

<p style="text-align: center;"> PENTWATER TOWNSHIP BOARD PENTWATER COMMUNITY HALL 500 N. HANCOCK STREET, PENTWATER, MI 49449 </p> <p style="text-align: center;"> In-Person Regular Meeting of Wednesday, September 8, 2021 (Rescheduled from August 11 due to power outage) Zoom Available for Audience </p>	APPROVED MINUTES
<p>Supervisor Cavazos called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM</p> <p>Members Present: Dean Holub, Mike Flynn, Lynne Cavazos, Heather Douglas, and Sue Johnson.</p> <p>Members Absent: None</p> <p>Staff Present: Maureen Murphy, Deputy Clerk (in person); Lisa McKinney (zoom).</p> <p>Others Present in Person: Sandy Brown, Paula DeGregorio, Frank Galante, Janet Lawhead, Hugh Jones, Dayne Hasil, Ray Hasil, John Nagel, Dean Gustafson, Mark O. Benner, Ted Cuchna, Jean Russell, and Chris Karaptian, Pentwater Township residents. Also present were Dave Spitler, County Road Commission; Scott Karaptian, Pentwater School Superintendent; and, John Adams, Oceana County Climate Action Council.</p> <p>Others Present via Zoom: Jeff Vanderstelt, Glenn Beavis, Cathy Crumb, Amy LaBarge and one unknown.</p>	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p> <p>ROLL CALL</p>
<p>Moved by Holub seconded by Flynn to accept the Consent Agenda as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prior Meeting Minutes of August 25, 2021 • Correspondence – Weare Township ORV Ordinance and Pentwater Township Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing • YTD Financial Reports 04-01-2021 thru 08/31/2021 • Claims/Bills for the period August 12 – September 8 as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Township - \$29,477.04 ○ Road Fund - \$58,689.50 ○ Cemetery - \$59,147.67 ○ Fire - \$5,049.62 <p>Roll call vote: Holub, yes; Flynn, yes; Douglas, yes; Johnson, yes; and, Cavazos, yes. Motion carried.</p>	<p>CONSENT AGENDA</p> <p>Review & Action</p>

<p>Moved by Douglas seconded by Holub to accept the agenda as amended to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14 b. Ken Adams Bid for Repairing Catch Basin 14 c. Presentation on November 2021 School Millage Proposal <p>Voice vote. Motion carried.</p>	<p>MEETING AGENDA</p> <p>Review & Action</p>
<p>None</p>	<p>PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS</p>
<p>Ms. Cavazos reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vacancy on the Village/Township Recreation Committee for a Township member-at-large. Those interested should fill out an application that is found on the Township’s website or may be picked up in the office. • MDOT accepted a quote from Ken Adams to remove the sandbags on Monroe Road. • MDOT is also doing road work both on both ends of Pentwater. • The bell has be successfully installed in the Cemetery. A dedication will be done with input from veterans. 	<p>SUPERVISOR’S REPORT</p>
<p>The Clerk reported that she and Ms. Murphy are busy gearing up for the November election. Also, the Township audit for FY 04/01/2020 – 03/31/2021 will be presented at the October 14, 2021 Township Board Meeting.</p>	<p>CLERK’S REPORT</p>
<p>No report as she has not had time to reconcile with the banks.</p>	<p>TREASURER’S REPORT</p>
<p>The Library, Fire Department and Recreation Reports were received and placed on file.</p>	<p>OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS Library, Recreation and Fire Department</p>
<p>The Zoning, Assessing, Cemetery and Transfer Station Reports were received and placed on file. Ms. Cavazos read the Zoning Administrator’s report regarding the lawsuit to vacate a portion of Parsons Road right-of-way. He recommended that the Township Board not respond to the lawsuit so as not to interrupt the legal proceedings.</p>	<p>STAFF REPORTS – Zoning, Assessing, Cemetery, Transfer Station</p>

<p>Ms. Cavazos read the Township Clerk’s resignation letter that was given to the Board at its meeting of August 25, 2021.</p> <p>Moved by Douglas and seconded by Flynn to accept the Clerk’s resignation effective December 31, 2021. Voice vote. Motion carried.</p>	<p>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</p> <p>Acceptance of Township Clerk’s Resignation</p>
<p>Ms. Johnson explained that it was determined to amend the Cemetery Ordinance to expand the definition of “immediate family” to include one’s partner and perhaps other relatives and to clarify that individuals with Cemetery Lot Deeds may not sell the lots. They may, however, return them to the Township for reimbursement equal to the original purchase.</p> <p>The proposed language in Resolution No. 2021-16 defines immediate family as “a parent, sibling; child by blood, adoption, or marriage; spouse or partner; grandparent or grandchild; aunt, uncle or cousin.</p> <p>Moved by Holub and seconded by Douglas to adopt Resolution No. 2021-16 to Amend Cemetery Ordinance No. 14-1 as written.</p> <p>Roll call vote: Holub, yes; Douglas, yes; Flynn, yes; Cavazos, yes; and, Johnson, no. Motion carried.</p>	<p>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</p> <p>Resolution No. 2021-16 to Amend Cemetery Ordinance No. 14-1</p>
<p>Ms. Johnson said that the 10-year cable television franchise agreement with Charter Communications expires soon. Under the current agreement the Township of Pentwater receives a franchise fee of 5% which equates to about \$21,000 per year. The fee is assessed on video services only and equipment. There are approximately 800 communities and about 50% of them receive some type of franchise fee with the maximum being 5%. The other 50% do not collect any fee. The fees are paid to Charter by each individual user. In turn, Charter issues franchise fee monies to the Township on a quarterly basis.</p> <p>While it may not save township residents and users a great deal of money, the franchise fee can be established at any percentage up to 5%.</p> <p>Moved by Douglas and seconded by Johnson to adopt Resolution No. 2021-17 Approving Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement establishing the franchise fee of 2%.</p>	<p>NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>Resolution No. 2021-17 Approving Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement</p>

