

**Cedar Creek Township Board Meeting
February 14, 2023**

Supervisor Aerts called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 14, 2023. Mr. John Anderson led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present: Trustees Wright and Beeman, Treasurer Jarvis, Clerk Stamy, Supervisor Aerts.

Residents Present: 6

Approval of the Agenda

Supervisor Aerts asked to amend the agenda to add two new items, the first being an update from the School Resource Officer, Anthony Lindahl and the second being a request from Nancy Beeman regarding Horton Cemetery.

Motion to approve the amended agenda by Trustee Beeman, supported by Clerk Stamy.

Aye: Unanimous

Motion Carried.

Update from School Resource Officer (Amended- Added Item)

Officer Anthony Lindahl provided an update on his work within Holton Public School System. Although he has only been here since last November, he gave a snapshot of interactions thus far with the children and others had when out on patrol in the area. Officer Lindahl thanked Cedar Creek Township and all other funders of the program.

Approval of the Minutes: January 10, 2023, Regular Meeting; January 24, 2023, Special Meeting

Motion to approve minutes as written by Trustee Wright, supported by Trustee Beeman.

Aye: Unanimous

Motion Carried.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer read her report which will be placed on file as presented.

Disbursements:

Motion by Clerk Stamy, supported by Treasurer Jarvis to pay all regular bills for the month.

Motion by Roll Call vote.

Wright: Aye Beeman: Aye Jarvis: Aye Stamy: Aye Aerts: Aye

Motion Carried.

Correspondence (Amended- Added Item):

Supervisor Aerts informed the Board that Nancy Beeman has submitted a letter requesting \$250.00 for the placement of artificial flowers at the gravesites in Horton Cemetery.

Motion to approve Mrs. Beeman's request by Trustee Wright, supported by Treasurer Jarvis.

Motion by Roll Call vote.

Wright: Aye Beeman: Aye Jarvis: Aye Stamy: Aye Aerts: Aye

Motion Carried.

Public Comment (Agenda Items only): None.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Wastewater Resolution:

Fees for wastewater and sewer services have changed due to a Memorandum of Understanding the County entered. This agreement was agreed upon by all municipal wastewater users. The MOU required that Cedar Creek Township redo its old Resolution to reflect the new agreement and to change the way in which invoicing Timberline Estates for expenses was managed.

Motion made to approve updated Wastewater and Sewer Resolution by Treasurer Jarvis, supported by Clerk Stamy.

Aye: Unanimous

Motion Carried.

Salary Resolutions:

Supervisor Aerts explained that Board member salaries are reviewed each year. This year's Medicare Cost of Living Adjustment is 8.7%, which is what the township has been following. However, after thoughtful consideration and discussion with individual board members, we agree that a 5% Cost of Living Adjustment is the amount we are bringing forward.

Motion made by Trustee Beeman to accept the Cost-of-Living Adjustment data so that the Board could begin the discussion. Supported by Clerk Stamy and Trustee Wright.

Aye: Unanimous

Motion Carried.

Trustee Beeman shared his research into Cost of Living data and shared that the recently released COL adjustment is 8.7%. In some previous years, the COL adjustment has been as low as 0%, as it fluctuates with inflation and the true Cost of Living. He explained that the administration puts forth a lot of research and data to come up with their final percentage and he feels that the board salaries should be adjusted to reflect this data. He further explained that it's important for the township to attract talent by offering a fair, livable wage.

Members concluded discussions and ultimately agreed upon the original 8.7% COL adjustment. Individual motions as required by law were then set forth:

Motion to set the 2023-24 Supervisor's salary at \$30,168.60 made by Treasurer Jarvis, supported by Clerk Stamy.

Motion made by Roll Call vote.

Wright: Aye Beeman: Aye Jarvis: Aye Stamy: Aye Aerts: Aye

Motion Carried.

Motion to set the Treasurer's salary at \$30,168.60 made by Trustee Beeman, supported by Trustee Wright.

Motion made by Roll Call vote.

Wright: Aye Beeman: Aye Jarvis: Aye Stamy: Aye Aerts: Aye

Motion Carried.

Motion to set the Clerk's salary at \$30,168.60 made by Trustee Wright, supported by Treasurer Jarvis.

Motion made by Roll Call vote.

Wright: Aye Beeman: Aye Jarvis: Aye Stamy: Aye Aerts: Aye

Motion Carried.

Motion to set the Trustees salary at \$5,986.11 made by Clerk Stamy, Supported by Treasurer Jarvis.

Motion made by Roll Call vote.

Wright: Aye Beeman: Aye Jarvis: Aye Stamy: Aye Aerts: Aye

Motion Carried.

Computer Replacements:

Motion to purchase new desktop computers for the Supervisor and Deputy Clerk, from the 2022 budget; and purchase a desktop computer for the Deputy Treasurer from the 2023 budget.

Motion made by Treasurer Jarvis, supported by Trustee Wright to approve the purchase of three new computers.

Motion made by Roll Call vote.

Wright: Aye Beeman: Aye Jarvis: Aye Stamy: Aye Aerts: Aye

Motion Carried.

Senior Millage Municipal Grant

Supervisor Aerts gave an update on planned expenditures for the Muskegon County Senior Millage Grant Funds. Outdoor recreation equipment will be purchased for the new park plan behind the township hall with funds from both the millage and ARPA. The remaining MCSM funds will be used for another apple drive this fall and a bag of groceries for senior residents. The Supervisor asked for approval to proceed with this plan.

Motion made by Clerk Stamy, supported by Treasurer Jarvis to approve fund expenditures.

Motion made by Roll Call vote.

Wright: Aye Beeman: Aye Jarvis: Aye Stamy: Aye Aerts: Aye

Motion Carried.

New Township Building Committee

Clerk Stamy brought to the Board a request to form a special committee to investigate the feasibility of a new town hall building. This committee will research cost and seek out professional opinions and bring a proposal to the board based on its findings.

Motion made by Trustee Wright, supported by Trustee Beeman to approve the request to form a special committee for the feasibility of a new Township Hall facility.

Aye: Unanimous

Motion Carried.

Supervisor Aerts suggested that Clerk Stamy and Trustee Beeman be on this committee. They both agreed verbally.

Board Comment: None.

Public Comment:

Two residents provided comments:

John Anderson took the podium to express his opinion on Board salaries and the new township building committee. He stated that he doesn't see salary increases of 8.7% anywhere and suggested the Board obtain second jobs if necessary to pay their bills. He also expressed concerns about the expense of constructing a new building and suggested the township investigate renting or leasing space instead.

Nancy Beeman took the podium to express her gratitude to the Board for their hard work. She stated that the current board has done more things for the residents of Cedar Creek than any

previous board and expressed her support for the salary increase, stating her understanding of the need to grow with the community.

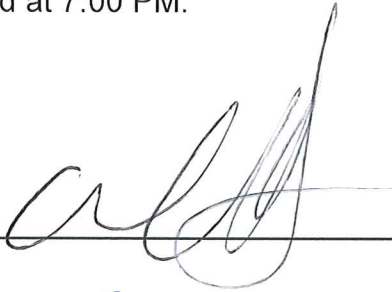
Adjournment:

Motion made by Trustee Wright, supported by Clerk Stamy to adjourn the meeting.
Aye: Unanimous

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Stamy, Clerk



Linda Aerts, Supervisor

