

Cato Township Meeting Minutes Jan. 3, 2022

Called to Order 7 PM by Gilbert

Members present, Grieser, Gilbert, Lindsey, Lincoln and Behrenwald

Absent, None

Also Present, Daily News reporter Waldon, 22 members of the public

One addition to Agenda old Business, b., Birch Shore road update

Motion by Lindsey supported by Grieser to approve meeting minutes from Dec. 6, 2021, all in favor, carried

Public comment on Agenda, None

Clerk read monthly bill detail, motion by Lindsey supported by Behrenwald to approve and pay bills as presented, all in favor, carried

Treasurer read monthly income and deposit report, motion by Lincoln supported by Lindsey to accept report as presented

No Zoning report

Behrenwald reported on meeting dates and time for 2022 Planning commission

New Business a.

ARPA Funding update by Clerk for potential use of funds. Motion by Lincoln supported by Lindsey to allow Clerk to work with DDA and Village of Lakeview on pursuit of a possible Walk trail around Tamarack Lake,

All in favor, carried

b. Clerk reported on Cemetery Tree clean up from windstorms. Bunker Tree Service took care of it for \$500

c. Board of Review update by Gilbert, motion by Lincoln supported by Lindsey to send a Thank You notice to Gordon Stevens for 20 years of service to Cato Township Board of Review and Appoint Darin Dood to serve as a new member on Board of Review, all in favor, carried

d. Presentation by Planning Committee member Kimberly Carr explaining her position as a long term member serving the board and asking for further support and direction from the Cato Township board and whether the Board would like her to stay involved with Planning or dismiss her from service as the Planning Commission has not been able to make progress at recent meetings

Motion by Lindsey, supported by Lincoln to review Planning Commission bylaws regarding conflict of interest for planning members, and review neighboring Township bylaws for possible examples, discussion, Clerk will collect sample bylaws and return to Behrenwald for consideration, all in favor, carried

Old Business, a. Clerk reported on Local Chapter MTA meeting sponsored By County Road Commission, Report by Road Commissioner Christensen

b. Lindsey Reported on Birch Shore road update with proposal from Montcalm County Road Commission estimate with a cost at \$410,000 to pave 1 ½ to 2 miles, with a potential special assessment district or finance and requires at least 50 % participation of property owners to move forward

Motion by Lindsey supported by Lincoln for Cato Township to commit to 10% of the cost not to exceed \$40,000.00 all in favor, carried

Public Comment: Brandi Clark Hubbard P/C concerns

Motion to Adjourn by Lincoln, supported by Grieser, all in favor

Todd Lincoln, Clerk

Next regular meeting Feb 7th, 2022