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Newkirk Township Board Minutes

June 20, 2023

The regular meeting of Newkirk Township was held Tuesday June 20, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Newkirk Township Hall, Supervisor Gretchen Allan called the meeting to order and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Present:** Supervisor Gretchen Allan, Clerk Cheryl Fullerton, Deputy Clerk Deb Abplanalp, Trustees Marilyn Gray and Rick Hall, Treasurer Sharon Gray

**Visitors:** Michael Wacyk, Sarah Sturm, Monty Olmstead

**Visitor comments:** Continuous complaints on the barking bear dogs of Kyle Charles, checking to see what the Township can help. The clerk and county have received numerous calls, from neighbors as well as village residents.

**Agenda Approval:** M. Gray made the motion to approve the agenda with the addition of A. Roads under **Old Business**, R. Hall second, **motion carried 5-0**

**Approval of the May 16, 2023, minutes and financial report,** R. Hall made the motion to approve, and C. Fullerton seconded, **motion carried 5-0**

**Correspondence:**

- a. Baird Cotter & Bishop (merging with UHY firm)
- b. Dept of Natural Resources (online auction)
- c. Wexford Joint Planning Commission (public hearing of Master Plans)
- d. Consumers Energy Public Hearing
- e. Lake County Treasurer (grant funding for blight)
- f. Little Manistee Watershed Conservation Council (survey)
- g. Lake County Treasurer, foreclosed property, township board not interested.
- h. Mika Meyers (Local Government Law Bulletin May 2023) Marijuana...

**Expenses\$**

- a. 592.97 MTA Dues
- b. 215.58 Smart Source (Treasurer Supplies)
- c. 119.00 Brooks Elite (Website)
- d. 15.39 Consumers Power
- e. 184.70 Earl Raymo, Wetherell, Miller Cremation Burials
- f. 69.99 Quill membership (supplies)
- g. 15391.41 Luther Fire Dist. #1 May payment
- h. 354.78 Richard Hall, 30 hours cemetery

i. 43.90

Great Lakes Energy

R. Hall made the motion to pay the bills. S. Gray second; roll call, motion carried 5-0

**Old Business:**

- a. Roads, the board will revisit this at the next meeting when the map is pulled, and we can go over possible roads for repair next spring. C. Fullerton will email the Road Commission about the bit pothole on top of 3 1/2 Mile heading east before the village limit sign.

**New Business:**

- a. CD renewal, the board decided to renew the General Fund CD of 51,005.58 for another 11 months and a new CD for 100,000.00 for 11 months from the MRM Fund. Also if unable to find the 2<sup>nd</sup> key to the safety deposit at bank, to close and reopen new safety deposit box. R. Hall made the motion and C. Fullerton seconded; **motion carried roll call 5-0**
- b. A Resolution to pay all Board Members for special meetings from the MRM Fund was approved. C. Fullerton made the motion to approve, and M. Gray seconded; **motion carried roll call 5-0**
- c. C. Fullerton made the motion to approve up to \$2,200 from the ARPA funds for a new mower deck for the cemetery mower, S. Gray seconded; **motion carried roll call 5-0** Rick Hall will be requesting quotes for a new Zero Turn Mower, funds were previously approved.

**There were no additional visitor comments:**

**Meeting adjourned:** M. Gray made the motion to adjourn, and R. Hall seconded; **motion carried 5-0**  
meeting adjourned at 7:30

Cheryl J. Fullerton, Newkirk Township Clerk

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