

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP
Cass County Michigan
24725 Jefferson Center Street
Cassopolis, MI 49031

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
February 10, 2022, 6:30 PM

Call to Order & Roll Call: Supervisor Hass called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm. Present: Hass, Brunner, Glaze, Bundle, Gillam.

Pledge to the flag.

Public Comments:

Cass County Sheriff Office update given by Sheriff Behnke; COVID outbreak in the jail and cannabis legalization outcomes. State has regulatory authority not the county.

Correspondence:

1. AG Nessel Opinion: Meeting Attendance Accommodations Required under ADA
2. Market Van Buren Local Unit Government Summit – March 11, 2022

Approval of Minutes:

Bundle presented January 13, 2021, meeting minutes. Motion by Brunner, supported by Glaze to approved as presented. Approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Residents concerned about receiving receipt for tax payments. Will place statement that receipts are available upon request on website and in newsletter.

Glaze presented report. Motion by Brunner, supported by Gillam to approve as presented. Approved.

Payment of Bills:

Brunner presented payment of bills. Motion by Glaze, supported by Gillam to approved as presented. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- Marijuana/cannabis ordinance updates – Public Forum February 24, 2022, 6:30 pm. Hass informed residents that the forum date will not include final decision about changes to marijuana/cannabis ordinance updates.
- Town Hall Improvements
 1. Costco security system: Purchased for installation.
 2. Other: Update on previous assignments, any new items. No decision. Items will be addressed in the spring.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Brunner, Clerk

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NEW BUSINESS

- Pay off Fire Department loans
Hass suggested we pay off the loan through Lagrange Township; can get the amount from Treasurer Criswell. Jeff Locke states no interest benefit for early pay off. Glaze will call about payments fire truck and fire station.
- New drop off ballot box
Brunner states we have three elections in 2022. Concerns about secure access. Wants to have a separate box for ballots. Eltzroth states there is a specific requirement for ballot box. Brunner will verify and will investigate ordering.
- Outside key box for hall rentals
Randy from Elmer's Locksmith will provide quote for March meeting.
- MEC pole lights in parking lot
Bundle will get quote from MEC for installation and monthly fee for March meeting.
- Mileage reimbursement
IRS standard milage rates 58.5 cents per mile driven for business use. Mileage from township from destination and back for trip calculations. Motion by Bundle, supported by Glaze to approve. Approved.

INSPECTORS REPORTS

- Zoning - No report. Inspector Hardin will notify Board if code enforcement person does any work.
- Building - No permits submitted.
- Plumbing/Mechanical - No permits submitted.
- Electrical - Inspector Bellaire's monthly report had two permits.

EMERGENCY SERVICES, UTILITIES

- Cass Ambulance- No meeting.
- Cass Fire – No meeting.
- Edwardsburg Fire – Gillam states they are still waiting on radios.
- Planning and Zoning – Regular meeting on March 16 at 7:30pm will also be continued public hearing for solar project.

Next BOT regular meeting March 10, 2022

Adjournment: Brunner moved to adjourn; Bundle supported. Meeting adjourned by Hass at 7:35 PM.
Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Brunner, Clerk