Town of Embarrass

Regular Board Meeting

February 10, 2021

PENDING BOARD APPROVAL

Present: Gene Wright, Roy Worsham, Bernie Mettler, Mary Novak, Jennifer Boese

Visitors: William Wright, Commissioner Paul McDonald, Chris Ismil (IRRRB)

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Wright with The Pledge of Allegiance.

*Motion/Worsham: Second/Mettler to approve the January 2021 minutes. Carried 3-0.*

Clerk explains to the board that the USDA truck grant ($12,200) was received on February 4th, and that it will show up on the February Treasures Report being that the report being shown is for the month of January, also explained was the funds from the EVFCU motioned to be transferred to the general fund will be completed by the Treasurer this month. *Motion/Worsham: Second/Wright to accept the Treasures Report. Carried 3-0.*

Commissioner McDonald speaks with the board about the Info/Visitor Center restroom project. McDonald has contacted other sources that may help with some funding for the project. Commissioner has been in contact with clerk with information for the clerk to inquire. Ismil from IRRRB also speaks with the board about the importance of the funding from IRRRB that was awarded ($45,000) and the extension that was given. Commitment of $10,000 from the township towards the project is needed. Ismil is also in contact with other possible sources for funding, as well as the clerk working on funding. Both the Commissioner and Ismil agree that this is a great project and encourage the township to keep moving forward. Clerk will be working with them to continue with funding resources and meeting with the Commissioner and Ismil when it is necessary.  *Motion/Worsham: Second/Wright to continue to move forward with the restroom project at the Information Center and to come up with the $10,000 towards the project. Carried 3-0.*  Supervisors, treasurer, and clerk are very thankful for the support and help.

Clerk notifies supervisors of furnace problems that have been recurring at the Post Office.

Maintenance report given by Mettler, snow cleanup on township properties, supply heating shack with firewood, signs have been put up at the baseball fields to try and keep snowmobilers off the property, new truck box spray liner, toolbox, light, and rack installed. F350 went to Benville for fuel pump and filter.

Cemetery deeds were signed by supervisors.

Treasurer and clerk inform the supervisors about having the annual meeting over zoom. After discussion was had the supervisors decided the town hall has room to keep all those present safe and at a distance with masks required. *Motion/Wright: Second/Mettler to continue to have the Annual Meeting in house at the Town Hall as previously scheduled. Carried 3-0.*

Discussion had on the Fire Department contract. The 3% increase in the contract asked by the department could not come to an agreement by the supervisors. Wright would like to give a cost-of-living instead of the yearly 3% increase. Worsham and Mettler show support for the 3% increase being asked of they feel with the cost of gear and supplies needed by the department the increase is justified and feel the amount is well worth what they do. Wright feels there should be no vote on the topic at tonight’s meeting until this can be discussed further. *Motion/Wright: Second/Worsham to stop trying to set up a meeting with the Fire Department at this time. Carried 3-0.*

Levy was discussed. 2022 levy will be proposed to the public as follows:

General Fund $93,000

Road & Bridge $6,000

Fire $28,000

Town Hall $8,000

Recreation $4,000

PERA $5,000

Campground $0

Group Insurance $9,500

Historic Property $2,000

Capital Projects $7,000

Levy Proposal Total - $162,500

The proposed levy is a 2.11% reduction ($3,500) than the 2021 levy of $166,000. *Motion/Worsham: Second/Mettler to approve the 2022 levy proposal to present at the annual meeting in the amount of $162,500.* Wright would like included in the Flying Finn how the levy proposal was come up with that he has written up.

*Motion/Wright: Second/Mettler to accept the claims (17725-17752, $8,838.09) and correspondence. Carried 3-0.*

2021 Board of Audit was completed by the supervisors and all was found accurate and in order. *Motion/Wright: Second/Worsham to approve the 2021 Board of Audit. Carried 3-0.*

*Motion/Wright: Second/Worsham to approve the yearly 2021 Board of Audit. All claims were found accurate and in perfect order. Carried 3-0.*

*Wright adjourned meeting at 8:22 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Boese