



**Presque Isle Township
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes - Draft
June 10, 2024
4:00 p.m.**

Call to Order	4:00 PM
Pledge of Allegiance	Pledge was recited.
Roll Call	Present: Township Supervisor Steve Lang, Clerk Cynthia Paavola, Treasurer Jennifer Wieczorkowski, and Trustees Mark Devers and Mary O’Neill. Absent: None.
Approval of Agenda	A motion was made by Paavola, supported by Wieczorkowski, to approve the consent agenda. All ayes. Motion carried. A motion was made by O’Neill, supported by Paavola, to approve the agenda with two changes made by Lang: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Add a Presque Isle Township Museum Society item to New Business. 2. Move the Road Work item to the top of New Business. All ayes. Motion carried.
Consent Agenda Approval	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Approval 5-13-24 & 5-15-24 Minutes b. Treasurers Report – Wieczorkowski c. Clerks Report – Paavola d. PC Report - Paavola e. P&R Report – Wieczorkowski f. ZBA Report – O’Neill g. Zoning Report – Lang h. Supervisor Report – Lang i. Assessors Report – Spencer j. Museum Society Report – Milstein k. Library Report – Rogers l. Facilities Report – Bedard m. Fire Dept. Report – Forbush n. EGLFD Report – Koel o. Historian Report p. Correspondence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Packet In Packet In Packet In Packet In Packet No Meeting - No Report In Packet Trustee Comments No Report In Packet No Report No Report In Packet No Report No Report None
Audience Comments – 3-minute limit	The board heard from two (2) audience members.



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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kim Gildner introduced herself and discussed her qualifications for the position of Presque Isle County Probate Judge for which she is running. 2. Jan Lefevre of the Parks and Recreation Committee discussed the upcoming Arbor Day event at the Wooden Boat Show and encouraged everyone to attend.
<p>Trustee Comments/FYI's Short</p>	<p><u>Supervisor – Lake Special Assessments:</u> Lang reported that he virtually attended a Presque Isle County hearing regarding the Lake Esau and Grand Lake special assessments. He informed the audience that the Power Point presentation shown at the meeting can be viewed on the Presque Isle Township website. The document contains a map of all the lots that will be included in the assessment. Lang then suggested moving to the road work discussion next. The board agreed.</p>
<p>Road Work – Road Commission Superintendent Dave Kowalski and Engineer Mark Straley</p>	<p>Road Commission Superintendent Dave Kowalski and Road Engineer Mark Straley spoke to the board about a potential special assessment for road work on Lake Street in Presque Isle Township. They took questions and comments from the board and sixteen audience members. Straley also discussed the new crosswalks which will be put at the Range Light and Portage Store.</p> <p>When there were no more questions from the audience or board members, Wiczorkowski suggested a brief recess before proceeding with the next agenda item. The board agreed.</p>
<p>Continuing / Unfinished Business a. 2024-2025 Budget Final</p>	<p>Lang gave a summary of the key changes in the FY 2024-2025 budget which had been agreed upon in the April 17th and May 15th public meetings. A motion was made by O'Neill, supported by Devers, to approve the FY 2024-2025 budget. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.</p>
<p>New Business a. New Phone System</p>	<p><u>New Phone System:</u> Lang gave an overview of the cost and savings that the township would incur with the new</p>



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- b. Planning Commission Appointment**
- c. Lithium-Ion Battery Storage – Forbush**
- d. Fire Department Retirement – Forbush**
- e. PITMS**

RingCentral phone system. A motion was made by Wieczorkowski, supported by Devers, to approve the agreement with RingCentral. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Planning Commission Appointment: A motion was made by O'Neill, supported by Paavola, to approve the appointment of Dick Lefevre to the Planning Commission. Mr. Lefevre is filling the vacancy left by Rick Kurkechian who resigned at the June 3rd meeting. Lang moved for discussion. The board had no comment. All ayes. Motion carried.

Lithium-Ion Battery Storage: Presque Isle Township Fire Department Chief Bill Forbush was asked to address the board regarding the hazards of lithium-ion battery storage. Forbush explained why lithium-ion battery fires are so difficult to extinguish and stated that the township doesn't currently have the capability to put out such a fire. Lang asked for audience comments. The board heard from two (2) audience members including Tom Guyer, Chair of the Planning Commission. Guyer stated that the Planning Commission is presently revising the township ordinance requirements for solar, wind and battery storage facilities and asked if Forbush could quantify what training and equipment to handle a lithium-ion battery fire would cost. He also asked if Forbush could attend the next Planning Commission meeting on July 1st. Forbush agreed to both questions, but added that if he couldn't make the meeting, his successor would.

Forbush Retirement: Forbush reported to the board that he is stepping down as PIFD Fire Chief effective August 1st, 2024. He will continue serving as Deputy Chief during the summer months. Forbush then gave a summary of the qualifications of Lieutenant Larry LaCross and recommended him as a successor. Lang stated that he had posted a job listing in the newspaper for the Fire Chief position. The board plans to make a motion on the Fire Chief appointment at the July 8th meeting.

PITMS: Presque Isle Township Museum Society Representative Sherry Milstein had no new business.



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Adjournment	5:14pm

Next Meeting: July 8, 2024, at 4:00pm. Regular BOT Meeting

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