

**Winfield Township February Board Meeting
2/8/2024 7:00 PM Winfield Township Hall**

Call to order at 7. Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call attendance. Theresa Bennett-Stratton, Ryan VanSolkema, Brenda Arnold, Kenneth Bloom was present; Julia Potratz was absent.

Motion by Theresa to approve 1/11/2024 meeting minutes and second by Brenda, all yeas.

Motion Brenda to approve 2/8/2024 Agenda, Second by Theresa, all yeas.

Public comment (Agenda Items Only) none

Clerks Report- Ken Bloom Password for internet access has been changed today. New public password is posted. I will give out the private password for individuals that need access to the network drive. Clerk, Supervisor, Treasurer, Trustees and Planning commission.

Treasurers Report- Brenda Arnold Taxes going well. Election training Tuesday. 14th and 29 in office

Fire report Pat Carr expires 2026 contract.

Motion to spend \$5000 to Lakeview to purchase an airboat for rescue by Brenda second by Theresa, roll call Theresa, Ryan, Brenda, Ken all yeas.

PC Report- Julia Potratz (by Ryan) Last meeting 1/22/2024 Next meeting 3/25/2024

- Accept Resignation of Ken Fisk
- Open position on PC?
- Motion to accept Fisk and open for candidates by Ryan seconded by Theresa, all yeas.
- Update for master plan and ordinances

OLD BUSINESS

Daniel Mitchell, Mercantile Bank, wants to spend some time talking about ACH Automatic Clearing House transactions and reducing physical checks due to the increased fraud going on since COVID19.

New Hall Progress report: framing started, materials ordered being delivered, Well going in 2/6/24

Well in and plumbing next week with headers and trusses.

Park Grant Submitted 2/1/2024

Election Public Accuracy testing 2/14/24 1:00pm Presidential Primary Election 2/27/2024

2024 Road projects/recommendations from Montcalm count Road commission tabled.

Drainage issues in Indian lake additional improvement.

Motion Theresa to pay checks and bills second by Brenda, all yeas.

New Business:

Clerk Request to purchase additional laptop for cemetery records/use \$850

Motion to purchase a laptop for cemetery records by Ryan, seconded by Theresa, all yeas.

Motion by Brenda for Spring Cleanup Day on May 4th 8-6 with 6 dumpsters budget \$3600 and charging \$10 for uncut tires, \$5 for cut tires and \$10 for mattress, seconded by Theresa: all yeas.

Motion to replace Charles Murphy on the election workers due to his death with Kathleen Walters by Ken, seconded by Ryan; roll call: Brenda, Ryan, Ken yea. Motion passed by Election Commission members.

Motion to approve Indian lake 2024 Application for Fireworks by Ken, seconded by Teresa: all yeas.

Motion to approve Board of Review dates of March 12th 9-3 and March 13th 3-9 by Ryan seconded by Teresa, all yeas.

Public Comments

Using a third credit card to pay bills.

Calling 211 for tax input

Erosion on Indian lake

Citizens of Local Choice petition to put referendum on returning local control for zoning of industrial wind and solar facilities. Looking for captain and co-captain to head up Winfield Township petition.

Board Comments

Discussion to pay taxes online direct to the bank.

Adjourn Theresa seconded by Ryan, all yeas.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kenenth Bloom", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kenenth Bloom, Clerk