

## Burns Township Regular Board Meeting, April 1, 2024

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. At 7:30pm.

Roll Call, Board members present Adams, Bowers, Glass, Murray, Riley.

Agenda Approval, Bowers moved; Adams seconded to approve agenda. Aye 5, Nay 0. Motion carried.

Adams moved; Glass seconded to approve routine matters: March 4, 2024, Budget Public Hearing Meeting Minutes, March 4, 2024, Board Minutes, Accept March 31, 2024, Treasurer Report Pending Audit, and Disbursements Totaling \$127,503.98. Roll Call: Aye, Bowers, Glass, Murray, Riley, Adams. Nay 0. Motion carried.

Riley moved; Bowers seconded to approve Rhonda Jeski's Lot Line Adjustment as presented. Roll Call: Aye Glass, Murray, Riley, Adams, Bowers. Nay 0. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Jerry and John Atkinson from Eagles Cove Campground spoke contesting the ambulance assessment on the campground.

Fire Report: Wade Prestonise gave the fire report.

Ambulance Report: Tom Deming gave the ambulance report.

Library Report: Judy Bowers gave the library report.

Assessor Report: Diane Dowler gave the assessment report.

County Commissioner Report: Brad Howard gave the commissioners report.

### Action Items:

Glass moved; Adams seconded to amend Resolution 2023-7; 2024 Poverty Exemptions Guidelines per the Board of Reviews request to adjust the guidelines. Roll Call: Aye Murray, Riley, Adams, Bowers, Glass. Nay 0. Motion carried.

Glass moved; Bowers seconded to approve the Township Supervisor and Township Clerk to work with the Township Attorney to take ownership of the Union Plains Cemetery including obtaining any quitclaim deeds necessary to do so, with a purchase price to not exceed \$15.00, and other ancillary activities to provide for the transfer of cemetery lands, funds and operations. Once the legal matters are met, with the attorney's approval, we will open the cemetery. Roll Call: Aye Riley, Adams, Bowers, Glass, Murray. Nay 0. Motion carried.

Glass moved; Adams seconded to approve 42 North Outdoor Services proposal for mowing Union Plains Cemetery. The rate is \$200.00 per mowing and \$225.00 per weed whip/blowing clippings. Roll Call: Aye Adams Bowers, Glass, Murray, Riley. Nay 0. Motion carried.

Glass moved; Bowers seconded to approve a contract with Bert's Lawn Maintenance to mow at the Township, Burgess and Gaylord cemeteries for \$2,575 beginning April 1, 2024. Roll Call: Aye Bowers, Glass, Murray, Riley, Adams. Nay 0. Motion carried.

Glass moved; Riley seconded to have Bill McCaslin of Timbertec Tree Service remove a tree from Burgess (Pinetree) Cemetery for a cost of \$1,200.00. Roll Call: Aye Glass, Murray, Riley, Adams, Bowers. Nay 0. Motion carried.

Glass moved; Bowers seconded to have Genesee Vault handle all burials, foundations, opening and closing graves, laying out graves along with seeding the lots after burials, when cemetery is legally obtained. Roll Call: Aye Murray, Riley, Adams, Bowers, Glass. Nay 0. Motion carried.

Glass moved; Bowers seconded to approve contributing \$2,000 to the formation of the Park Authority for Burns Township. Roll Call: Aye Bowers, Glass, Murray, Riley, Adams. Nays 0. Motion carried.

Riley moved; Bowers seconded to approve Resolution #2024-5 Fire Equipment Millage Renewal of 0.75 mils for 2025, 2026, 2027 to be placed on the August 6, 2024 ballot. Roll Call: Aye Glass, Murray, Riley, Adams, Bowers. Nay 0. Motion carried.

Riley moved; Adams seconded to approve Resolution #2024-6 Fire Services Millage Renewal of 1.0 mils for 2025, 2026, 2027 to be placed on the August 6, 2024 ballot. Roll Call: Aye Murray, Riley, Adams, Bowers, Glass. Nay 0. Motion carried.

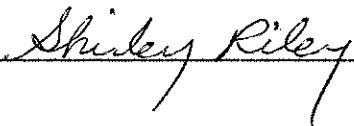
Ambulance Special Assessment was discussed. Michigan Tax Tribunal dismissed Eagles Cove's case. SSESAs sent a letter stating the special assessment rates for 2025 will be increasing from \$110 to \$120. We will be scheduling a Public Hearing for September or October 2024.

Extended Public Comment: None

The next regular board meeting will be Monday May 6, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned 8:46 p.m.

Shirley Riley, Clerk

Approved: 

Dated: 5-6-2024