

Posted 8.24.23 Draft Minutes of August 16, 2023 Rescheduled Regular St. James Board Meeting
St. James Township Hall | 37735 Michigan Ave | Beaver Island, MI | 5:30 pm

Present:

Fingeroot, McDonough, Welke, Cole, Gillespie

Absent:

None.

General

Supervisor Welke called to order a regular meeting of the St. James Township Board at 5:30 pm on August 16, 2023.

Finance and Administration

Moved by McDonough, supported by Cole to accept the July Financial Report and approve the Payments request.

Motion Carried-Unanimous

Resolution 2023.08.16.23 #1 to participate in Municipal Employee's Retirement System for employees to self-pay into a retirement fund. Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: McDonough, Fingeroot, Welke, Cole, Gillespie

Nays: None

The Resolution was declared adopted by Welke with Gillespie charged to certify the Resolution.

Resolution 2023.08.16.23 #2 to Authorize three township officers as Authorized Officials to allow an employee to register in an approved MERS program. Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: McDonough, Fingeroot, Welke, Cole, Gillespie

Nays: None.

The Resolution was declared adopted by Welke with Gillespie charged to certify the Resolution.

Resolution 2023.08.16.23 #3 Authorizing salaries and benefits to municipal employees.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: McDonough, Fingeroot, Welke, Cole, Gillespie

Nays: None.

The Resolution was declared adopted by Welke with Gillespie charged to certify the Resolution.

Moved by Welke, supported by Gillespie to approve the Waste Management Committee's recommendation for Transfer Station Employees: Bob Marsh at \$30/hour; Joe Timsak at \$28/hour; Amy Burriss at \$22/hour. Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: McDonough, Fingeroot, Welke, Cole, Gillespie

Nays: None.

Motion Carried-Unanimous

Resolution 2023.08.16.23 #4 authorizing the supervisor to sign an MDOT-Aero Contract to hire a consultant and contractor to address obstruction issues. Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: McDonough, Fingerroot, Welke, Cole, Gillespie

Nays: None.

The Resolution was declared adopted by Welke with Gillespie charged to certify the Resolution.

Resolution 2023.08.16.23 #5 to accept the MNRTF Grant from MDNR to acquire the Karnes Property. Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: McDonough, Fingerroot, Welke, Cole, Gillespie

Nays: None.

The Resolution was declared adopted by Welke with Gillespie charged to certify the Resolution.

Moved by Welke, supported by McDonough, due to delays in the township acquiring the Karnes Beach property outside the 7/31/23 acquisition deadline, the township agrees, beginning with December 1 tax levy (and thereafter if applicable) to reimburse payments made by Evan/Paul Karnes for Property 013-576-052 and Evan Karnes for Property 013-576-053. The Karnes are in agreement with this extension subject to property tax reimbursement. Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: McDonough, Fingerroot, Welke, Cole, Gillespie

Nays: None.

Motion Carried-Unanimous

Moved by Welke, supported by McDonough to agree to compensate cleaning attendants Briana Maudrie and Anna Posthumus the hourly rate of \$25/hour. Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: McDonough, Fingerroot, Welke, Cole, Gillespie

Nays: None

Motion Carried-Unanimous

Discussion was had regarding the possible need for extra compensation to Joel Meinstma for afterhours response to power outages at the Marinas.

Moved by McDonough, supported by Gillespie to continue the Masini rental agreement with Happy Paddle for the calendar year 2023 on the new Township beach property (former Masini property), which includes three summer months payment at \$1,000/month with the provision to remain the whole calendar year. Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: McDonough, Fingerroot, Welke, Cole, Gillespie

Nays: None.

Motion Carried-Unanimous

Moved by McDonough, supported by Fingerroot to appoint Bob Tidmore, Bobbi Welke, and Vic Vandeventer to the township Zoning Board of Appeals.

Motion Carried-Unanimous

Moved by Gillespie, supported by McDonough to appoint Bob Tidmore and Mike Green to the Beaver Island Transportation Authority for a three-year term.

Motion Carried-Unanimous

Public Works, Health, and Safety

Moved by Cole, supported by McDonough to approve new permit fees for the Critical Sand Dune Area Permits. \$500 for CSDA Permits, \$250 for a Vegetation Assurance Plan, or \$150 for a T&E/TIS review if a VAP is done by others. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: McDonough, Fingeroot, Welke, Cole, Gillespie
Nays: None.

Motion Carried-Unanimous

Moved by McDonough, supported by Cole to adopt Ordinance #2 of 2023 outlining and enforcing state laws regarding Sky Lanterns and Fireworks.

Motion Carried-Unanimous

Moved by McDonough, supported by Gillespie to authorize the supervisor to negotiate a new lease with Verizon for their equipment space on the township's tower located on Donegal Bay Rd.

Motion Carried-Unanimous

Moved by McDonough, supported by Fingeroot to authorize the Public Works Committee to arrange downtown area parking pavement markings with the Supervisor authorized to expend from road/street funds up to \$3,000 to contract for this work.

Motion Carried-Unanimous

TIS Program & Planning Commission

Shelby Harris gave updates on her TIS work and with the Planning Commission. Notably, there will be a joint Planning Commission meeting coming up.

Public Comment

Cynthia Pryor noted that the lighthouse tours have been going well, with good outcomes each week they've been offered. She also expressed concern with the possible need for traffic control within the St. James Campground.

Moved by McDonough, supported by Gillespie to adjourn at 7:19pm.

Submitted by:

Tessa Jones, Deputy Clerk
St. James Township
COUNTY OF CHARLEVOIX