

Town of Ludington  
Town Board Meeting  
May 11, 2023

Present: Randall Horlacher, Ray Peterson, Dennis Schacht, Colleen Hawkins, and Karen Schulner

Chairman Randy Horlacher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Flag Salute was given.

Proper Posting: Proper posting was given

Review and Approval Minutes: Clerk Hawkins read the minutes of the April, 2023 meeting. Ray Peterson made a motion to approve the minutes, Dennis Schacht seconded. Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Schulner have the May 2023 report. She reported that we had a beginning balance of \$184,446.64, deposited \$21,257.54, interest of \$16.12(.10%); paid out \$21,175.83, leaving balance of \$223,175.83. Tax accounts: \$3,762.09. Savings account balances: Road Equipment \$97,572.50; Contingency \$56,510.60; Building \$26,079.11; Road Maintenance \$105,408.46; and Forest Harvest closed. CD's: \$17,969.15; \$8,784.49; \$8,372.62. The total Cash Balance is \$547,645.58. Ray Peterson made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Dennis Schacht seconded, Motion carried.

Pay Bills: Prior to the meeting, the bills were reviewed. Randy Horlacher made a motion to pay the bills, Ray Peterson seconded. Motion carried.

Citizen Discussion: None

Ambulance Service: Ray Peterson attended more meetings. If the Town of Ludington wanted to pay for ambulance service, staffed 24/7 – cost would be \$1.3 million. It seems that the current contract will be continued through 2024, so we hopefully have time to prepare.

Trash on Trucks – contract signed and we got the new dumpster already. Pick-up day is Wednesday.

ATV Club – Tommy L was not present at the meeting.

Road Work for 2023 – get bids for gravel (base and granite); chip seal on 150<sup>th</sup>, Woodland Valley Road, Rockie Road; crack fill on Rockie dead end, Sandy Lane, and new part of Scenic if needed; Mini, and Town Shop.

Logging Forest – all cutting is done.

Short-Term Lodging, Municipal Room Tax – There is statutes that allow a municipality to assess room tax. Is this something the Town of Ludington wants to look into? The town could assess up to 8%, keeping 30% and using 70% on tourism only. After considerable discussion, it was determined that we will table this and possibility look into it in the future.

Darrell Bremness was present and raised questions about survey markers and the road.

Old Business: Cemetery – new person (Jeffrey Howard) has started. He asked about getting a push mower. Derrick will work it out with him.

Next Meeting Date: June 8, 2023

Agenda Items for Next Meeting: Open Bids

Adjourn: Dennis Schacht made a motion to adjourn, Ray Peterson seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by Colleen Hawkins, Clerk