

Echo Township  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
January 4, 2023

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

December minutes read by Kucharek. Motion by Graham to approve minutes; supported by Petrie. Motion carried.

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

Invoices represented by the list presented for approval. Motion by Hott to approve expenses; supported by Petrie. Motion carried.

**Guest Speakers:**

- 1) Sheriff Dan Bean introduced Under Sheriff Kevin Hoch. Sheriff Bean presented the 2022 year-end report and gave an update on the department. Many changes are occurring with the "older" work force retiring resulting in a younger work force. They are moving forward with new facilities for the Sheriff's Department; once a plan is finalized, it will be voted on by the public.
- 2) Ken and Willa Graham spoke to the Board regarding new outside lighting and cameras for the Township Hall. Ken will check on the equipment needed and pricing and will provide a quote to Supervisor Derenzy. Lighting and cameras to cover the south side of the building as well as the front door.
- 3) Township resident voiced concern regarding the truck traffic on Vance Road between Kidder and Graham Roads. At times, empty trucks are running down the middle of the road forcing on-coming traffic off the road. Resident will reach out to the mill owner and have them talk to the truckers. Supervisor Derenzy will also reach out to the Antrim Co. Road Commission and see if they can paint center lines on the road.

**New Business:** Wages for 2023/2024 were set as follows:

Resolution 1 of 2023 – Motion by Petrie, supported by Kucharek to increase Supervisor to \$11,000 annual;  
Resolution 2 of 2023 – Motion by Hott, supported by Graham to increase Clerk to \$16,000 annual;  
Resolution 3 of 2023 – Motion by Petrie, supported by Graham to increase Treasurer to \$15,000 annual.  
Other salaries remain the same.

**Discussion:** Outside message board was installed. 2023 IRS mileage reimbursement set at 65.5 cents. MI w/h tax will now be paid quarterly rather than annually.

**Supervisor Report:** None.

Motion made by Graham; supported by Petrie to adjourn at 8:35pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted  
Diane Kucharek, Clerk