

**Regular Board Meeting for Mills Township  
Monday December 21, 2020  
Virtual Meeting**

7:00 p.m. Meeting called to order  
Stand for the Pledge

**Roll Call Present:** Amy Hoover, Alan Wendt, Ron Kutchev, Kim Sweet, Sara Pitch

**Residents Present:** Tim Metzger, Debbie Cuthbertson

**Agenda Approval:** Hoover made a motion to accept the Agenda with the addition of December 9, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes added, supported by Wendt

Roll Call Yes – Kutchev, Pitch, Wendt, Hoover, Sweet Motion Carried.

**Minutes:** Pitch made a motion to accept the Regular Board Meeting Minutes from Nov. 10, 2020 and Special Board Meeting Minutes from December 9, 2020 as written, supported by Hoover

Roll Call Yes – Kutchev, Pitch, Wendt, Hoover, Sweet Motion Carried.

**Introduction of Guests:** None

**Public Comments:** None

**Supervisor's Report:**

A. Clark Drain is accepting bids for Sec.30 & 31

B. Board of Review was held on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>, had 8 reviews with 7 being approved.

**Treasurers Report:** Balances as of December 21, 2020

A. General Fund Checking-\$133,658.92

B. General Fund Savings - \$65,727.07

C. Roads -\$55,370.53

D. Fire Fund Checking \$11,327.36

E. Fire Fund Savings-\$93,247.59

F. Solid Waste Checking-\$ 12,769.95

G. Solid Waste Savings - \$2,657.34

H. Current Tax- \$124,461.71

I. Water Debt Service- \$94,806.07

J. Water Tax Revenue- \$1,009.72

Motion made by Wendt to allow the General Fund Savings money to be transferred to the General Fund checking and the Fire Dept Savings into the Fire Dept. checking account, supported by Kutchev

Roll Call Yes – Kutchev, Pitch, Wendt, Hoover, Sweet Motion Carried.

**Clerks Report:** Presentation of Claims:

A. General Fund- Check #13922-13926 - Total \$925.54

B. Fire Fund- Check #7170-7172 - Total \$675.38

Pitch moved to pay the Claims as stated, supported by Kutchev

Roll Call Yes - Hoover, Wendt, Kutchev, Sweet, Pitch Motion Carried.

**Committee Reports:**

A. **Planning Report:** No meeting

B. **Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA):** Nothing to report

C. **Fire Dept. Report:** Fire Chief Metzger read his Report:

155 total responses for 2020, 26 since last meeting, 2 Mutual Aid calls since last meeting.  
Dept. Activities:

1. Station, hall and park security grant has been submitted decision will be reviewed in Jan.

2. Two members completed and passed National Registration for MFR

3. New Covid protocols-every call is considered Covid

4. Covid Vaccinations are beginning this week

5. Fire Academy Grants are being offered

6. Risk Management Meeting was conducted and recommendations were made

Department Requests:

1. Request Eric Miller and Matt Gary to be removed from the Department Roster

2. Request to appoint Brandon Metzger to the department for a 1 yr. probationary term
3. Request to install video meeting system in the Township Hall for a cost not to exceed \$750.

Wendt made a motion to grant the 3 requests, supported by Pitch

Roll Call Yes - Hoover, Wendt, Kutchev, Sweet, Pitch Motion Carried

Roof Update: There has been an issue with getting the shingles, should be in this coming week and will start first week of January. Wendt will speak with the contractor about concerns with the shingles sealing and who will cover replacement if they don't seal in the winter weather.

- D. **Code Authority:** Running smooth, last Thursday was the meeting, The Office will be closed between Christmas and New Years
- E. **Water Report:** Had a zoom meeting last Thursday, Testing will begin from June through Sept. 2021 New standard will be implemented then.

\*\*Motion to approve the above reports made by Wendt, supported by Pitch

Roll Call Yes – Kutchev, Pitch, Wendt, Hoover, Sweet Motion Carried.

**Correspondence to the Board:** Republic Waste will be increasing their rates starting Jan. 20, 2021

**Petitions to the Board:** None

#### **Old Business:**

- A. Butters update: He has been found in violation and has 21 days to appeal (deadline 12/21/20). Kutchev stated that the property is owed by a family member but we can put a lien on the property he owns in Clare County. Motion made by Wendt to allow Kutchev to pursue having a lien put on the property owned by Mr. Butters in Clare Co. unless the cost to do so is more than what is owed, supported by Pitch Roll Call Yes – Kutchev, Pitch, Wendt, Hoover, Sweet Motion Carried.
- B. Johnson set back: Mr. Johnson had permits to build a pole barn, but has built it to close to the property line and is in violation of the zoning ordinance. Discussion held. Motion made by Wendt to contact the Code Authority and have the Township Supervisor issue him a ticket, supported by Pitch Roll Call Yes – Kutchev, Pitch, Wendt, Hoover, Sweet Motion Carried.
- C. Park Signs: No ATV Allowed in Park Signs have been installed at the Township Park
- D. Maxine Brink restitution: No additional restitution can be added besides what the court has appointed

#### **New Business:**

- A. 2021 Meeting dates: Motion made by Sweet to adopt the 2021 Meeting Dates Resolution, supported by Pitch Roll Call Yes – Kutchev, Pitch, Wendt, Hoover, Sweet Motion Carried.
- B. Previous Supervisor Dan Bloom Computer: Motion made by Pitch to allow Bloom to purchase the computer he was using for the quote given by Compucom for \$1300, supported by Wendt Roll Call Yes - Hoover, Wendt, Kutchev, Sweet, Pitch Motion Carried

#### **Board Comments:**

Comment Wendt: With the next meeting being delayed with the COVID restrictions, Wendt moved to allow the Clerk and Treasurer to pay all time sensitive claims as needed, supported by Pitch

Roll Call Yes – Kutchev, Pitch, Wendt, Hoover, Sweet Motion Carried.

Comment Kutchev: Wendt & I had a meeting with the Road commission to talk about roads for 2021, Asked for estimates for work on these Roads: North half of Jefferson S. of Townline 16, Townline 16 between Jefferson & Swede, Ehlers off Lively, and Curtis E. of Jefferson. Gladwin County has said they will not help to fix Townline 16 Road. 2021 Projected Road budget will be approximately \$215,000

Comment Hoover: 4611 E. Shaffer Road No permits have been issue; Building Inspector will be sending a violation letter to property owner.

#### **Public Comments:**

Comment: Will the website still continue to post minutes? Answer by Pitch: Yes

Comment: What is happening with the blight and people in trailers? Answer Wendt: The last person in violation is no longer living there consistently. Our township does not have an ordinance dealing with the length of time allowed to park a trailer. Motion made by Hoover to allow the planning commission to look into other townships ordinances allowing living in camper trailers, supported by Kutchev. Roll Call Yes – Kutchev, Pitch, Wendt, Hoover, Sweet Motion Carried.

**Adjournment:** Wendt moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m., supported by Pitch Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.