

Johnstown Township Minutes

13641 South M-37 Highway. Battle Creek Michigan 49017

Special Board Meeting – Sept. 28, 2022 – 4:00 p.m.
Preliminary Review & Budget approvals for ARPA fund projects
and other pertinent business

Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Barb Earl, Clerk Sheri Babcock, Treasurer Karmen Nickerson
Trustee Deana Powell, Trustee Jeff Warren

Absent: None

Visitors: Ten (10)

Purpose: To further evaluate proposed assets or projects to be considered and funded with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and process budget approvals. This meeting could include any other pertinent business as needed. The community was invited to attend.

Agenda: A motion was made by Warren to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Powell. All ayes. Motion carried.

ARPA funds

The ARPA funds can be spent upon receipt and must be obligated by December 31, 2024, but funds are not required to be used or obligated before then. Funds must be expended by December 31, 2026.

The township has now received both the first and second “tranche” payment. Including interest, the current balance in the fund is \$329,546.86.

Public Comments: None

Review of estimates received on previously discussed projects:

Security System: One estimate received for \$3,975.00 – Budget approved, installed, payment completed.

Boiler System: Three estimates reviewed. Two from FHC and one from Hunter Prell. Would like to proceed with the lowest cost estimate from FHC of \$17,200, adding 20% contingency for a total cost of \$20,700. – Pending – waiting on order.

Water Well: Replacement of water well due to high nitrates and low-pressure problems – pending due to water softener issue to be resolved first.

Previously discussed items now ready for approval:

Water Softener: We have estimates from a couple businesses. A motion was made by Powell to approve the estimate from Franklin Howerta in the amount of \$23,500. Seconded by Warren. All ayes. Motion carried.

Pavilion/park area: Review of quotes. Move forward with Baumgartner quote with the exception of changing concrete from 6” to 4” reducing the quote from \$68,398 to \$66,638. Will need to check on time frame. If we wait until Spring, get a letter of intent from him.

A motion was made by Warren to approve the estimate from Baumgartner Construction as modified to \$66,638 and complete a budget modification to use ARPA funds for the same. Seconded by Powell. All ayes. Motion carried.

Hall Rental: After the last hall rental it was noted by staff that the waste paper cans had some trash in them and they smelled of alcohol. In checking the other trash items in the dumpster that matched the plates inside, it contained empty wine box and beer cans. Our Hall Rental Agreement clearly states – No alcoholic beverages. Any alcohol found being served on the premises will result in immediate vacating of the premises and lost of deposit. On the front of the rental agreement it also states that they could lose the privilege of future rentals. We have photo of the trash and it is recorded on the camera. It was also noted that a number of chairs had sticky spills on them that was not cleaned up.

It was decided that we will send a letter explaining the violation and we will cash the deposit check. Deana is willing to write up the letter for Barb's signature. The letter will be kept on file.

No loss of privilege at this point as they have not been a problem in the past.

Questions or things we need to pursue: Do we have to have any type of notice up for surveillance camera? Deana will check into this for us.

Discussion with Joyce Foondle, Assessor include the suggestion to go forward with the permit and inspection just as protection from liability. Board agreed this is the best idea.

Clear Lake Weed Control SAD: Resolution No. 1 – 2022-9-3

The resolution was offered by Board Member Warren and supported by Board Member Powell. The members of the Township Board voted as follows:

Ayes: Powell, Warren, Nickerson, Earl, Babcock
Nays: None

The Supervisor declared the motion carried and the Resolution duly adopted.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: A motion was made by Powell to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m. Seconded by Warren. All ayes. Motion carried.

Attested to by:
Barbara Earl
Supervisor



Sheri Babcock, Clerk