

Posted 12.21.23 Draft Minutes of December 13, 2023 Regular St. James Board Meeting
Printshop Museum | 26275 Main St. | Beaver Island, MI | 5:30 pm

Present:

Welke, McDonough, Cole, Gillespie, Fingerroot

Absent:

None

General

Supervisor Welke called to order a regular meeting of the St. James Township Board at 5:32 pm on December 13, 2023.

An addition was made to the agenda as item 4 under Public Works, Health, and Safety to discuss the possibility of allowing a temporary ice skating rink to be put in on township property.

Moved by Fingerroot, supported by Gillespie to approve meeting minutes for November 13, 2023 Rescheduled Regular Meeting, with an addition to the motion approving the budget for Deputy Supervisor, and December 7, 2023 Special Meeting.

Motion Carried-Unanimous

Public Comment on Agenda

None.

Finance and Administration

Supervisor Welke presented to the board the required amendments for the General Fund as well as the Municipal Street and Dock Funds. Discussion was had regarding each amendment.

Moved by Cole, supported by Fingerroot to approve the required General Fund budget amendments as discussed.

Motion Carried-Unanimous

Moved by Fingerroot, supported by McDonough to approve the required Municipal Street Fund budget amendments as discussed.

Motion Carried-Unanimous

Moved by Cole, supported by Fingerroot to approve the required Municipal Dock Fund budget amendments as discussed.

Motion Carried-Unanimous

Moved by Fingerroot, supported by Gillespie to accept the November Financial Report and approve the Payments request.

Motion Carried-Unanimous

Moved by Welke, supported by Gillespie to appoint Nancy Darling to the vacant position: Board of Review Alternate.

Motion Carried-Unanimous

Moved by Fingerroot, supported by McDonough to appoint Denny Rahilly to the vacant position on the Library Board.

Motion Carried-Unanimous

Resolution to recognize BIHS as a nonprofit to obtain a charitable gaming license (see approved Resolution).

Public Works, Health, and Safety

Moved by Welke, supported by Cole to approve the contract with Mackinac Environmental to create a sewage sampling plan (the plan is subject to the approval of the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy) and perform the sewage sampling and testing. This approval was made with a recommendation to adjust the budget in the contract based on the actual cost of transportation.

Motion Carried-Unanimous

The board considered a contract for a Feasibility Study done by Fleis & Vandenbrink for the Donegal Bay Bike Path, Phase II. No decision was made as more information is wanted from the company before agreeing to the contract presented.

Supervisor Welke brought to the attention of the board that there is a Beaver Island Housing Market Analysis that is posted to the Township website and encouraged members to read it.

In a previous meeting, the board approved the placement of a temporary ice-skating rink on the property where the Public Restrooms are, pending more information from the interested party. The board briefly discussed the proposal again and it was ultimately decided that Supervisor Welke and Trustee Cole would meet with Acacia Warmerdam to further talk about all of the details of the plan, including installation, takedown, and safety of the skaters.

Moved by Cole, supported by Gillespie to adjourn at 7:00 pm.

Submitted by:

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