

MINUTES
SQUAW CREEK TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

Date: 03/27/2024

Time: 1:15 p.m.

Location: 10804 G-76 Highway, New Virginia, Iowa

CALL TO ORDER - Chairperson Steven Lawyer motioned to open and call to order the meeting at 1:26 p.m. Second by Jandik. Ayes: All. Motion approved.

TRUSTEE ROLL CALL - Present for the Clerk's roll call were Trustees Sheri Jandik, Steven Lawyer, and Kimberly Smith joining by phone. There were no public in attendance except for Bebe Bird.

PUBLIC HEARING on the proposal to convey a perpetual access easement to Steven Verne Lawyer - Motion by Jandik to open the public hearing regarding the proposal to convey a perpetual access easement to Steven Verne Lawyer. Second by Smith. Ayes: All present. Motion approved. Chairman Lawyer declared the public hearing open and called for public comment both oral and written. Clerk and Trustees stated that no public comments of any type had been received. Motion by Jandik to close the public hearing. Second by Smith. Ayes: All present. Motion approved. Chairman Lawyer declared the public hearing closed. Trustees discussed the perpetual access easement and after the discussion had ended, Lawyer recused himself from the vote. Motion by Jandik to approve the resolution approving and authorizing the conveyance of a perpetual access easement to Steven Verne Lawyer pursuant to a proposed Access Easement Agreement regarding Mt. Tabor Cemetery. Second by Smith. Ayes: Jandik and Smith. Abstain: Lawyer Nays: none. Absent: none. Motion approved. In consideration for the public access easement, Lawyer delivered to Jandik for recordation a quit claim deed for the surveyed parcel P that contains Mount Tabor Cemetery. Jandik will record both the quit claim deed and the easement.

PUBLIC HEARING on the proposed Fy2025 Squaw Creek Township Budget – It is noted in the minutes that Trustee Smith left the meeting due to illness at 1:37 p.m. as the budget public hearing item was being announced. Motion by Jandik to open the public hearing regarding the proposed Fy2025 Squaw Creek Township Budget. Second by Lawyer. Ayes: Jandik and Lawyer. Absent: Smith. Nays: none. Motion carried. Chairman Lawyer declared the public hearing open and called for public comment both oral and written. Clerk, Jandik and Lawyer stated that no public comments of any type had been received. Motion by Lawyer to close the public hearing. Second by Jandik. Ayes: Jandik and Lawyer. Absent: Smith. Nays: none. Motion carried. The Clerk was asked to make the necessary filings.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. February 28, 2024 meeting minutes – Motion by Jandik to approve the minutes. Second by Lawyer. Ayes: Jandik and Lawyer Absent: Smith Nays: none. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. February 2024 People's Bank account reconciliations – Motion by Jandik and second by Lawyer to approve the account reconciliation report. Ayes: Jandik and Lawyer. Absent: Smith. Nays: none. Motion carried.
2. Invoices – Motion by Jandik to approve the following invoices for payment: Independent Advocate, \$36.34, publish hearing notice for Mt. Tabor; Ahlers & Cooney, \$1,278.00,

attorney fees for Mt. Tabor Deed/Easement; Iowa Prison Industries, \$426.75, 3 cemetery signs with QR codes; and Steven Lawyer, \$103.22, reimbursement for purchase of 2 flags. Second by Lawyer. Ayes: Jandik and Lawyer. Absent: Smith. Nays: none. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Tree Trimming – report tabled for the next meeting.
2. Headstone Maintenance/Purchases – Jandik stated that she has again attempted to contact Warren County Veteran's Affairs but has not received a call back to the messages left on voicemail. Jandik will try again within the next month; however, if there is no response the township will move to order the unknown headstones. Jandik also shared that Marty of Indianola Memorial Works will be setting headstones for the Sheeders and the Haucks. No burials have occurred yet for the Haucks, so she and Steven will do measurements and place flags for where the stone needs to be placed.
3. Smith Cemetery Access – Jandik reported the Warren County Board of Supervisors meeting she and the Clerk attended was successful. Tim Hill, Assistant Warren County Engineer will assist with grading of 108th Avenue and will be present for the spreading of rock. The township will be responsible for acquiring the rock. The Clerk will facilitate purchase of rock. Clerk will also work with Tim Hill to create a timeline of events for grading and rocking and report to the Trustees. Jandik will notify the Carpenters of the date(s) work will be done.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Flag purchases for 3 cemeteries – Trustees discussed purchasing quality flags to have on hand so flag replacement at the cemeteries would be quicker in the future.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – no public comments.

PROPOSITIONS AND REMARKS FROM TRUSTEES AND CLERK – The Clerk shared that she is part of the Warren County Exploratory Committee for the Countywide EMS 422D Levy has been researching the 422D Levy along with 2 other grass roots levies brought from the township residents and city residents respectively that could additionally fund the New Virginia EMS Department.

CONFIRM NEXT MEETING – April 24, 2024 at 1:15 p.m. at the Lawyer's residence, 7129 G-76 Highway, New Virginia, Iowa.

ADJOURNMENT - Motion by Jandik to adjourn at 2:42 p.m. Second by Lawyer. Ayes: All present. Motion approved.

APPROVAL DATE: _____

Sheri Jandik, Trustee

Steven Lawyer, Trustee

Kimberly Smith, Trustee

ATTEST:

Misti Kosman, Clerk