

BIG PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Wright.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Roll call showed the following board members present: Wright, Baker, Scott and Thompson. Quinlan was absent.

Motion by Scott seconded by Baker to approve the agenda with the addition of Park Commission budget amendment, motion carried.

The Public Hearing on the proposed 5 year Rec Plan was opened at 7:03 p.m. There were no questions or comments. Public hearing closed at 7:05 p.m.

Motion by Thompson seconded by Scott to adopt the proposed 5 year Rec Plan for the Township. Roll call vote:

Wright, yea

Scott, yea

Thompson, yea

Baker, yea

Quinlan, absent

The proposed rec plan is adopted.

The Park Commission called their meeting to order, motion by Clark seconded by Ryman to adopt the proposed Rec Plan, all yes, motion carried.

Motion by Scott seconded by Thompson to approve the minutes of the December meeting as received, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance	232,307.11
Income	5,242.51
Disbursements	20,145.17
Balance	217,403.90

Report filed for audit.

Correspondence was read.

Zoning Ordinance Officer's report was reviewed.

Planning Commission Marty Kerry said the next meeting will be February 10, 2020.

Assessor: Jackie Thompson said the March 10 Board of Review will be held in the fire station due to the election. Motion by Wright seconded by Scott to approve training fee for the board of review members to attend a class if offered in Mecosta County, motion carried.

Fire Dept.: There were 15 runs for December making a total of 191 runs for the year.

They are losing 3 members but are gaining three members. Chief Tom Brock is checking on prices for a new fire truck.

Board reports: Thompson attended an assessing class. Scott obtained prices for new computers and printers, the computers are too old to install the windows 10 on, would not be worth the cost. The cost of equipment is \$4475.00 plus \$750.00 for installation for 3 computers and 2 printers. Motion by Thompson seconded by Scott to make this purchase, motion carried. The Treasurer, Clerk and Zoning Officers to get the new computers and one printer for the hall and one for the Clerk's office.

Bevan Brock is the new Deputy Clerk. The Treasurer and Clerk area authorized to get new name cards, have the name of Neida Baker removed and Bevan Brock, Deputy Clerk added. All accounts including the Cemetery.

Wright obtained a price for the floor to include the Treasurer's office, price is \$5293.64 from Gilberts Carpets. Motion by Wright seconded by Scott to hire Gilberts in April to do the floors, motion carried.

Estimate on anew front door at 5500.00 from DeJohn Builders, takes 2 weeks to deliver. Motion by Thompson seconded by Scott to order door and have installed, motion carried. Clerk at requested 25 non duplicate keys.

Comments: Several residents from Sportsmen Park in the audience were asking about road repairs and or paving. They were not happy about the road commission work being done. February 17th the Township road committee will meet to go over the road projects for the 2020 year.

Commissioner Jim Maike spoke about the work on the Dragon Trail and a cell tower being put up by Sandy Beach which could help with Fire Dept. radio system. A question was asked about the possible Amish school and cemetery on 12th and Locust. Comment on the condition of Beech and 36th drains.

Motion by Wright seconded by Baker to approve and pay the Cemetery and General fund bills, motion carried.

Budget workshop meeting dates will be set at the February Board meeting.

Budget amendments for the Park Commission, Motion by Baker seconded by Scott to approve the amendments as received, and roll call vote;

Wright, yea

Baker, yea

Scott, yea

Thompson, yea

Quinlan, absent.

Wright took the flags down at the Cemetery due to weather

No further business to come before the meeting, meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Subject to Board approval

Judith Baker, Clerk