<p>Roll call vote: Douglas, yes; Johnson, yes; Cavazos, yes; Flynn, no; and, Holub, no. Motion carried.</p>	
<p>Ms. Cavazos presented a bid from Ken Adams Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$1,250 to clean out the catch basin at 500 N. Hancock Street; replace the stone in the drywell next to catch basin; and, backfilling.</p> <p>Moved by Cavazos and seconded by Johnson to waive the Township’s bid policy and accept the bid from Ken Adams Excavating, Inc. in the amount of \$1,250.</p> <p>Roll call vote: Cavazos, yes; Johnson, yes; Douglas, yes; Holub, yes; and, Flynn, yes. Motion carried.</p>	<p>NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>Bid for Repairing Catch Basin</p>
<p>Mr. Karaptian distributed copies of PowerPoint slides as well as a FAQ explaining Pentwater Schools millage request to be voted on at the Special Election of November 2, 2021.</p> <p>The last bond proposal was passed in 2003. The proposed new bond millage will create educational and fine arts opportunities as well as create an opportunity for community use space gymnasium, auditorium, fitness center.</p> <p>Several public surveys were done and community forums held to help guide this process. The public wants school and community collaboration with year-round activities. The new millage funds will be used to improve existing building and include safety and security upgrades. The presentation is conceptual only as actual design and planning cannot be done unless the additional millage is approved.</p> <p>The existing gymnasium is too small and not safe. It was built in the 1950s. The new proposed gym would seat 600 – 700 and allow us to host district events; thus, bringing activities to Pentwater. The proposed auditorium will seat 350 – 400. A new track and soccer field will also be constructed.</p> <p>The current roof leaks over the library, business office and staff lounge. “It has leaked since day one”. Some windows and doors need to be repairs or replaced. Boilers are also at or near their end of life. Roof top HVAC units are also in bad shape.</p> <p>“Current operating budget is just over \$3 million and of that 80% is people”.</p> <p>The proposed bond is for \$23.9 million. If approved, construction is expected to begin in 2023.</p>	<p>NEW BUSINESS</p> <p>Presentation Re November 2021 School Millage Proposal</p>

<p>Mike Flynn said</p> <p>Heather Douglas said . . .</p> <p>Paula DeGregorio asked why there is only one millage option to consider. She thought there should be more than one.</p> <p>Jean Russell voiced concern about sustainability. There is no budget information for operating costs.</p> <p>Ted Cuchna asked about the \$40 million payback over 30 years with a declining population to students.</p> <p>Dean Gustafson expressed concern about the difficult fiscal burden. Useful like of the buildings and equipment will not last the term of the millage.</p> <p>John Nagel asked about parking. With a gymnasium that seats 600 means there will be 300 cars. Where will the cars be parked?</p> <p>Dave Spittler inquired about the student population and school of choice.</p> <p>Frank Galante also asked about the school population. Mr. Karaptian responded that for grades 9 – 12 there are just over 100.</p> <p>Frank Galante was opposed to the decision to reduce the Charter Franchise fee from 5% to 2%.</p> <p>Sandy Brown said that Pentwater kids deserve the best but the gym may be too large. Also, the Village is not in alignment with bring more children into the Village.</p> <p>Ted Cuchna related that the school boundary goes into Weare, Summit and Elbridge Townships. Pentwater has no attraction to families as there is no employment. We are changing to a tourism/retirement community.</p> <p>Amy LaBarge said that, although she needs to study the issue further, she felt Pentwater is desirable to families. A better school will add to the desirability.</p>	<p>PUBLIC COMMENTS</p>

<p>Jason Vanderstelt said he and his wife are excited by the bond proposal. He has been involved in 15 bond proposals in the past. He thinks a full and robust proposal should be put together. More community meetings and dialogue needs to occur.</p>	
<p>Ms. Douglas referred the funding for Park Place. Perhaps a survey should be done among township residents to see if they want to contribute to Park Place in terms of a fee or the Township Board contributing additional dollars which would mean something else could get reduced.</p> <p>Mr. Flynn reported that 30 tons of starry stone wart has been removed from Pentwater Lake. There is a pile of it about 8' high. Mr. Gustafson added that the Pentwater Lake Association received a permit late.</p> <p>Mr. Holub said that . . . completed 3 of 4. . . .</p>	<p>OTHER ITEMS from BOARD MEMBERS</p>
<p>Supervisor Cavazos adjourned the meeting 7:35 p.m.</p>	<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>
<p>_____</p> <p>Sue Ann Johnson, Township Clerk</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>Date</p>