

Echo Township
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 5, 2024

Derenzy called meeting to order at 7:00pm. Board members present: Hott, Graham, Derenzy, Petrie & Kucharek. Eight guests in the audience. Pledge of Allegiance recited by all.

May minutes reviewed by the Board. Motion by Petrie to approve minutes; supported by Hott. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report reviewed by the Board. Motion by Petrie to approve Treasurer's report; supported by Graham. Motion carried.

Motion by Hott to approve payment of bills, as presented, totaling \$222,600.04; supported by Graham. Motion carried. (\$200,000 represented transfer to purchase a 13-month CD.)

Guest Speakers: **(1)** Sheriff Hoch reviewed May's incident report for the township. Provided update on open positions within the Sheriff's Department. **(2)** Barry Cole introduced himself – he is a candidate for the AC Probate Judge/District Court Judge position. **(3)** Commissioner LaVanway reviewed the AC Commissioner's report. **(a)** AC is hosting an open house for the public on Thursday, June 20th from 3 – 5pm. **(b)** Building Department has relocated to the first floor. **(c)** Public hearing for the 2024 AC Master Plan will be held Thursday, July 18th at 5:30pm in the Commissioner's room. **(d)** Is running for re-election for District 5 County Commissioner. **(4)** Cathy Odom introduced herself – she is a candidate for the AC Clerk's position. **(5)** Amy Tate, with Commission on Aging discussed various services for Seniors; four separate meal sites; Bellaire site serves breakfast on Fridays from 8 – 9am, coupons to help purchase fruits and vegetables, loan programs for medical home care needs, estate planning, tax preparation, medical transportation, etc.

Unfinished Business: Re: FEMA – National Flood Insurance Program – discussed the meeting taking place June 11th from 5:00 – 6:30pm at the Forest Home Township Hall. Supervisor Derenzy encouraged all Board members to attend and to get as many answers as possible.

New Business: **(1)** Motion by Petrie to contract with KCI to send Early Voting Site Notices to all registered voters; supported by Graham. Motion carried. **(2)** Motion by Hott for Clerk to attend Election Prep: Beyond the Training in June; supported by Petrie. Motion carried. **(3)** Motion by Hott to accept the bid from CBS Handyman for fence repair; supported by Graham. Motion carried. **(4)** Reviewed proposal from TAP for backroom shelving – tabled for now. **(5)** Discussed how many chairs are needed – will discuss at July meeting. **(6)** Discussed Section 8 (b and c) of the Cemetery Ordinance – this will be enforced. **(7)** Discussed Twp Park improvements: **(a)** Utility company did a good job making their repairs. **(b)** Board member to contact Ron Whitaker regarding various projects including driveway repair.

Correspondence: **(1)** NLEA Feedback Session – meeting June 20th from 2:00 – 3:30pm at Meadowbrook. **(2)** AC Draft Master Plan. **(3)** Kearney Twp Draft Master Plan. **(4)** DNR – Natural Rivers Program. **(5)** PLM Spring Newsletter. **(6)** SAD 2024 Calendar of Events.

Committee Reports: Petrie reported that Jordan Valley EMS has hired a new Director.

Supervisor Report: Derenzy has had inquiries regarding the absence of the Beal's Lake dock – will reach out to County Administrator for guidance. Derenzy spoke with AC Road Commissioner regarding completing the work that was started last year; also, the broken guard rails on Kidder Road.

Motion made by Petrie; supported by Graham to adjourn at 9:15pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Kucharek, Clerk