



PRESQUE ISLE TOWNSHIP
Board of Trustees Minutes - Draft
October 14, 2024 - 4:00 p.m.

Call to Order

4:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge was recited.

Roll Call

Present: Supervisor Stephen Lang, Clerk Cynthia Paavola, Treasurer Jennifer Wiczorkowski, and Trustees Mark Devers and Mary O'Neill. Absent: None.

Consent Agenda

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| a. Approval of the 8-12-24 Minutes. | In packet. |
| b. Treasurers Report – Wiczorkowski | In packet. |
| c. Clerks Report – Paavola | In packet. |
| d. PC Report - Paavola | In packet. |
| e. P&R Report – Wiczorkowski | In packet. |
| f. ZBA Report – O'Neill | No report. |
| g. Zoning Report – Lang | In packet. |
| h. Supervisor Report – Lang | No report. |
| i. Assessors Report – Spencer | In packet. |
| j. Museum Society Report – Milstein | No report. |
| k. Library Report – Rogers | In packet. |
| l. Facilities Report – Bedard | In packet. |
| m. Fire Dept. Report – LaCross | In packet. |
| n. EGLFD Report – Koel | In packet. |
| o. Historian Report | No report. |
| p. Correspondence | None. |

Approval of Consent Agenda:

Lang requested that the Clerk's report be pulled from the Consent Agenda to be discussed further. A motion was made by Devers, supported by Wiczorkowski, to approve the Consent Agenda without the Clerk's report.

All ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Paavola, supported by O'Neill, to approve the agenda with one addition. Lang requested that an item regarding a snowplowing contract be added to New Business.

All ayes. Motion carried.

Audience Comments: (3-minute limit)

The board heard from one (1) audience member. James Gilbert, who is running for Presque Isle County Probate judge, spoke to the audience about his qualifications.



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Board of Trustees Comments

1. Lang reported that Township Assessor Laurie Spencer has been recertified and gave commendation for her work.
2. Wiczorkowski reported that the Presque Isle Township Fire Department (PITFD) received a \$3,123 grant from The Community Foundation. The grant money will be used to provide green and white reflective home address signs to Township residents. Such signs were previously only available through the East Grand Lake Fire Department. PITFD Chief Larry LaCross stated that his department will be putting out a notice with instructions on how to request the signs. Wiczorkowski suggested putting the notice in the December 1st newsletter. LaCross agreed.
3. Lang addressed a complaint made at the Planning Commission meeting on October 7th regarding the Township website (www.presqueisletwp.org).

Public Hearing: Lake Street Repaving

Lang began the hearing by introducing Mark Straley of R.S. Scott Engineering and Dave Kowalsky, Superintendent of the Presque Isle County Road Commission. Straley and Kowalsky spoke briefly on the upcoming project and provided some details on what the residents could expect.

The board then heard from ten (10) audience members. Most expressed whether they believed costs should be divided on a per-parcel or per-foot basis. Several complained that they had not received notice of previous hearings.

When there were no more comments, Lang closed the public hearing. A motion was made by Paavola, supported by Wiczorkowski, to send out a ballot so that residents on the special assessment roll could vote whether to be charged on a per-foot or per-parcel basis. All ayes. Motion carried.



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Items Pulled from Consent Agenda

Paavola presented an invoice for \$4,921.48 from Alpena Diesel Service for engine work on the Township fire truck. A motion was made by Wieczorkowski, supported by Devers, to approve the payment.

Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

a. Lotus Pond Phragmites

Presque Isle Township resident Stacy Holmen reported that Lotus Pond was treated for phragmites on Thursday, October 10th and thanked the Township for its support. Lang stated that the Township had collected enough money to pay for the treatment. He lauded Holmen and Mary Anne McCoy for spearheading the project.

New Business:

- a. Employee Sick Time**
- b. Museum Contract - Insurance**
- c. ARPA Resolution**
- d. Budget Amendment**
- e. Kauffman Blvd Fog Seal**
- f. Wind and Solar Ordinance**
- g. Snowplow Contract Approval**

Employee Sick Time: Lang reported that the Michigan State Supreme Court has determined that all employees will be entitled to sick time starting in mid-February including seasonal and part-time workers. Wieczorkowski stated that some items concerning the new law are still in legislation. Lang said he would keep the Board apprised of any developments.

Museum Contract - Insurance: Lang reported that the Township's insurance provider informed him that The Presque Isle Township Museum Society (PITMS) must name the Township as an additional insured on their policy. Lang said that he would contact PITMS.

ARPA Resolution: Lang stated that he had rewritten the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) resolution to earmark \$80,000 for a new parking lot at the New Presque Isle Lighthouse and \$28,996 to be split equally between the East Grand Lake and Presque Isle Township fire departments as previously discussed.

A motion was made by Paavola, supported by Devers, to approve the resolution. Lang then moved for discussion.

Wieczorkowski stated that she was disheartened by the resolution. She made the argument that \$28,996 should instead be used for a new hiking trail on East Grand Lake Rd. across from the township hall. She referenced a survey



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conducted by the Township which shows a preference amongst residents for more hiking and walking paths.

After a brief deliberation, Lang agreed to come up with an estimate for a new hiking trail. He stated that he will present the estimate at the next meeting on November 11th.

Devers then motioned to amend the resolution to approve the allocation of \$80,000 for the parking lot but leave a balance of \$28,996 to be earmarked at the next meeting. Paavola supported the motion.

Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Budget Amendment: Lang provided an overview of the adjustments to the Capital Outlay, Miscellaneous Income and Maintenance accounts. A motion was made by Devers, supported by O'Neill, to approve the budget amendments.

Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Kauffman Blvd. Fog Seal: Lang reported that he has received over 50% approval from the residents on Kauffman Blvd. for the proposed road improvements. He stated that the board will vote on a resolution at the next meeting on November 11th.

Wind and Solar Ordinance: Lang provided background on the origin of Ordinance-12-2024. He stated that the Planning Commission had formally sent the ordinance to the board after completing a 30-day county review. A motion was made by O'Neill, supported by Wieczorkowski to approve Ordinance 12 of 2024.

Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.

Snowplow Contract: A motion was made by Wieczorkowski, supported by Devers, to approve the new snowplowing contract with Ravitz Lawn Care for the 2024-2025 winter season.

Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried.



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Audience Comments: (3-minute limit per audience member)

The board heard from three (3) audience members.

Planning Commission Chair Tom Guyer addressed the website complaint made at the Planning Commission meeting on October 7th. He stated that he didn't see any problems with the site.

PITFD Chief Larry LaCross discussed the fire department's ISO rating which impacts the department's insurance rates. The department received notification that it might receive a retrogression in its rating. LaCross stated that he is scheduling a conference call with the company to address their concerns. The department's current rating is 8B.

Adjournment:

5:29pm.

Meeting Reminder: The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 11th at 4pm.