

**Doyle Township
Schoolcraft County
March 16th, 2017**

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 4:00 p. m. by Supervisor Lynn Norton.

Board Members in attendance were: Supervisor Lynn Norton, Treasurer Sherry Hampton, Clerk Patti Hoffman, Trustee Debra Huebner, and Trustee Gloria Hansen.

The meeting started with Brad Stauffer whom introduced himself as the new Schoolcraft County Road Commission Manager. He stated that he is looking forward in working more closely with the Townships in Schoolcraft County. He also addressed the issue concerning making the North Gulliver Road a County Road and what steps and specifications would be needed in doing so.

1. February Minutes and Bills were approved by a motion made by Treasurer Hampton, seconded by Trustee Hansen, Motion carried.
2. Supervisor Norton discussed that there were 14 Doyle Twp. Residents that attended the March Board of Review meetings with concerns about their taxes.

Assessor's Report

1. Assessor had nothing new to report for month of February.

Clerk's Reports were presented by Clerk Hoffman.

1. Reports for General Account, Fire Account, and Road Account.

Treasurer's reports were presented by Treasurer Hampton.

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2. Treasurer Hampton discussed the possibility of other board members to volunteer to help with the sorting and mailing of the tax assessments in the future. Trustees Deb Huebner and Gloria Hansen agreed to help.
3. Treasurer Hampton stated that she turned in her books to the county and everything balanced out to the penny!

Trustee Huebner reported upcoming dates of Hall Rentals.

Fire Chief's Report

1. Fire Chief, Allen Schultz reported 6 runs in February and 5 runs so far in March.
2. Allen Schultz informed the board that new batteries were purchased for the pumper. They are rated for approximately 6 years and the old ones were 7 years old.
3. Allen informed the board that Jim Nelson will take over as Fire Chief April 1st, 2017.

Public Comment

1. No public comments made.

Old Business

1. Supervisor Norton informed the board that there was a request from the Johnson's to postpone the discussion concerning the well issue until the April meeting.

New Business

1. Supervisor Norton informed the board that her computer and printer is malfunctioning. It is 6 years old and Doug Casey from All About Computers, LLC evaluated them and confirmed that she needs a new computer, printer and a new Quick Books program that would be compatible with the new version that Clerk Hoffman has on her computer. A motion was made by Trustee Hansen and seconded by Trustee Huebner to purchase a new computer, printer, and Quick Books program for Supervisor Norton. Motion carried.
2. Supervisor Norton presented a copy of wage increases of board members from other townships in Schoolcraft County for the board to examine to help decide an amount for an increase in wages for our board members to be included in the upcoming budget. The board members had no increase for the past 2 years. Based on percentages of other township's increases, it was suggested that we consider a 6% raise, an average of 3% per year. It will be decided at the next board meeting.
3. A motion was made by Trustee Huebner and seconded by Supervisor Norton for the board to pay for 1 night motel stay for Clerk Hoffman on March 29th, 2017 in Marquette for mandatory Election Accreditation classes that are held on March 29th & 30th. Motion carried.

4:50 p.m. With no other business to present to the board a motion was made by Trustee Hansen to adjourn meeting, seconded by Treasurer Hampton, Motion carried.

Patti Hoffman
Doyle Township Clerk