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To whom it may concern.

Pipestone Township Board approved applying our ARPA funds (\$200,000) to the ROBIN Grant if applicable. February 8th with a roll call vote of 5 Yeas and 0 Nays.

Douglas Davis
Pipestone Township Supervisor

The Minutes from Pipestone Twp. February 8, 2023 meeting included.

**PIPESTONE TOWNSHIP
PROPOSED BOARD MINUTES**

February 8, 2023

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to Order by Supervisor Doug Davis at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Board Members present were Supervisor Doug Davis, Clerk Karen Basham, Treasurer Virginia Gonzalez, Trustee Robert Bishop and Trustee Floyd Sommer. There were 6 guests along with Cody Sposato from the Fire Department.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Bishop, supported by Sommer to accept the agenda as presented. All Ayes, **MOTION CARRIED.**

FIRE REPORT: Cody Sposato reported that there were 3 medical calls, 2 rescue calls, 1 grass fire, 2 misc. calls and .5 mutual aid calls answered in Pipestone Township in January. Berrien Twp. had 12.5 calls. Feeding America will be Friday 4-6.

Mr. Sposato also gave a presentation on the need for an AED Powerheart G5 in the town hall. It would help victims survive sudden cardiac arrest. The cost per unit would be \$2,100.00.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC: Thomas and Elizabeth Sapp requested the board reconsider the hardship case at 8505 Columbia Ave. No action was taken at this time.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Mike Haskins reported the Planning Commission is currently reviewing the Master Plan adopted in 2020. The commission will be doing training at a later date.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: January 11, 2023. Motion by Gonzalez, supported by Bishop, All Ayes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

SUPERVISOR DAVIS:

There was some discussion on the letter received from the Eau Claire Youth Ball Association. Gonzalez will contact MTA and tabled until March.

ROBIN Grant: Davis said the County has requested a letter stating we are willing to roll over the ARPA funds into the ROBIN Grant to help with funding the broadband to those residents that are currently not serviced. Motion by Basham, supported by Bishop.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Sommer, Bishop, Davis, Gonzalez, Basham

Nays: None

All Ayes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

BC Trails Resolution: There was some discussion on supporting the BC Trails resolution. The Board was in agreement that our roads have to be a priority. The resolution died for lack of support.

Ordinance #2023-1 Solar Farms and Solar Panels: Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Sommer, Bishop, Davis, Gonzalez, Basham

Nays: None

Ordinance #2023-1 Adopted February 8, 2023.

Ordinance #2023-2 Wind Energy Systems: Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Basham, Gonzalez, Davis, Bishop, Sommer

Nays: None

Ordinance #2023-2 Adopted February 8, 2023.

The Road Department has offered suggestions of what roads we should work on in 2023. Davis reported we only have enough for sealing E. Eureka (prime and double seal, \$130,000.00) and spending \$10,000.00 on Macedonia Heights.

Motion by Bishop, supported by Sommer. All Ayes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF BILLS: Motion by Bishop to pay the **General Account** bills in the amount of **\$75,170.65**, supported by Sommer. ALL AYES. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Motion by Bishop to pay the Building Account bills in the amount of **\$2,106.35**, supported by Sommer. ALL AYES.

MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Bishop to pay the Road Fund Bill in the amount of **\$60,494.50**, supported by Sommer. ALL AYES. **MOTION CARRIED.**

OLD BUSINESS: Hardship cases: Tabled until March due to the request from Thomas and Elizabeth Sapp to reconsider the hardship case at 8503 Columbia Ave., Eau Claire.

TREASURER REPORT:

Fire Account had a beginning and ending balance of **\$12.23**.

General Account had a beginning balance of **\$602,213.47** with Debits of **\$14,315.30** Credits of **\$114,417.42** leaving the ending balance of **\$702,315.59**.

Tax Account had a beginning balance of **\$270,905.67** with Debits of **\$323,471.38** Credits of **\$374,847.11** leaving an ending balance of **\$322,281.40**.

Road Fund had a beginning balance of **\$16,592.00** with Debits of \$0.00 and Credits of **\$3.50**, leaving an ending balance of **\$16,595.50**.

Building Fund had a beginning balance of **\$43,447.28** with Debits of **\$1,482.77** and Credits of **\$5,559.98**, leaving an ending balance of **\$47,524.49**.

ARPA had a beginning balance **\$215,888.88** with Credits of **\$109.84** leaving an ending balance of **\$215,998.72**.

Motion by Bishop, supported by Basham, to accept the Treasurer's report. ALL AYES. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Gonzales reported that the dump fee per yard was increased to \$28.47. An increase of \$2.55 per yard.

CLERK'S REPORT Basham reported there were 4 lots sold at Caldwell in January. There was one burial at Caldwell, Nova Little, and one burial at Shanghai Memorial, Charles Cooper.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Joint Fire Board Meeting February 14, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

BOR Training Online February 27, 2023

Township Board Meeting **March 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**

Planning Commission Meeting **March 7, 2023 7:30 p.m.**

School Election May 2, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Bishop, supported by Sommer. All Ayes. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Supervisor Davis adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted by:

Karen Basham, Clerk

Doug Davis, Supervisor