

WALTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
MINUTES

April 9, 2024

Present: Supervisor Bob Starkweather, Treasurer Jeanine Nowak, Clerk Erin Cummings, Trustee Tom Harmon, Trustee Richard Heisler, Dave Soblesky, Dave Moody, John Ostrowski, Nathan Nighbert, Dianne Barmes, Charles Sharp, Rick and Barb Platzer, John and Michelle Collins, Justin Southern, Dale Barr and Jim Mott

Supervisor Starkweather called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Trustee Harmon moved to approve the April agenda. Seconded by Trustee Heisler MOTION CARRIED.

Clerk Cummings presented the payables in written form, Trustee Harmon moved to transfer \$40,000.00, seconded by Trustee Heisler. MOTION CARRIED

Nowak presented the Treasurer's report in written form. Trustee Harmon moved to accept the Treasurer's report as written and seconded by Trustee Heisler. MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE:

NEW BUSINESS:

Rural Fire Withdraw Discussion-Concerns were raised by board members including future costs and planned equipment purchases. Currently, our share of rural fire is 6.18% (2024) in 2025 with the withdrawal of Carmel our percentage increases to approximately somewhere between 8.3% and 11.65% for 11 square miles of coverage. The Board agreed to withdraw from Rural Fire and will give official notice as of May 1, 2024. Our membership with Rural Fire will expire May 1, 2025.

Roll Call Vote-MOTION PASSED

Treasurer Nowak-Yes
Trustee Heisler-Yes
Trustee Harmon-Yes
Supervisor Starkweather-Yes
Clerk Cummings-Yes

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Reports:

- Clerk-
- Rural Fire-
- Supervisor-
- Sheriff-65 events
- Olivet Fire Chief-8 total calls. Demonstration took place of the new extraction tool. John talked about the Department being able to service all of Walton Township. Clerk Cummings asked about mutual aid. Chief Collins responded that Bellevue automatically gets called and Charlotte still could be called.
- Commissioner-Jim discussed the funding issues facing the county. They will be holding a Town Hall meeting on April 17th at 5p.m. to discuss further.
- Road Commissioner Update-Harris Road bridge should open this week, Green Rd bridge at Butterfield has been closed due to a failing bridge structure.
- Assessing-

Public Comment:

Dianne Barmes-Supports the Boards decision to withdraw from Rural Fire.

Dale Barr-7420 Marshall Rd, please call to get the trash removed.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:09p.m. Trustee Harmon moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Heisler MOTION CARRIED