

Prior to our regular meeting, we conducted an informational question and answer session with the DNR and US Fish & Wildlife personnel regarding the sea lamprey barrier project proposed for the sucker river up by Whitewash Rd. They presented slides showing some of the research they have collected and the plans for construction and maintenance of this barrier. There were many comments from the community regarding the effectiveness of this barrier and questioning the choice of location, ie our sucker river. The entire conversation and slide presentation is available on our website. There will be a follow up meeting as well as a EGLE public hearing to continue the conversation.

**Attendance:** Jon Babbitt, Lori McShane, Tim Jenkins, Sara Secrest. Absent - Paul Williams.

**Agenda:** Motion by Secrest, second by McShane to approve agenda as written. 4 ayes

**Correspondence:** Three letters regarding discontent with the changes to the park employee discount policy. Motion by Babbitt, second by McShane, to continue to offer a 50% discount to the workers that stay at campground and meet the criteria in the policy. 4 ayes.

**Approve Minutes:** Motion by Secrest, second by Babbitt, to approve the minutes from the February 10th regular meeting. 4 ayes.

**Department and Committee Reports:** Reports were available from the Assessor, DPW & Water, Library, Fire and Woodland Park. There was a report from our Zoning administrator regarding a zoning violation on property out on Nugent Lake Rd. that we have received many complaints from surrounding property owners about. The zoning administrator and the supervisor will conduct a thorough investigation and consult our attorney for legal advice moving forward. Trustee Jenkins asked about our Fire department and the turn out gear we provide. He also asked Woodland Park manager to break down the reservation numbers to show a trend of visitors for the upcoming summer.

**Appointments/Resignations:** none

**Supervisor Report:** Supervisor Babbitt mentioned that the Mobi mat bids are in and we will be talking about that later in the meeting. The three fire fighters are actively taking the class to become certified inspectors for our short-term rentals. Just a reminder that he is always available to talk anytime. Recycle tomorrow! Stats from Deputy Waldron were included in the packets distributed.

**Treasurer's report and Approval of Bills:** Treasurer's report – (\$1,582,781.36). Motion by Babbitt, second by McShane, to accept treasurer's report and approve the bills for payment (\$35,401.31). 4 ayes Treasurer Secrest also mentioned that taxes are payable to the county going forward, and the Board of Review meets this week to hear any petitioners. The final payment to Pat Coleman was included in the bills for approval. Board discussion of the tax payments to Altran and what we get for this.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Planning Commission/Recreation Plan:** Planning commission will meet March 24<sup>th</sup> to finish up the review of the zoning ordinance. The contract with Pat Coleman is complete and the revisions will be handled by the township going forward. The recreation plan was initially rejected by the DNR, but revisions will be made and resubmitted by the deadline.

**Woodland Park Septic status update:** We received confirmation from EGLE that the permitting would be handled by the LMAS health department. We will be responsible for some additional testing at the dump station, but the two drain fields will be under LMAS jurisdiction. Will be sending out bid requests end of week and hope to award the bid on March 26<sup>th</sup> at our fiscal year end budget meeting. Construction hopefully this spring.

**Employee Policies:** Revised copies of the Township Employee Policies were distributed to the board and we will continue to review. A few revisions were discussed, including safety training, and the meals and lodging limitations. A nepotism policy was proposed to be included, but there was no board consensus.

**Community Survey:** Still building a survey to be sent out to all taxpayers/registered voters. Watch your mailboxes.

**Mobi Mat bids:** Motion by Babbitt, second by Jenkins, to award the Mobi mat project to Scott Hull, Kalamazoo Deck Builders, with a bid of \$32,790, and a promise to complete before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. 4 ayes.

**New Business**

**Signs Now – Jack Hubbard:** Motion by Babbitt, second by Secrest to move forward with the bid from Signs Now for \$2,146 for a memorial plaque to be installed at the end of the point by the break wall to honor Jack Hubbard. 4 ayes.

**2026/27 Fiscal year recommended budget:** The 2026-27 fiscal year recommended budget was distributed to the board for review. This budget was populated with the basics – utilities cost and cost of living increases, as well as projected costs of various projects discussed with the departments managers. Board to continue to review before final budget to be approved before the end of March. Supervisor and Clerk will continue to work with the managers and gather input from board members. Public Budget hearing scheduled for Thursday, March 26, 2026, 6:00 PM.

**Other:**

**Public Comment:** Community member thanked the zoning administrator and the board for helping with the Husky Haven zoning problem. Another community member asked about who was taking the home inspection course and how much would they be paid. Supervisor Babbitt answered that compensation would be discussed later, but that three of our fire fighters are currently taking the course. Chet Tavenner asked if we considered the drainage issue when making a paving plan for the Marina.

**Board Comment:** Trustee Jenkins distributed some Alger Delta paperwork regarding new appliances and rebates offered. He also mentioned the data center moratorium that is currently being deliberated at the state legislature, as well as other house bills regarding short-term rentals. He also reminded the board that we need to address a security policy as well as contracts with the Chamber and Historical society.

**Adjournment:** 8:20 PM

Respectfully submitted March 20, 2026

Lori McShane, Clerk