Lake Eunice Township

Treasurer: Ann Hixson Supervisors: Ed Clem, Gerald Johnson

Chairman: Jason Rosing Wayne Jacobson, Al Bergquist

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The Lake Eunice Township board held its monthly meeting at the town hall on February 11th, 2025 at 7:00 pm.  Al Bergquist was not in attendance. The minutes from January 2025 was reviewed and approved by a motion by Wayne Jacobson and seconded by Ed Clem.  The treasurer report was reviewed. Jason Rosing asked the board to start thinking about upcoming budget numbers for 2025. Jason Rosing has some budget numbers to review again.

Mike Williams was present to obtain a liquor license for Pit 611. This liquor license was brought to vote with a unanimous approval. Paperwork completed by the clerk and filed with the office.

Kailee and Ben Montean were present with their family to discuss a property they purchased on West Peters Road. They previously had supplied Lake Eunice Township with a survey they had completed. That survey was reviewed with Carl Malstrom, Lake Eunie Township Attorney. The Montean’s had inquired about the maintenance on West Peters Road and the responsibility of the township to maintain the road and also prepare the road for their use, they are planning to build there this spring. A letter was reviewed from the township attorney and also given to the Monteans for review. They were encouraged to speak to an attorney about next steps. They were told that this road is actually an established cartway and due to that, the township will not be providing the support requested.

The City of Audubon fire contract was discussed. A request was made by a resident, Cindy Sperl, to obtain more information in the contract under city responsibilities. The board was given the fire contract which outlines some “city responsibilities.” The board did review and indicated they would like information on b through d. In regards to the record request from the resident, once the information is obtained, a determination will be made on the release. Heather Anderson will reach out to the city of Audubon and work on this request. She will also invite them to a township meeting.

a. Authorize and direct the City fire department to provide the fire services described herein to Town’s Service Territory.

b. Develop a detailed annual operational budget for the fire department for each year during the term of this contract by the Anniversary Date and present it to Town along with sufficient information to explain the items included in the budget figures;

c. Upon Town’s request, provide City access to financial and cost data related to the fire department for five years prior to the current service year;

d. Disclose to Town any proposed action City or the fire department intends to take that can reasonably be expected to effect the Insurance Services Office Fire Protection Grade in the Service Territory or City’s ability to provide the fire services indicated above; and

e. Promptly disclose to Town any information City can reasonably anticipate will directly affect its ability to perform its obligations under this contract.

The board discussed the budget for 2025. This will be made public during the annual meeting. In addition, the board would like to have a conversation about increasing the levy. The board talked about 7 percent, which would not go in affect till 2026. This would add about $34,000 to the budget. Jason Rosing advised the levy has not been increased since 2015 and that was 15 percent. This information will be shared at the annual meeting. Wally Mueller, a Lake Eunice resident was present and indicated some frustrations with the increase. He advised his taxes are increasing with the county and it was would a burden to have another increase with the townships. He was encouraged to attend the annual meeting.

At the close of the meeting, it was determined that the Cormorant Sports Club has not applied for their liquor license. The meeting was re-opened to allow for this. Wayne Mc Dunn was called and the liquor license was completed over the phone. This liquor license was brought to vote with a unanimous approval. Paperwork completed by the clerk and filed with the office.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm by motion from Wayne Jacobson and seconded by Ed Clem.

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Heather Anderson, Township Clerk Date

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