

**Mitchell Township Board
August 8, 2021
Meeting Minutes**

The Regular Meeting of the Mitchell Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Brimm, on Monday, August 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Mitchell Township Hall, 6849 W. Tower Road, Curran, Michigan.

Members present: Supervisor Carla Brimm, Treasurer Kevin Small, Clerk Donita Charron, Trustee Paula Taylor, Trustee Douglas (Mike) Lay

Members absent:

Others present: Commissioner Small and 4 members of the community present

June 14, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

It was moved by Taylor, supported by Small, to approve the June Regular Minutes with date corrections.

Yes – 5 No – 0 Absent –0 Motion Carried.

June and July Financial Report

It was moved by Small, supported by Lay, to file the June and July Financial Report.

Yes – 5 No – 0 Absent –0 Motion Carried.

Public Comment:

Ron Siegel, from Allband Communications gave a presentation on the Township using the American Rescue Plan Act Funds (ARPA) to invest in the Allband Cooperative Expansion. It would be an investment in the broadband infrastructure for all of Mitchell Township.

At this time the Board has not decide the best possible use for these funds and will be exploring to see what would best benefit the whole community.

Departmental Reports

Assessing

- *July 19th Board of Review had a few corrections for Veteran's Exemptions*

Fire Department

- 3 medical and 1 fire for July
- Emergency Management Training August 12th
- Kevin will inquire about limestone for the driveway that was approved for the Fire Dept and the Curran Cemetery in 2020

Planning Commission

- Met March 10th to look over Masterplan
- Looking into the new trend of tiny houses

Zoning Administrator

- June and July's reports accepted
- Fee schedule for the following will be addressed at next month's meeting
 - Land Use \$50
 - Special Use \$250
 - Request for Variance \$250
 - Site Plan Review ???

Cemetery

- Request for cremation burial by email was addressed and the Sexton's information was forwarded to them.

Roads

None

Building

- Estimate for Bat Eradication
 - First Bat Tube \$395
 - Connecting Roofline Crawlspace, Door Seal with Fan \$750
 - Metal Hatch \$475
 - General Seal \$986
 - Attic Door Seal \$125
 - Total \$2731

Board will meet August 17th to look over the building and will seek other expert opinions

Park

- *Paula researched some playground equipment and prices vary widely. We will continue to get ideas on what would best suit our park and seek grant funding from Michigan Passport. The next step will be discussed at the September Meeting.*

Election

- Election Source came to preform general maintenance on the election equipment

Correspondence

- *PIE&G Notice of WIFI Towers for Smart Meters*
- *District Library Questions email from their Attorney*

1. How long can the district library agreement be for?

The agreements are for an indefinite term unless the parties withdraw and they are dissolved. I've been working for 25 years and have not seen one dissolve yet.

2. If a partner decides once the agreement is in place they want to appoint board members instead of having them elected, does the agreement for all partners change?

Yes, the District Library Agreement would require amendment. They either have to be all elected or all appointed.

3. If a partner decides to have their representative be elected, what happens if no one runs for the position?

The position becomes vacant. Then, the Participating Municipality can appoint a person to fill the vacancy.

4. If Mitchell Township joins in the district, would the residents have to pay both the district millage and the voted in millage for the Alcona County Library? Could the township join the district without having a millage?

A district wide millage has to be uniform throughout the district. So, unfortunately, if Mitchell Township is entirely within the Alcona County Library's jurisdiction, they would have to pay both millages. However, I'd have to see whether the Township is entirely within the County Library to be sure.

5. If Mitchell Township does not join the district, can the district library offer a non-resident card for a fee to continue to provide service to current Oscoda County Library card holders that live in the township?

Yes, the new library board would have to agree to this non-resident policy.

6. If Oscoda County and a township in the county are partners, would the millage be collected twice?

I hope I understand correctly. But, if the township is located in the County, and the district is asking for a district wide "district library" millage then the residents only pay 1 district wide millage. Please be advised that district libraries can also be funded by having each participating municipality approve and levy their own millage. If that was the preferred funding mechanism, then they would pay a separate county and township millage. But, most district libraries have one "district library" millage.

7. With regard to a district wide millage, do the partners have to approve the wording, or does the district library board do that?

District Library Board has the exclusive and sole authority to approve. Participating municipalities have no approval rights for millages.

8. If the Library remains a county library, can the Oscoda County Board of Commissioners loan money to the Library to purchase property/real estate?

I do not know the answer to this. It is unlikely unless there is specific statutory authority to do so. But, I'll need more facts to provide an opinion.

9. Once partners are determined who chairs the committee meetings once it is formed? How many individuals need to be on the committee?

There is no requirement or guidelines for committees – It is up to the participating municipalities.

Anne M. Seurync

Attorney

Foster Swift Collins & Smith PC

Please note the Board has not made a decision on the District Library at this time.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- The Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund was applied for and granted. No decision has been made on the distribution of these funds.

Next meeting September 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned 8:35 p.m.



Donita Charron, Clerk



Carla Brimm, Supervisor