

NORVELL TOWNSHIP
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Regular Meeting-September 21, 2022

Present:

William Sutherland, Supervisor, Jeff Oswalt, Clerk, Deserre Sauers, Treasurer, Matt Dame, Trustee, Andrew Haystead, Trustee, Norvell Township, Jackson County

The Regular Meeting of the Norvell Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Bill Sutherland at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee Dame requested to have the Item “Repairs to Antcliff Road” added to the agenda. Trustee Dame’s motion died for lack of support. *Motion was made by Supervisor Sutherland, seconded by Treasurer Sauers to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried, with a No vote from Trustee Dame.*

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rickey Miller, Norvell Township resident, spoke to the board regarding concerns over the potential sale of the Norvell Beach property.

Mr. Pointer, township resident, spoke to concerns regarding the sale of the Norvell Beach property. Denise Krieger, township resident, spoke to concerns regarding the sale of the Norvell Beach property.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 17, 2022 Regular Meeting & September 7, 2022 Special Meeting

Motion was made by Supervisor Sutherland, seconded by Treasurer Sauers to approve the minutes of the August 17, 2022 regular meeting, and the minutes of the September 7, 2022 special meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Supervisor Sutherland, seconded by Treasurer Sauers to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Motion carried.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT

County Commissioner Phil Duckham was unable to stay and present his report.

SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT REPORT

Deputy Sheriff Truchan presented his activity report for the month of August, detailing he had handled 298 complaints, with 6 arrests and 195 property inspections. He also reported the life jackets had been removed from the stand at the Jackson County Park on Vineyard Lake, until next summer.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion was made by Treasurer Sauers, seconded by Trustee Haystead to approve payment of payroll of \$22,491.17, paid bills of \$27, 255.65, and unpaid bills of \$14,711.30 Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes-Sutherland, Sauers, Oswalt, Dame, and Haystead. Nays: None.

OLD BUSINESS

Sale of Norvell Beach Property

Supervisor Sutherland reported the township has received a cash offer of \$19,000.00 for the Norvell Beach property, ID 000-20-04-251-002-05, and asked the board to approve the sale contingent upon approval by the township attorney. *Motion was made by Clerk Oswalt, seconded by Treasurer Sauers to sale of Norvell Beach property, ID 000-20-04-251-002-05, for \$19,000.00, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes-Sutherland, Sauers, Oswalt, Dame, and Haystead. Nays: None.*

Mud Lake Weed Control SAD Public Hearing

Motion was made by Supervisor Sutherland, seconded by Trustee Dame to open the Public Hearing for the Mud Lake Weed Control SAD. Motion carried.

Supervisor Sutherland opened the Public Hearing up for public comment. Nine Mud Lake property owners spoke in favor of the SAD, and two spoke against. Clerk Oswalt read a letter against the SAD from a property owner who couldn't be in attendance. A representative from PLM, the company that's handling the weed control, spoke, answering questions from property owners. It was mentioned by a resident that 64% of the property owners in the SAD had signed the petition approving the SAD. Supervisor Sutherland stated, the estimated cost to individual property owners is \$1,218.00, for a total cost of \$70, 620.00.

Motion was made by Supervisor Sutherland, seconded by Trustee Haystead to close the Public Hearing for the Mud Lake Weed Control SAD. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor Sutherland, seconded by Treasurer Sauers to approve Resolution 2022-14, the Determination of Make Certain Public Improvements, Approval of Plans and Estimate of Costs, Final Determination of Special Assessment Roll, and Preparation of the Special Assessment Roll for the Mud Lake Weed Control SAD, with corrections regarding dates and times of meetings. Motion was made by Clerk Oswalt, seconded by Treasurer Sauers to sale of Norvell Beach property, ID 000-20-04-251-002-05, for \$19,000.00, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes-Sutherland, Sauers, Oswalt, Dame, and Haystead. Nays: None.

Motion was made by Treasurer Sauers seconded by Clerk Oswalt, to approve Resolution 2022-15, the Special Assessment Roll Filing and Notice of Public Hearing, with corrections regarding dates and times of meetings. Motion was made by Clerk Oswalt, seconded by Treasurer Sauers to sale of Norvell Beach property, ID 000-20-04-251-002-05, for \$19,000.00, as presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes-Sutherland, Sauers, Oswalt, Dame, and Haystead. Nays: None.

NEW BUSINESS

Advance Communications Cabling, Inc – Franchise Agreement

Supervisor Sutherland introduced representatives from Advance Communications Cabling, Inc., giving them an opportunity to speak to the board. The company is offering, upon approval of a franchise agreement with them, to assist with applying for Federal Grants for rural internet expansion. When Federal grants are approved, the company will install equipment to extend broadband service. Board members questioned the representatives and discussed the issue. *Motion was made by Treasurer Sauers, seconded by Trustee Haystead to approve the franchise agreement with Advance Communications Cabling, Inc., contingent upon approval from the*

township attorney. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes-Sutherland, Sauers, Oswalt, Dame, and Haystead. Nays: None.

