

VIENNA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

CYNTHIA J. BRYAN, CLERK

Roll Call: Present: Rizk, Bryan, Thompson, Thomas, Mason, Patterson, Belill
Absent: None

Previous Minutes: October 15, 2024. Moved by Bryan, supported by Mason to approve the minutes of October 15, 2024, with any changes or corrections.

All in favor

Bills: Bills in the amount of \$18,983.38 were presented. Moved by Thompson, supported by Bryan to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$18,983.38.

ROLL CALL:

Yeas – Rizk, Bryan, Thompson, Thomas, Mason, Patterson, Belill

Nays – None

Motion carried

Treasurer Report: Thompson presented the September 2024 Revenue Expense Report and Treasurer's Report. The general fund total as of September 30, 2024, is \$6,330,824.34. The winter tax bills will go out December 1st. If you do not get yours by mid-December, please call the office.

Building Report: Rizk said there are a couple of new houses on the building report. There are a couple of new condos going up on Windmill Point and some condos in Hidden Oaks.

Planning Report: Thompson announced the Planning Commission has wrapped up the ordinance revisions. We are waiting for it to come back from Rowe so we can review it and make any corrections we need to. We are looking forward to the completion of that this spring. At our regular meeting, we approved the requested rezone of parcel 18-20-100-014 from residential to commercial to come before this board. We also approved the site plan for a body shop for Simms.

ZBA: Mason reported the Zoning Board of Appeals has a meeting the third week of this month.

Library Report: Thompson relayed the Library Board financials are included in the board packet and they meet tomorrow night.

Senior Center Report: Patterson said October was the start of their fiscal year. Participation has been steady. The accordion walls have been ordered and should be installed soon. The roof is completed. The volunteer luncheon was today. Over 100 people have volunteered at the Senior Center and over 70 people attended the lunch. The Christmas resale is December 7th from 10AM until 4PM. If you have any extra Christmas items, the Senior Center does take donations. The Senior Center has been phenomenal to work with and I suggest people check out all the programming. It has been my honor to work with everybody there.

Fire Authority Report: Bryan announced the Fire Department had a busy month last month with Fire Prevention Month, Halloween, and participation in the Zombie Walk, Clio Homecoming Parade, Genesee County Truck and Treat Event, Tractor Supply First Responders Appreciation Event, and other truck or treat events at local churches and schools. The Fire Officers are going around to some of the local commercial buildings and updating the pre-fire plan for high-risk structures within our area.

BDA Report: Rizk reported the parking lot project at the Clio Youth Sports Complex began November 1st and is to be completed by Thanksgiving. A press release will be given at that time. The BDA and Clio Area Chamber of Commerce are partnering to have a ribbon cutting at the reopening of Crispy Chicken and Burgers on Thursday, November 14th at 2PM. The BDA, Clio Area Chamber of Commerce, and Clio Rotary are partnering for Scenes of the Season Holiday Decorating. There is an opening on the Clio Area BDA Board of Directors. To be considered, you must be a resident of the BDA District, a business owner in the BDA, or work in the BDA. If you are interested, please see the BDA Director, or the Chairperson of the BDA.

Parks and Rec Report: Thomas said David Fejedelem was elected as the Parks and Recreation Treasurer to replace Sheryl Russo. November 20th is the next meeting, and we will be discussing the Clio Candle Walk.

Sports Complex Report: Thomas said there was no meeting, it was rescheduled due to the election.

Supervisor Report: Rizk stated there are new school signs on Saginaw St. We have petitioned Genesee County Road Commission for solar blinking light stop signs at the corner of Webster/Farrand and at Lake/Linden. On November 1st MMR became our preferred carrier. We are looking at approving chairs for this room tonight, the current chairs have been here longer than the outgoing board

members have. We will be asking some of the parishes in the area if they are interested in taking some of the chairs at our Common Grounds meeting. Congratulations to the elected Trustees. Orientation and appointments to follow for the committees once we get everything settled. I would like to thank the outgoing trustees for their work and service to the community. We will be seeking an opinion from our attorney on the new guidelines for sick time from the State of Michigan. Thank you to Karen for helping fill in as a Trustee.

Additions/Changes: None

Correspondence: Report – Sherrif Department October Stats
Email – School Zone Sign
Letter – Request for letter of Support from Next

Public Comment: Members of the public will have an opportunity to speak during the public comment portion of the meeting and such comment will be limited to three (3) minutes per person.

Jeff Harrington – 3096 W. Wilson Road

Richard Johnson – 12324 Sequoia Lane

Judy Sheridan – 10296 N. Clio Road

Dale Craig – 2484 Bingham Road

Mary Lou Cragg – 2484 Bingham Road

New Business:

1. Resolution 11-12-24-23 – Pine Run Fox Glove Branch Drain #1611
Moved by Bryan, supported by Thomas to adopt resolution 11-12-24-23, to approve drain repairs as presented.

