February 1, 2024

**Shafer Township**

**Monthly Board Meeting**

The Board of Shafer Township met at the Shafer Town Hall on Thursday, February 1, 2024. Board members present included Chairman Mark Stovern, Supervisor John Schmalz, Supervisor John Hoffman, Treasurer, Dominique Haller, and Clerk, Faith Lichtscheidl. Also, Maintenance, Brad Johnson.

Residents present included Becky Strand, Tommy Waldermar, Joe Mattson, Shafer Fire Ron Elfstrom, Almelund Fire Jason Fredlund and Kevin Johnson and Amador Township Peter Johnson.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

A motion was made to approve the agenda by Supervisor Hoffman, 2nd by Supervisor Schmalz; all in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Schmalz made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2024 regularly scheduled board meeting with two corrections under maintenance, Supervisor Hoffman 2nd the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Treasurer Haller presented the January, 2024 Treasurer’s report. The disbursement register shows a balance of $2,538.54. The receipts register shows a balance of $3,786.69 and the cash control statement shows a balance of $231,721.48. Outstanding checks total $11,208.96.

Supervisor Schmalz made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s report and Supervisor Hoffman 2nd the motion; all in favor, motion carried.

The claims were reviewed and a motion was made by Supervisor Schmalz to approve the claims, 2nd by Supervisor Hoffman; all in favor, motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Supervisor Peter Johnson from Amador Township was present to discuss sharing roads for snowplowing. It was agreed that Shafer Township will plow Vlach and Westlund Avenue’s in exchange for Amador Township plowing Quinlan. Motion made by Supervisor Schmalz to accept this agreement, 2nd by Supervisor Hoffman; all in favor, motion carried.

Supervisor Johnson also requested help in Amador Township with brushing ditches. A discussion was had regarding renting equipment versus hiring Shafer Township to do the brush mowing. Shafer Township will discuss options and pricing and get back to Amador Township.

**Shafer Fire**

Ron Elfstrom presented the 2024 fire budget for Shafer Fire. Shafer Fire had a total of 13 runs for Shafer Township in 2023 (fire 4, auto 2, first responder 7). The 2024 budget is increasing by 9.5% ($13,782.51) and a motion was made by Supervisor Hoffman to accept this, 2nd by Supervisor Schmalz; all in favor, motion carried.

**Almelund Fire**

Jason Fredlund and Kevin Johnson from Almelund Fire were present to present the 2024 budget to Shafer Township. It is reported that there were a total of 147 runs for Almelund Fire in 2023. Of these runs recorded, there were 6 fire and 22 first responder calls for Shafer Township.

Almelund Fire will have a new pumper coming in the Spring of 2025 and there was discussions about estimated costs for townships. A motion was made to approve the 2024 Amador Fire contract at $15,479.89 by Supervisor Schmalz, 2nd by Supervisor Hoffman; all in favor, motion carried.

**AARPA / Broadband Funds**

The grant was approved by Chisago County for broadband funds for Shafer, Franconia and Amador Townships. The contract to work with Home Town Internet was reviewed and a motion was made by Supervisor Schmalz to sign the contract, 2nd by Supervisor Hoffman; all in favor, motion carried and contract signed.

**Hall Rental**

There was currently an issue with a recent renter with damage to the office door lock. It was agreed by board members that the renter will pay the charges for the damage and Clerk Lichtscheidl has been instructed to send billing for this.

**Election Judges:**

A motion was made to accept the following as election judges for the PNP and Township elections on March 5, 2024 and March 12, 2024 by Supervisor Schmalz, 2nd by Supervisor Hoffman; all in favor, motion carried. (Becky Strand, Kurt Nelson, Faye Caneday, John Schmalz, Faith Lichtscheidl, Bia Cardin, Barb Buus and Carol Elliot Olson)

A motion was made to create a resolution for the above noted judges to be accepted for the 2024 yearly elections coming up by Supervisor Schmalz, 2nd by Supervisor Hoffman; all in favor, motion carried.

**Audit and Budget Meeting**

Tuesday 27, 2024 will be the audit and budget meeting, 6:00 pm.

Public comment: none

**OLD BUSINESS**

**320th Update**

All paperwork has been sent over to the attorney, Bob Ruppi, waiting for response on that. The material for hauling for this project is estimated to cost about $3,000.00.

**Cold Storage**

This project is coming along, the contractor has been here all week working on it.

**Maintenance Update**

Been on light duty, moving equipment around in the shop for as needed.

Reclaimer, no update.

Discussion regarding moving the voting booths over between the windows. A couple of booths can be added for disable voting and we can check to see if grant money can be used for that project.

Will make an enclosure for the tv similar to the voting booths.

Need handicap signs out in front of building. The signs have been ordered and will be installed when they arrive.

Brad talked to CAT and they are looking into an extended warranty on the blade for the grader.

**Miscellaneous**

Propane is at 25%.

The Almelund Lions would like to use the shop for the upcoming pancake breakfast.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 pm by Supervisor Hoffman, 2nd by Chairman Stovern; all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted;

Faith Lichtscheidl, Clerk

Mark Stovern, Chairman