Proposed Minutes of April 14, 2025

The Ossineke Township Board met in Regular Session, at the Ossineke Twp. Hall. Supervisor Lobert called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Board Members present were Supervisor Kenneth Lobert, Clerk Jo'Lee S Dorie, Treasurer Denise Schultz, Trustee Jerry Leschinger and Trustee Randy Fairbanks. Also present were Ann Gonsler, Mary and Gary Jenuwine, Harry Krentz, Kevin Grulke, Vic Patzer, John Kozlowski, Jack Tufts, and Samantha Gerke.

The minutes of March 13, 2025, were approved as corrected.

The Treasurer reported balances on hand as of April 1, 2025, as follows:

\$830,646.59 in the General Fund

\$1,493.57 in the Liquor Fund

\$104,261.51 in the Fire Protection & Equipment Fund

\$1,354.36 in the Trust and Agency

Treasurer report filed as read.

CITIZENS:

Jack Tufts inquired as to whether the township hall has a generator, and made the suggestion that we should invest in one for future power outage needs. Lobert responded that we do not and Ann Gonsler let us all know that the new Hubbard Lake Community Center has a generator. John Kozlowski told us about the warming shelters in Alpena and local businesses donating food and other items needed for local residents. He talked about the emergency plan, how it went during this ice storm and what was learned in the process.

CEMETERY:

Ann Gonsler gave us an update on the clean-up at the cemetery after the ice storm. Leschinger moved, Fairbanks supported, CARRIED, to hire Travis Smith for tree work at the Hubbard Lake Cemetery.

ZONING:

1 permit issued

Randy received the site plan for the solar farm.

RECYCLING:

Randy gave us an update on the March 27th recycling meeting he attended. Recycling bins are still at Northern Lights Arena and they are actively looking for a new spot to house them. Clean up and E-Waste Day will be May 3, 2025 at 8:00 am to 3:00 pm at Northern Lights Arena.

PLANNING:

Planning Commission meeting on April 23, 2025 to review the site plan for solar farms.

TOWNSHIP HALL:

Lobert informed us that the new flooring is in and they will start the work in the main part of the hall after the last meeting in April.

GENERAL FUND:

Board discussed the balance in general fund and decided to transfer \$200,000.00 into a new certificate at Nicolet Bank.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Hubbard Lake Fire Department is holding a meeting at the Ossineke Township hall on April 22, 2025 at 7:00.

WEBSITE:

Jo'Lee discussed the new website and asked for suggestions on what we would like to see on there.

THUNDER BAY TRAILS ASSOCIATION:

Schultz moved, Leschinger supported, CARRIED, to sign the new contract for 2025/2026 and pay the annual amount of \$1,000.00. Randy informed us that the DNR asked the volunteers to stay off the trails until they can assess the damages caused by the ice storm.

BILLS

Dorie moved, Fairbanks supported, CARRIED, to pay all bills presented 12687-12708.

ADJOURNMENT:

Leschinger moved, Dorie supported, CARRIED, to adjourn at 8:01 p.m.

Jo'Lee S Dorie

Township Clerk