Luce Township Board Minutes October 9, 2023

Attendance:

Lisa Hemmer, Board President

Jeremy Kincaid, Board Member

Linda Garrett, Clerk

Rick Garrett, Board Secretary Jeremy Gorman, Trustee

Public Hearing on 2024 Budget

Public hearing on the 2024 budget was called to order at 6:29 pm by President Hemmer.

No members of the public were in attendance.

Motion to adjourn the public hearing at 6:44 pm: Rick Garrett

Motion second: Jermey Kincaid

Vote: 3-0

Regular Board Meeting

Regular meeting was called to order by President Hemmer at 6:45 pm.

Minutes of the August 28, 2023, meeting were read.

Motion to approve minutes: Jeremy Kincaid

Motion second: Rick Garrett

Vote: 3-0

Trustee's Report

Trustee Gorman updated the Board on storm damage that has occurred in Glendale Cemetery. During a recent thunderstorm a tree fell in the center of the cemetery and damaged some stones. He is working with the historical society to get the damaged repaired.

Trustee Gorman also reported on the changes in the laws concerning abandoned cemeteries on private property. Two of the cemeteries that the Township maintains, Sandale and Carter, are on private property. Rick or Linda Garrett will attempt to contact these two land owners to inform them of the changes in the law and to see if they would be willing to deed the cemetery property to the Township.

Old Business

New Computers

Linda Garrett, Clerk, reported that the new computers have been received and all have been installed with the exception of the one at the Hatfield Station. There were internet issues at first then a Windows 11 update apparently corrupted itself and that computer is back at the shop having all software reinstalled.

Appointment of Township Attorney

Agreements from Andrew Foster and Kahn, Dees, Donovan & Kahn, LLP were presented. After a discussion of the pros and cons of each of these, it was unanimously decided to table this until additional quotes were obtained.

New Business

2024 Salary Ordinances

The 2024 Salary Ordinance for all salaries with the exception of the Township Clerk was presented.

Motion to Accept as presented: Jeremy Kincaid

Motion Second: Rick Garrett

Vote: 3-0

The 2024 Salary Ordinance for the Township Clerk was presented.

Motion to Accept as presented: Jeremy Kincaid

Motion Second: Lisa Hemmer

Vote: 2-0 Rick Garrett abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest.

Security System for the Office

Quotes have been received from Sonitrol, 5 Star Security Systems, and Computers Plus. Jessica Gwaltney, with Sonitrol, presented their system to the Board. It was unanimously decided to table this matter until the October 23rd meeting to see if the other companies would be willing to present their systems to the Board at that meeting.

Adjournment

Time: 8:30 pm

Motion to Adjourn: Rick Garrett Motion Second: Jeremy Kincaid

Vote: 3-0

Lisa A. Hemmer

Wm. Rick Garrett

Wm Rich Bearle

Jeremy Kincaid

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