

CEDAR CREEK TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

Supervisor Linda Aerts called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 14, 2021, and joined in the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION

Motion by Trustee Wright, supported by Trustee Foster to approve the Agenda.

ROLL CALL: Aye: Trustees Wright and Foster, Treasurer Jarvis, Supervisor Aerts.

MOTION CARRIES.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Trustees Wright and Foster, Treasurer Jarvis, Supervisor Aerts.

RESIDENTS PRESENT: 16

Guest Eric VanDop of Brickley DeLong presented results of the Audit conducted on March 31, 2021. The audit went well with no major recommendations.

Guest Scott Faulkner, Executive Director, and Marty Holtgren, Ph.D., Principal Watershed Scientist, with the Muskegon River Watershed Assembly presented on the potential for reopening the Maple River and resuscitating 4.5 miles of river that have been blocked for years. Mr. Faulkner asked Supervisor Aerts to consider being the primary contact for the project at the Township level and to participate in the three to four meetings a year with agencies and communities. PowerPoint attached.

MAPLE RIVER STUDY

MOTION

Motion by Trustee Wright, supported by Trustee Foster, to support the MRWA to secure funding for a comprehensive hydrological study of the Maple River area, in conjunction with the US Army Corps of Engineers, with no future obligation to the Township in any way, for any part of this project going forward.

ROLL CALL: Aye: Trustees Wright and Foster, Treasurer Jarvis, Supervisor Aerts

MOTION CARRIES.

MOTION

Motion by Trustee Wright, supported by Trustee Foster, to send a Letter of Support to the Fremont Area Community Foundation.

ROLL CALL: Aye: Trustees Wright and Foster, Treasurer Jarvis, Supervisor Aerts

MOTION CARRIES.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Resident David Bayne expressed his appreciation to the Board for undertaking and supporting this project, although Roger Peacock deserves the recognition for starting the initiative many years ago.

Roger Peacock, former resident and property owner who lived in the Maple Island area, listened to ancestors' stories that this river has been dying for 150 years. He worked for MSU until 2009; a meeting 10 years ago in this hall kicked off the initial study which was supported scientifically.

Mr. Faulkner responded to a question about negative implications by stating that the hydrological study is designed to answer those types of concerns. He is confident that the study will assist in addressing any hurdles.

MINUTES

MOTION

Motion by Trustee Wright, supported by Treasurer Jarvis, to approve the Minutes from August 10, 2021.

ROLL CALL: Aye: Trustees Wright and Foster, Treasurer Jarvis, Supervisor Aerts.

MOTION CARRIES.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer read her report which will be placed on file as presented.

DISBURSEMENTS

MOTION

Motion by Trustee Wright, supported by Treasurer Jarvis, to pay all regular bills for the month.

Roll Call: Aye: Trustees Wright and Foster, Treasurer Jarvis, Supervisor Aerts.

MOTION CARRIES.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS will be presented next month.

CORRESPONDENCE – None.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS

➤ **Fire Contract**

MOTION by Trustee Wright, supported by Trustee Foster, to amend the agreement with Muskegon Charter Township to remove the exception of carbon monoxide testing from the contract and to allow carbon monoxide testing at no additional cost to the township.

ROLL CALL: Aye: Trustees Wright and Foster, Treasurer Jarvis, Supervisor Aerts

MOTION CARRIES.

➤ **Resignation and Appointment to Zoning Board of Appeals**

Current ZBA Member Rich Martinchek is moving out of state and has resigned his position on the ZBA. Resident John Vold has been nominated to fill this vacancy with a term expiring December 31, 2024.

MOTION

Motion by Trustee Wright, supported by Treasurer Jarvis, to appoint John Vold to the ZBA with a term expiring December 31, 2024.

ROLL CALL: Aye: Trustees Wright and Foster, Treasurer Jarvis, Supervisor Aerts.
MOTION CARRIES.

BOARD COMMENT

Trustee Wright noted that a motorcycle poker run fundraiser will be held for John Bell on October 2, 2021, at 7 Mile Inn. Registration begins at 11:00 a.m. with an anticipated return of 5:00 p.m. Corn hole tournaments and other activities are also planned. Any donations will be appreciated.

Trustee Foster stated that the Senior Millage meeting was cancelled for this month.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Motion by Trustee Wright, supported by Treasurer Jarvis, to adjourn at 7:10 p.m.

MOTION CARRIES.

Cheryl Sloan, Deputy Clerk _____

Linda Aerts, Supervisor _____