

Regular Board Meeting for Mills Township
Wednesday, January 12, 2022

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, Roland Brink, Clyde Hoover and Jay St. John

Guests: Gary Hicks-Republic Waste Services

Agenda Approval: Hoover made a motion to accept the agenda, supported by Pitch
Roll Call Yes – Kutchev, Wendt, Hoover, Sweet, Pitch Motion Carried.

Minutes: Pitch made a motion to accept the Regular Board Meeting Minutes from Dec.14, 2021 as written
supported by Hoover Roll Call Yes – Kutchev, Wendt, Hoover, Sweet, Pitch Motion Carried.

Public Comments: none

Supervisor's Report: Had an incident with email-will step up security if continues, attended virtual meeting on
ARPA Final Ruling-a lot of restrictions have been listed, need to submit audit in April 2022. Motion made by
Kutchev to allow Sweet to meet with Weinlander Fitzhugh to discuss the ARPA Audit, supported by Wendt
Roll Call Yes – Kutchev, Wendt, Hoover, Sweet, Pitch Motion Carried

Treasurers Report: Balances as of January 1, 2022

- A. General Fund Checking-\$451,762.34
 - B. General Fund Savings - \$32,396.25
 - C. Roads -\$28,722.09
 - D. Fire Fund Checking \$483,900.97
 - E. Fire Fund Savings-\$53,625.66
 - F. Solid Waste Checking-\$ 12,619.17
 - G. Solid Waste Savings - \$49,401.62
 - H. Current Tax- \$312,990.62
 - I. Water Debt Service- \$125,480.87
 - J. Water Tax Revenue- \$59,954.81
- Treasurer's report accepted

Clerks Report: Presentation of Claims:

- A. General Fund- Check #14245-14268 - Total \$12,846.01
- B. Fire Fund- Check #7351-7379 - Total \$9,940.11
- C. Solid Waste- Check #1600 - Total \$10,616.88

Motion made by Pitch to accept the report and pay the claims as stated and amend the 21-22 budget by
moving \$350 from Planning & \$800 from Parks & Recs track expense to Board of Review and by
moving \$400 from Pavilion to Drain tax, supported by Hoover
Roll Call Yes - Hoover, Wendt, Kutchev, Sweet, Pitch Motion Carried.

Committee Reports:

- A. **Planning Report:** January 20th is the next meeting, will discuss private noncommercial medical grow
options

Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA): A hearing was Dec. 15th, the request was denied. Another variance
request was submitted-so will be setting a hearing date in the near future. Motion made by Kutchev to
allow Wendt and himself to speak to lawyer about Johnson variance, 5 yr. plan and medical grows,
supported by Pitch Roll Call Yes - Hoover, Wendt, Kutchev, Sweet, Pitch Motion Carried.

- B. **Fire Dept. Report:** Chief Metzger gave his report for December
216 total responses for 2021 (up 35% over 2020 & 55% over 2019) & 6 total responses for 2022, 12
since last meeting with 2 mutual aid calls since last meeting

Dept. Activities:

- 1. Team Building Night was conducted
- 2. Dow Foundation Grant-Stage two submitted for \$229,583.00
- 3. Engine 821 is ready for service

4. Insurance Payouts for 820, misc. equipment and water damage have been received
5. Mental Health Professional was brought in to discuss dealing with Responder Stress
6. Annual program March 5th
7. Year end report will be presented at February meeting

Department Requests

1. to purchase replacement equipment from 820 incident not to exceed \$14,00 (the amount awarded from insurance)
 2. To apply for a Firehouse Subs grant to purchase a LUCAS CPR Device
Motion made by Hoover to grant the 2 requests, supported by Wendt
Roll Call Yes - Hoover, Wendt, Kutchey, Sweet, Pitch Motion Carried.
Motion by Kutchey to allow Clerk Sweet & Treasurer Pitch to start checking on loan options for new fire truck, supported by Pitch Roll Call Yes - Hoover, Wendt, Kutchey, Sweet, Pitch Motion Carried.
- C. **Code Authority:** Slowing down but running smooth, Next meeting Jan. 27th 5 p.m. at the County Bldg.
Assessors Report: BOR Mandatory Training: Motion by Kutchey to allow the BOR members to attend the Mt. Pleasant training in February with expenses and per diems paid Roll Call Yes - Hoover, Wendt, Kutchey, Sweet, Pitch Motion Carried
- D. **2022 Board of Review Dates Resolution**-The dates are as stated March 8th (Organizational Meeting) at 12 noon, March 17th 3-9 p.m., March 18th 9-3 p.m., July 20th 9 a.m. & Dec. 14th at 12 noon all at the Township Hall. Motion by Kutchey to adopt the 2022 Board of Review Dates Resolution, supported by Hoover Roll Call Yes - Hoover, Wendt, Kutchey, Sweet, Pitch Motion Carried
BOR Forms are available on the website.
Resolution No 1-2022 (2022 Policy & Guidelines for Property Tax Poverty Exemptions Mills Township)
Motion by Kutchey to adopt Resolution No. 1-2022, supported by Pitch Roll Call Yes - Hoover, Wendt, Kutchey, Sweet, Pitch Motion Carried
Water Report: Received a few calls from the stickers on the tax bills, Current reporting is up to date with the follow up filter report filed. Low-income water assistance: Motion by Pitch to opt out of participating in LIHWAP (Low Income Water Assistance Program), supported by Wendt Roll Call Yes - Hoover, Wendt, Kutchey, Sweet, Pitch Motion Carried

Old Business:

- A. **Butter's update:** Judge has heard testimony on 2 separate dates, New court date set for 1/24/22 for Judges ruling
- B. **Republic Waste:** Gary Hicks spoke and answered questions that the board had, He stated the pandemic & labor shortage has affected their service, but it is getting better. Will look into credit difference and will try to have a better line of communication with the board.

New Business:

- A. **2022 Road Projects:** Discussion held: Motion made by Kutchey to approve the Midland Co. Road Commission bids for gravel work for Swede Rd S. of Shaffer & Ehlers S of Lively also gravel & ditching for Jefferson Rd S of Baker, & ditching & chip seal for Jefferson between Shearer & Curtis, supported by Pitch Roll Call Yes – Kutchey, Wendt, Hoover, Sweet, Pitch Motion Carried.
- B. **MTA Conference:** April 25-28: Motion made by Sweet to have expenses and per diems paid for any board members wanting to attend the MTA Annual Conference (Lansing), supported by Wendt Roll Call Yes - Hoover, Wendt, Kutchey, Sweet, Pitch Motion Carried.
- C. **Sanford Little League:** Would like to use the park again this year-will send new agreement. Motion by Wendt to rent Porta Jon again this year for the Park when the weather permits, supported by Pitch Roll Call Yes - Hoover, Wendt, Kutchey, Sweet, Pitch Motion Carried.

Board Comments:

Comment: Budget workshop set for Feb. 22nd 7 p.m. at the Township Hall

Public Comments: none

Adjournment: Wendt moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m., supported by Hoover Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.