

## **CUSTER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**

**November 16, 2020**

In view of the absence of the Clerk Ann Larr, the Supervisor Mark Anderson appointed Carey Jolly, Treasurer as a temporary recording secretary for the meeting being held.

The regular meeting of the Custer Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Mark Anderson At 1:30 pm on this date. Attending this meeting besides Supervisor Anderson was Larry Larr, Trustee; George Allison, Trustee; Carey Jolly, Treasurer. Absent due to illness, was Anna (Ann) M. Larr, Clerk.

Supervisor Anderson presented the minutes from the October Board meeting for review. Larry made a motion to accept the minutes with one correction, Ann was asked if she was setting up the IRS electronic deposit account and responded that she would (delete - "Carey asked if Ann would set up this account"), George seconded the motion; ayes = 4, nays = 0; motion carried.

The October payables report was present for review. Mark mentions this month that Dan Horsley finished the trees at the Cemetery and that check is in the report. Also, pointed out that the people that worked the Elections were paid this month. Larry made a motion to approve the payables as presented, George seconded to motion: ayes = 4, nays = 0: motion carried.

Officials visiting our meeting were Sheriff Kim Cole and 7<sup>th</sup> Ward County Commissioner Ron Bacon.

Sheriff Cole presented the Sheriff's report for Custer Township for the month of October. County wide the budget is looking good. They are projected to return funds at the end of the year. The County uses the funds to fill in other budget items. The Sheriff added, the addition of another K-9 would be useful for the drug control in our area. Cole will be taking his recommendation for another k-9 to the Board. The biggest cost will be equipping the K-9 vehicle. There is a new road patrol officer that was hired and will start in December. Changes to the Sheriff Dept. schedule have been made due to the Covid case rise in our area, 7 days on 14 days off.

Ron Bacon explained that the FAA is trying to shorten the Mason County Airport. They are trying to work it out so that the run way for the small jets. Fabian Knizacky is working on an agreement to keep the area. Ron added, Brady turned in his resignation, after checking with the townships to see if they wanted to take on the zoning themselves. All said they would like the County to keep the zoning.

**Clerk's Report:**

Please see attached.

**Treasure's Report:**

Carey reported that the zip drive for Winter taxes was delivered to the Courthouse.

The balance kept in the Township checking will be changed from \$2000 to \$200. Having a balance big enough to cover payroll in case checks were deposited before funds were available. Reason for the change being that when funds for monthly bills were coming from MiClass it took 24 hours for the funds to be available. Since the interest rate is higher with West Shore Bank the funds from the Township savings are not being transferred to MiClass savings.

The Perpetual Care savings account containing \$1726.33 was rolled into the CD that was renewed at West Shore Bank and the Perpetual Care savings account was closed.

A fire and water proof bag for the Zip drive and cash was purchased though Amazon. Two bags came in the purchase so it was offered to the Clerk so she no longer has to take her zip drive out of the office.

**Supervisor's Report:**

Mark discussed the resolution which was discussed prior on how the Clerk would be paid for School Elections, he would like to modify the resolution that our Board approved last month. The modification would be to reimburse the Clerk for any special election as well. Larry made the motion to make the change which would add special elections to the existing resolution. George seconded the motion: ayes = 4, nays = 0, Motion carried.

Mark will be attending a meeting for the National Scenic Waterway, which he is on the board for, it has been requested to be at the meeting due to the Forrest Service and the head of the National Scenic Waterway there. They are very interested in purchasing the landing and the property at the river. He plans on attending that meeting and will report back the findings. Last month when the board discussed this, we were not in favor because it wouldn't allow the local people to use as they can now.

Mark spoke to our assessor Nancy Vandervest, the state has changed her audit date from July 2021 to December 9<sup>th</sup> 2020. She is now trying to be prepared for the change of date. There is a form we need to sign for the audit. Mark and Nancy will be preparing for the audit to ensure all is complete.

Larry made a motion to adjourn, George seconded it; ayes = 4 nays = 0; motion passed/ Mark adjourned the meeting at 2:11PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carey M. Jolly, Treasurer  
Custer Township

Next regular meeting to the Custer Township Board will be December 21, 2020 at 1:30PM.