TORCH LAKE TOWNSHIP

ANTRIM COUNTY, MICHIGAN

APPROVED MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING WITH ADDITION 5-0

AUGUST 15, 2023

COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING

TORCH LAKE TOWNSHIP

Present: Cook, Schultz, Martel, Merchant and Windiate

Absent: None

Audience: +/- 14

1. **REPEATING AGENDA:**
2. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm followed by the pledge to the flag.
3. Minutes of July 18th and August 9th. **Motion** by Cook to approve the Minutes of July 18th with changes was seconded and passed 5-0. Correct typo in A 3. Change “by” to “be”.  **Motion** by Cook to approve the Minutes of August 9th as prepared was seconded and passed 5-0.
4. Correspondence/ Announcements: Email received from citizen was read against creating a Social Committee; FEMA Flood Risk document available on-line.
5. Agenda Content: **Motion** by Cook to approve Agenda with changes was seconded and passed 5-0. Add D 1 New Business: Resolution for Par Plan Grant. Add to E 1. Road Ends discussion and E 2. Barnes Park update.
6. Citizen Comment: From the audience 6 people addressed the Board regarding various issues such as Road End maintenance, the proposed Dangerous Building Ordinance, County construction update, Social Committee and Part-Time policeman hired in Central Lake.
7. **CONSENT AGENDA:**  All reports were accepted by consent.
8. **SPECIAL REPORTS AGENDA:**
9. Planning Commission: Jason Merchant reported that the Commission is continuing its Zoning Ordinance review with work on chapters 3, 4, and 6.
10. FOIA: Kathy Windiate reported no new requests and one that is still being processed.
11. Financial Overview: Mr. Cook refers to his report which can be found on the website.
12. **AGENDA FOR BOARD ACTION:**

NO OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. PAR PLAN GRANT RESOLUTION 2023-10.  **Motion** by Schultz to approve Resolution 2023=10 as prepared was seconded and passed 5-0 Roll Call Vote.
2. **AGENDA FOR BOARD DISCUSSION:**
3. Continued discussion on road ends. From Supervisor Cook,nothing has been done with road ends for a number of years and the Township is going to fix that. The supervisor is asking the Board if they have any objection to him obtaining a survey firm to stake out all road ends so they can be cleared and made accessible. No objections were given.
4. Barnes Park Update: Have not received a lot of communications FROM CITIZENS this year compared to last year. We have submitted a FOIA request regarding the expansion at the park with a list of items requested. We believe they are in violation of our Zoning Ordinances. The reply from the county was the cost of the FOIA request to the township would be $5500. Mr. Cook will re-submit a revised request tomorrow.
5. Letter received from residents of N. West Torch Lake Drive asking if the Township would support a speed study on N. Wesst Torch Lake Drive. If so, Mr. Cook will call a Special Meeting next week to review a Resolution. From the audience Dave Barr referred to a speed test that was done last October. Jim Meinke

Stated the road commission is not interested.

1. **AGENDA ITEM FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSE ONLY:** Nothing this month.
2. **CITIZEN COMMENT:** Jerry Hubbell had comments about the Dangerous Building Ordinance, Septic Inspection Ordinance and Traverse Bay Rd Nature Preserve boundaries. Marsha Petersen read her concerns into the record.
3. **BOARD COMMENT:** Only comment came from Mr. Cook, stating that the Building Ordinance will be “parked” for now.
4. **With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.**

**These Minutes are respectfully submitted and are subject to approval at the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting.**

**Kathy S. Windiate**

**Township Clerk**