

TENTATIVE (pending approval July 13, 2023)

Riley Township

June 1, 2023

7:00 PM

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Potts at 7:00 PM. Board members present Feldpausch, Martin, Lawless and Powell. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion by Powell, support by Martens to approve the agenda with additions of presenting an ordinance to renew the Consumers Energy Gas Franchise Agreement. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion by Feldpausch, support by Lawless to approve April 2023 minutes. Motion carried.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

Treasurer's report presented showing balances of:

Special Project Fund \$253078.65  
General Fund Checking \$58089.39  
Road and Bridge Fund \$87583.88  
ARPA Designated Fund \$132430.67  
Cemetery \$3806.45  
TOTAL \$534989.04

Motion by Powell, support by Lawless to approve treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

It was mentioned that some members in attendance were very complimentary of the new asphalt on Pratt Road. In addition, a resident had a question about the ability of large corporations to develop areas such as solar farms or wind turbines. It was discussed that the county manages these processes through the county ordinance and that there is presently a one-year moratorium on such developments.

**RECOGNITION OF GUESTS:**

Commissioner Mitchell: He spoke on the current county zoning moratorium on development of farmland into solar farms, which will last for one year allowing the various stakeholder groups to study the impact of such development. They will form a committee to develop recommendations on how this type of development should be integrated into the current zoning ordinance. Discussion also included the current state of the potential mega site development in Eagle Township. There is a plumbing issue that is being worked through at the jail. The facility needs enhancements/maintenance in order to remain functional.

DAESA Kevin Garvey: 47 runs last month, 5 in Riley Township. Chief attended the training that was recently held at the airport with 2 firefighters. There have been discussions about preparedness for electric vehicle battery fires.

Planning Committee Randy Whitney: Randy reviewed with the board the outcome of the planning commission meeting

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The fence at Boughton Cemetery is still being considered for a guard rail by the road commission. The existing vinyl fence will be repaired, motion by Martens, support by Powell not to exceed \$5000. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There will be a meeting between the City of Dewitt, Olive Township, and Riley Township to look at potential changes to the joint services agreement. The agreement is set to expire in 7 years, but the boards want to be proactive and begin to work through the components in advance.

Proposed ORV/ATV Ordinance – a letter was drafted to be submitted to the board of commissioners encouraging them to consider an ordinance like those that have been enacted in Eaton and Ionia counties which allows township residents to legally operate ORV/ATV/SXS type vehicles on the roadways under guidelines specified in the ordinance.

Presentation of the renewal of the Consumers Energy Company Gas Franchise Ordinance. Motion by Martens, support by Feldpausch. Roll call vote all yes. Motion carried. Clerk Powell will advertise per requirements.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:**

Motion by Feldpausch, support by Martens to approve bills dated June 1, 2023. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN:**

Motion by Lawless, support by Powell to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting closed at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully,  
Lisa Powell, Clerk