

FRIENDSHIP TOWNSHIP  
BOARD MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2024 @ 7:00 PM  
@ Friendship Township Hall

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Meeting was called to order by Troup. Pledge of allegiance was recited.  
Board members present: Cullip, Troup, Van Divner and Negley. Absent: Mac Gregor  
Visitors: James Fisher, Jane Newbury  
Agenda stood approved as presented.

Minutes of July 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting stood approved as written.

Treasurer's report received.

Clerk's report – audit of 23/24 fiscal year received by board. Election – there were 304 voters, 18 did early voting at VFW hall.

Bills and checks reviewed by Cullip.

Mac Gregor arrived 8:15 pm

Emmet County proposed text amendments discussed.

Cullip moved, Mac Gregor seconded, PASSED, that the Friendship Township Board recommends against approval of the proposed increased square footage for accessory buildings as it does not line up with the Township Master Plan vision whose intent is to promote and maintain the rural character. We are against the increase in maximum square footage for rear yard to 1,800 sq ft, front or side yard from 1,200 to 1,800 sq ft, rear yard from 2,400 to 3,200 sq ft and especially allowance of 6,000 sq ft buildings for 5 plus acres, up to 4 buildings total for 20 acres or more.

Cullip moved, Negley seconded, PASSED, to allocate \$50,000 of our ARPA (SLRLF) funds for dead and dangerous roadside tree removal and submit request to Emmet County for matching \$50,000 SLRFR Project Funding Agreement. Cullip is authorized to complete and submit paperwork which is due by September 1<sup>st</sup>. (5-0)

Cullip moved, Mac Gregor seconded, PASSED, to approve purchase and installation of 25 ft lighted flag and flagpole from Up North Flags & Poles of Carp Lake MI at an estimated cost of \$2,740 and approve transfer of \$2,800 from ARPA funds to General Operating funds – Township Hall. (4-1)

Cullip moved, Van Divner seconded, PASSED, to approve a voucher program with Emmet County Transfer for township residents, each voucher worth ½ yard of trash, 2 per household allowed at no cost to resident, first come first serve until 200 vouchers are all given out, voucher expiration September 1, 2025. General fund 24/25 budget will be amended to add line item "Vouchers" and \$5,440 will be transferred from ARPA funds to General Fund – Vouchers. Cost to township is incurred when a voucher is presented, the cost being \$27.40 each. Notice of voucher program will be posted on website, a notice placed in the Harbor Light once all details are complete, and a note placed in the Township December newsletter. (4-1)

The September meeting time is **changed to 4 pm on September 4, 2024.**

Mac Gregor moved, Cullip seconded, PASSED by unanimous roll call vote, to approve payment of the bills. Checks #5398 through 5422 were written in the amount of \$101,005.42.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Janell Van Divner, Clerk