equipment and report at a future meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 6:55 pm made by Clerk Matelski , seconded by Treasurer Olsen. Motion granted.