

ERWIN TOWNSHIP – N8908 Van Buskirk Rd, Ironwood, MI 49938

Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 12th, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.

1. Meeting called to order by Grimsby and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
2. **ROLL CALL** – Larry Grimsby–Supervisor, Vicky Finco – Clerk, Sylvia Mussatti–Treasurer, Jim Anderson – Trustee, Ray Brown – Trustee. Five additional persons present.
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA – MOTION** by Anderson, supported by Brown to approve the Agenda. Motion carried.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS on AGENDA:** None
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION** by Anderson, supported by Grimsby to approve the minutes of the **January 8th, 2020** Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried. **MOTION** by Finco, supported by Mussatti to approve the minutes of the **February 4th, 2020 Special Meeting – Budget Workshop**. Motion carried.
6. **CONSENT AGENDA: MOTION** by Grimsby, supported by Finco to acknowledge the items in Consent Agenda. Motion carried. Nothing to be retained.
7. **CLERK’S REPORT & PAYMENT OF BILLS – MOTION** by Anderson, supported by Brown to approve the payment of the bills listed on report: 25 checks #5177 through #5201, one EFT and five automatic payments listed for a total of \$7,387.15. Clerk told the Board to add check #5202 not listed on report for \$164.99 written out to Forslund Building Supply after report completed. Motion carried. **BUDGET to ACTUAL REPORT** – Clerk Finco discussed the Budget to Actual Report through today’s meeting: Two expense accounts are over budget: Inspections Acct # 371 and #191 Elections. **MOTION** by Finco, supported by Grimsby to amend the budget with a line item transfer and use the surplus in Acct #526 Solid Waste to cover the \$290 needed in Inspections Acct # 371 and \$1,000 in Elections Acct #191. Motion carried. Updated report provided to Board Members.
8. **TREASURER’S REPORT** – Report by Treasurer for the General Fund. Beginning January balance of \$115,904.03; eight receipts and three deposits for \$31,936.52. Sixteen checks and debits for January totaling \$4,854.68 leaving an ending balance of \$142,985.87. Five CD’s totaling \$127,063.52 with interest of \$134.34 earned. **MOTION** by Finco, supported by Brown to acknowledge the Treasurer’s report. Motion carried.
9. **SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS** – 1) Received new rates from the State – Revenue Sharing will be increased by 1.6% this year and CVT payments by 2.5%. 2) New construction this year added \$500,000 in taxable value. Projected two new structures to be built in 2020. 3) Grimsby discussed the Spring Clean-Up is scheduled for May 23, 2020 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Up to four dumpsters will be provided. Ivan Hellen stated volunteers will be provided by the Erwin Historical Society. 4) Notification from the DNR that in August work will be done to repair the dam at Black River Lake.

10. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS – 1) SPRING CLEAN–UP** covered in Supervisor’s Comments above.
11. **NEW BUSINESS: 1) 911 PROPOSAL on March 10th, 2020 ballot. Guest Speaker – Heidi DeRosso, along with assistant, Andrew Westeen** – DeRosso provided information on the need for the 911 increase currently capped at \$1.65 but charging \$1.50 per phone. Rate will be capped at \$3.00 per month but can be set at a lower rate. Information provided on their yearly expenses and future projects/costs. **2) CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS – TOWNSHIP HALL** – Grimsby spoke about the work on the Township Hall to include some strengthening of the roof along with window replacement in the basement. **MOTION** by Grimsby, supported by Mussatti to approve the BID submitted by ABR, Inc. Motion carried. Down payment of \$5,000 will be made to secure place in their work schedule along with window payment of approximately \$5,000 for the window order. This work will all be **under the current FY Budget 2019–2020**. **3) STREET LIGHTS** – tabled as no letter received or resident present to discuss the issue. **4) ROADS** – Meeting date will be set with Barry Bolich and Phil Strong to work with the Board on a Five Year Plan on the roads. Will see if February 27th at 10:30 a.m. will work.
12. **PUBLIC COMMENT on NON AGENDA ITEMS: 1)** Resident provided a Notice from the Gogebic County Board of County Road Commissioners dated December 12, 2019 that notifies property owners of illegal piling snow along roadways or pushing to the opposite side of the road is illegal and subject to fines and lawsuits. Copy on file at the Township Hall.
13. **ADJOURNMENT: MOTION** by Anderson, supported by Brown to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 p.m. Motion carried.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Vicky Finco – Clerk

Larry Grimsby – Supervisor

Approved March 11th, 2020