

**MINUTES
SQUAW CREEK TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES**

Date: 2/22/2023

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Location: 7129 G-76 Highway, New Virginia, Iowa

CALL TO ORDER - Chairperson Sheri Jandik motioned to open and call to order the meeting at 1:00 p.m. Second by Smith. Ayes: All. Motion approved. Notation that Steven Lawyer left the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

TRUSTEE ROLL CALL Present for the Clerk's roll call were Trustees Sheri Jandik, Steven Lawyer and Kimberly Smith. Public answering the Clerk's name request were Aaron Neely, Sarah Neely, Joe Leigh, Jan Leigh and Larry Briant.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

1. January 25, 2023 meeting minutes – Motion by Lawyer to approve the minutes. Second by Smith. Ayes: All present. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. January 2023 People's Bank checking reconciliation - Motion by Smith to approve the financial reports. Second by Lawyer. Ayes: All present. Motion approved.
 - a. Jandik was reimbursed for Certified letter expense
 - b. Jandik asked that a 1099 be sent to Josh Kliegler. Lawyer will take care of that.
 - c. Jandik shared that she had finished organizing the historical township records and that all minutes, financial records, other than bank statements, and historical items will be retained. Bank statements older than 5 years will be disposed of via burning, unless there is something of historical value.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Tree Trimming – Smith reported plans for tree trimming and removal and that she will seek bids for tree trimming at Smith Cemetery later this year.
2. Headstone Maintenance – Jandik reported that Indianola Memorial Works plans on placing stones at Indian Valley Cemetery in June. Jandik also reported that Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) for the cemeteries would range from \$4,800 - \$7,800. This item will be added to the next meeting for further discussion and possible action.
3. Smith Cemetery access – Motion by Jandik, second by Smith to enter closed session. Ayes: all present. Motion approved. Trustees entered closed session at 1:30 p.m after public was dismissed. After closed session, motion by Lawyer, second by Jandik to leave closed session. Ayes: all present. Motion approved. Closed session ended at 2:33 p.m.

4. Squaw Creek Township Logo – discussion of Sarah Neely’s artwork for the Squaw Creek Township logo. Jandik will contact Sarah Neely with suggested changes.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 28E Agreement with Indianola Fire Department – Township Clerk stated that the City of Indianola had approved the 28E Agreement with the Indianola Fire Department and Indianola will file the document with the Iowa Secretary of State and record the document with the Warren County Recorder.
2. Warren County recycling options – Jandik shared that Warren County no longer plans to provide recycling options for rural residents. Crystal McIntyre had hoped to provide the residents the ability to drop off at TRM for free, however she is no longer the chairperson. The county is a member of Winterset’s Southern Iowa Landfill and rural residents can take their recycling to the landfill for a fee of \$3.00/30 gallon bag. You may also take your recycling to one of the two Polk County facilities for free. Hazardous materials may have a cost. Township Clerk stated she had talked to the owner at TRM Disposal and found that they have always offered the \$5.00 per 100 gallons recycling option for any person wanting to drop off recycling and that it was never a contract with Warren County for rural recycling and there have been no negotiations about implementing a rural recycling program. It was also stated that individuals living in the city limits of any community in Warren County are required to pay for recycling, it is not a free service, however their recycling is picked up each week at their curb.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Motion by Jandik to open the public hearing regarding the FY2024 Squaw Creek Township budget. Second by Lawyer. Ayes: All present. Motion approved.
2. Chairperson Jandik called for public comment and heard none. Jandik then asked if any written comments had been received, Clerk stated there were none. Township officers took a few minutes to explain the budgetary pieces and their uses to the public that was present.
3. Motion by Jandik to close the public hearing regarding the FY2024 Squaw Creek township budget.
4. After reviewing the resolution, motion by Jandik to approve the resolution approving the FY2024 Squaw Creek Township Budget and directing the Clerk to submit to the Warren County Auditor and the State of Iowa Department of Management.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – The public in attendance voiced their concern of keeping the Squaw Creek Township name to honor the history of this portion of Warren County.

PROPOSITIONS AND REMARKS FROM TRUSTEES AND CLERK – Jandik shared that Fairview Church approved the Township to post documents at their church.

CONFIRM NEXT MEETING – March 23, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at 7129 G-76 Highway, New Virginia, Iowa.

ADJOURNMENT - Motion by Jandik to adjourn at 3:22 p.m. Second by Smith. Ayes: All present. Motion approved.

APPROVAL DATE: _____

Sheri Jandik, Trustee

Steven Lawyer, Trustee

Kimberly Smith, Trustee

ATTEST:

Misti Kosman, Clerk