ROLL CALL:

Yeas – Bryan, Thompson, Thomas, Mason, Patterson, Belill, Rizk

Nays – None

Motion carried

2. Resolution 11-12-24-24 – Russo

Moved by Bryan, supported by Thompson to adopt resolution 11-12-24-24, to recognize Sherlylynn Russo.

ROLL CALL:

Yeas –Thompson, Thomas, Mason, Patterson, Belill, Rizk, Bryan

Nays – None

Motion carried

3. Resolution 11-12-24-25 – Patterson

Moved by Bryan, supported by Thompson to adopt resolution 11-12-24-25, to recognize Laura Patterson.

ROLL CALL:

Yeas –Thomas, Mason, Patterson, Belill, Rizk, Bryan, Thompson

Nays – None

Motion carried

4. Resolution 11-12-24-26 – Belill

Moved by Bryan, supported by Thompson to adopt resolution 11-12-24-26, to recognize Nancy Belill.

ROLL CALL:

Yeas – Mason, Patterson, Rizk, Bryan, Thompson, Thomas

Nays – Belill

Motion carried

5. Proposed Rezoning Ordinance – First Reading

Moved by Bryan, supported by Thomas to suspend first reading of proposed rezoning ordinance, to rezone parcel 18-20-100-014, from RU-1 (One Family Residential) to C-2 (General Commercial District).

ROLL CALL:

Yeas – Patterson, Belill, Rizk, Bryan, Thompson, Thomas, Mason

Nays – None

Motion carried

6. Section 125 – Premium Conversion HSA Plan

Moved by Bryan, supported by Thompson to adopt Section 125 Premium Conversion HSA Plan as presented.

ROLL CALL:

Yeas – Belill, Rizk, Bryan, Thompson, Thomas, Mason, Patterson

Nays – None

Motion carried

7. Board Room Chairs

Moved by Bryan, supported by Thomas to purchase 100 board room chairs from Church Chairs for Less, utilizing ARPA funds in the amount of \$5,394.03, as presented.

ROLL CALL:

Yeas – Rizk, Bryan, Thompson, Thomas, Mason, Patterson, Belill

Nays – None

Motion carried

8. Trustee Appointment

Moved by Bryan, supported by Mason to appoint Richard Johnson to the office of Township Trustee effective 11/20/2024, serving the partial term until the next general election.

DISCUSSION: Rizk explain Sheryl Russo can not fulfill her obligation as trustee because she moved to Massachusetts. Bryan elaborated that her resignation came too late for her name to be taken off the ballot. Patterson asked if they could make a nomination, Rizk answered not during the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Yeas – Bryan, Thompson, Thomas, Mason, Patterson, Rizk

Nays – Belill

Motion carried

Public Comment:

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Judy Sheridan – letter from Gwen Hansen 2471 Bingham Road

Christina Johnson – 12324 Sequoia Lane

Board Comment:

Belill – I can't believe it's been 16 years. My parents always taught me to take voting seriously. My dad always said if you do not vote you do not have the right to gripe about the results. If you do have the right to gripe, because you did vote, and you did not like it, get involved and change it. That is what I did 16 years ago. I did what I thought was right. I am proud of getting Butterfly Park on the map. I am still in the area. I might be back. I wish everyone luck.

Patterson – Thank you to Nancy for your service. A lot of people do not realize all the work that goes on behind the scenes. I have mixed feelings about tonight. I wish we could have had both candidates for the trustee position from tonight. I would like to thank everyone for having me here.

Thompson – I wish you both well and hope to see you both still around. Thank you to both Rick and Jeff. Thank you to the residents. Your voice is being heard.

Thomas – It's been a pleasure working with you Laura and Nancy and thank you everyone for coming tonight and bringing your concerns.

Mason – I have been on boards with both men and either one of them would have been a great pick. They are both very dedicated to the community. It is a hard decision to pick one.

Bryan – Thank you Karen. Ladies, thank you for your service. Jeff and Rick, I wish we could take you both. All the board members, new and re-elected need to be in this board room on November 20th at 10AM to be given your oath of office. I cannot say enough about all of the people who helped during this election. It takes a village and I have one heck of a village. We had almost 8,000 votes in November, which beats 2020. We had a 74% voter turnout. I am tickled pink with that.

Rizk – Outgoing members we need keys and ipads, new members will get galaxy tablets and have orientations.

Moved to adjourn at 6:24 PM

Joseph A. Rizk
Supervisor

Cynthia J. Bryan
Clerk

CERTIFICATION:
STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF GENESEE

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Vienna, Genesee County, Michigan, held on the 12th day of November, 2024.

Cynthia J. Bryan
Clerk