

**MINUTES
SQUAW CREEK TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES**

Date: 04/24/2024

Time: 1:15 p.m.

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

CALL TO ORDER - Chairperson Steven Lawyer called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. upon a motion by Jandik and second by Smith. Ayes: All. Motion approved.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. March 27, 2024 meeting minutes – Motion by Jandik to approve the minutes. Second by Lawyer. Ayes: Lawyer and Jandik. Smith abstained since she was not present for the full March 27 meeting.. Motion approved.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. March 2024 People's Bank account reconciliations – Motion by Jandik and second by Smith to approve the account reconciliation reports. Ayes: All present. Motion approved.
2. Invoices – Motion by Lawyer to approve the following invoice for payment: Ahlers & Cooney, \$54.00, attorney fees for Mt. Tabor Deed/Easement. Second by Jandik. Ayes: All present. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Tree Trimming – Smith reported that she will measure the top fence rail at Indian Valley for replacement. Also, Mt. Tabor has several diseased trees with woodpecker damage. Discussion followed. Lawyer will look at the trees also and report at the next meeting.
2. Headstone Maintenance/Purchases – Jandik stated that she had talked with Warren County Veteran's Affairs and that funding should be sent to townships for the cemeteries with Veterans buried in them. We have not received such funds that we know of. Dave is to send a list of the Veterans he has listed for our cemeteries and the dollar amount he has been giving to the auditor to pass on to the township. Jandik will check with the Auditor for previous payments. Until then the unknown headstone purchases are on hold.
3. Smith Cemetery Access – Clerk reported that Bruening Rock's bid for gravel for 108th Avenue project is approximately \$5,490 due each truck being weighed as it is dispatched. Jandik reported that that was less than the Bailey Farms bid. Smith reported that the amount was also less than the bid she received from VanderPool. Motion by Lawyer, second by Jandik to approve up to \$6,000 to hire Bruening Rock to haul roadstone and spread on 108th Avenue from Taft Street to Smith Cemetery. Ayes: All present. Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS

1. There was not any new business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – no public comments.

PROPOSITIONS AND REMARKS FROM TRUSTEES AND CLERK – Regarding the Mt. Tabor property exchange Jandik stated that she will provide Lawyer with the original Easement documents upon receipt of the Deed from Lawyer. Lawyer will provide the Deed after obtaining from his attorney. The Clerk shared that Warren County Exploratory Committee for the Countywide EMS 422D Levy is looking at a locked levy rate which would cause an “open checkbook” situation funded by taxpayers; to avoid this, there needs to be a budget with a set dollar amount which will limit the dollar amount taxed on taxpayers and adjust the levy rate with the property valuation to meet the set dollar amount. Jandik shared that the Township Facebook page will allow all candidates for our district to post their election information for the benefit of the voters. Jandik will check into a possible townhall meeting for the candidates to answer voters’ questions.

CONFIRM NEXT MEETING – May 22, 2024 at 1:15 p.m. at 7129 G-76 Highway, New Virginia, Iowa.

ADJOURNMENT - Motion by Smith to adjourn at 2:08 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