Mark Harris – Delinquent Taxes

Treasurer Sauers spoke, explaining that Mark Harris, 314 Commercial Street, Brooklyn, parcel ID 095-20-03-101-012-01 needs to have the \$31.75 streetlight assessment removed from his winter tax bill due to his inability to pay. After a short discussion, *motion was made by Treasurer Sauers, seconded by Trustee Haystead to approve the removal of the streetlight assessment from the winter tax bill of Mr. Mark Harris, property ID 095-20-03-101-012-01. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes-Sutherland, Sauers, Oswalt, Dame, and Haystead. Nays: None.*

Trackside Baseball Agreement Renewal

Supervisor Sutherland informed the board he has been contacted by Keith Neibauer from Trackside Baseball regarding a renewal of the agreement with the township for use of the baseball diamond at Ahrens Park. Mr. Neibauer spoke to the board, stating the organization wished to renew the contract, and asking the board to consider purchasing additional diamond dust for the front baseball diamond and rehabilitation of the back diamond. His organization will work on the rehab and spread the dirt if the township would agree to purchase it. Board members asked questions and offered suggestions for funding of the improvements. He further mentioned they have 7 teams this year, up from 5 teams last year. *Motion was made by Treasurer Sauers, seconded by Trustee Haystead to approve the renewal of the agreement between Trackside Baseball and Norvell Township for the use of the Ahrens Park baseball diamonds. Motion carried. Motion was made by Treasurer Sauers, seconded by Trustee Haystead to approve up to \$4,000.00 for the purchase of “diamond dust” dirt for the baseball diamond at Ahrens Park. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes-Sutherland, Sauers, Oswalt, Dame, and Haystead. Nays: None.*

Fire SAD Public Hearing

Motion was made by Supervisor Sutherland, seconded by Trustee Dame to open the Fire SAD Public Hearing. Motion carried.

Clerk Oswalt spoke, stating the SAD must be renewed annually to set the millage rate, and currently the township is paying 19.5% of the costs from the General Fund because the current rate isn't sufficient to cover the Napoleon & Cambridge service contract costs. He further stated the board needs to look at the issue next year, and potentially increase the current rate of .82890 because costs will be increasing. *Motion was made by Supervisor Sutherland, seconded by Trustee Dame to close the Fire SAD Public Hearing. Motion carried.*

Motion was made by Supervisor Sutherland, seconded by Trustee Dame to approve the current millage rate of .82890 for the Fire SAD. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes-Sutherland, Sauers, Oswalt, Dame, and Haystead. Nays: None.

Resolution 2022-13 – Wamplers Lake Sewer Rate Increase

Supervisor Sutherland spoke, stating at a joint meeting of Cambridge, Franklin, & Norvell Township, as well as the Lenawee County Drain Commissioner, the decision was made to a rate increase to fund upcoming capital improvements to the Wamplers Lake Sewer system. The rate increase would be \$25.00 per connection, per quarter. A short discussion followed. *Motion was made by Supervisor Sutherland, seconded by Treasurer Sauers to approve Resolution 2022-13, as*

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presented. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes-Sutherland, Sauers, Oswalt, Dame, and Haystead. Nays: None.

Land Division/Combination BLA 2022-02

Supervisor Sutherland informed the board this issue is actually an adjustment of property lines to put the existing structures and driveway in the proper properties. The property ID's for the two properties are 106-20-33-109-002-00 and 106-20-33-109-001-01. The Boundary Line Adjustment Committee met and approved the adjustment, with the understanding the deeds must be received in office by December 31, 2022. *Motion was made by Treasurer Sauers, seconded by Clerk Oswalt to approve the boundary line adjustment for properties 106-20-33-109-002-00 and 106-20-33-109-002-01, as presented, with the requirement that new deeds be received in office by December 31, 2022. Motion carried on a roll call vote as follows: Ayes-Sutherland, Sauers, Oswalt, Dame, and Haystead. Nays: None.*

PUBLIC COMMENT

Deputy Jay Truchan – informed the board that several life jackets have been donated to the Vineyard County Park Life Preserver Station

Jan Corwin, resident – stated she was glad to see Ahrens Park being used.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Supervisor Sutherland, seconded by Treasurer Sauers to adjourn the meeting AT 7:36 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Oswalt,
Norvell Township Clerk

Garnet Francis,
Deputy Clerk/Recording Secretary