

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

---

Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 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. Four 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 Mussatti, supported by Grimsby to approve the minutes of the **December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019** Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried.
6. **CONSENT AGENDA: MOTION** by Grimsby, supported by Finco to approve the items in Consent Agenda. Nothing to be retained.
7. **CLERK’S REPORT & PAYMENT OF BILLS – MOTION** by Grimsby, supported by Brown to approve the payment of the bills: 10 checks #5167 through #5176, one EFT and two automatic payments listed for a total of \$4,005.68. Motion carried. **BUDGET to ACTUAL REPORT** – Clerk Finco presented the Budget to Actual Report through the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of Fiscal Year ending 3/31/2020. Revenue up in six categories: Delinquent real property taxes, Commercial Forest Reserve, PILT, Licenses & Permits, Summer Tax Collection Fee and Interest Income. Only Expense account over budget is Inspections Acct # 371 by \$208.78; rest are well within budgeted figure. **MOTION** by Grimsby, supported by Finco to amend the budget and use the additional revenue in PILT acct #432 to cover the \$210 needed in Inspections acct # 371. Clerk will increase this expense account. Motion carried.
8. **TREASURER’S REPORT** – Report by Treasurer for the General Fund. Beginning December balance of \$120,482.68; two receipts and one deposit for \$337.12. Nineteen checks and debits for December totaling \$4,915.77 leaving an ending balance of \$115,904.03. Five CD’s totaling \$126,929.18 with interest of \$63.43 earned. **MOTION** by Finco, supported by Anderson to acknowledge the Treasurer’s report. Motion carried.
9. **SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS** – 1) Three people attending the Board of Review Training in Houghton on February 11<sup>th</sup>, 202 – Bill Hellen, Dave Pawlak and Larry Grimsby. Grimsby will register and be reimbursed for the \$282.00 registration fee (three @ \$94 each). 2) Grimsby has furnished WUPPDR with information requested for their Hazard Mitigation Report. 3) Paul Buchko did inspection of Township Hall roof and will send a letter with suggested work to be done. Some positive results shared by Buchko on the shape of the Hall. 4) Request came today by a resident for use of the Hall on January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020. After discussion of possible safety/ expense issues with winter private party usage a **MOTION**

was made by Grimsby, supported by Anderson to deny any private party usage until May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Motion carried. Board will look at a future policy regarding winter private party usage.

**10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – NONE**

**11. NEW BUSINESS: 1) SUMMER 2020 TAX COLLECTION RESOLUTION:** Resolution received from the Ironwood Area School District that all property located within the school district will continue the collection of Summer Taxes levied on the property for the approved fee. Placed on file. **2) BUDGET WORKSHOP & BUDGET HEARING DATES for FISCAL YEAR 4/1/2020 – 3/31/2021.** Discussion of dates and decision made for the Board to conduct their Budget Workshop on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 10 a.m. Meeting notice will be posted. The Budget Hearing will be part of the Regular Board Meeting on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**12. PUBLIC COMMENT on NON AGENDA ITEMS:** 1) Reminder of next Planning Commission Meeting on January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020. 2) Question of internet speed at the Township Hall. It was not increased nor additional charge received after our request. Clerk Finco will contact them again to update before the March Presidential Primary Election.

**13. ADJOURNMENT: MOTION** by Grimsby, supported by Brown to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 p.m. Motion carried.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

-----  
Vicky Finco – Clerk

-----  
Larry Grimsby – Supervisor

Approved February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020