

**EATON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**  
**May 5, 2022**

Supervisor Roberts opened the Kristen Way and Tina Lane Special Assessment hearing and the regular May meeting with the pledge to the flag of our Country.

**Roll Call:** Present at the Township Hall were Supervisor Roberts, Clerk Patterson, Trustee Droscha, Treasurer Dolman and Trustee Bankhead.

**Absent:** None

Supervisor Roberts opened the Public Hearing to review the Kristen Way & Tina Lane Special Assessment. He gave an explanation of the quote and the breakdown of the expenses.

Public Comments on the Kristen Way & Tina Lane Assessment:

A letter from Mr. Baum was provided to the board and read aloud by Trustee Droscha. He was also present at the meeting and commented about the road specs. He asked about the warranty on the road from American Asphalt and how long they anticipate the road to last. Commenting that after it's compacted you will end up with 3.5 not 4 inches.

Mr. Erhardt provided a letter to the board that was read aloud by Clerk Patterson.

Supervisor Roberts stated that it will need to be seal coated in 2 years which would expense of the residence.

Mrs. VanderMolen stated a road with normal travel lasts roughly 20 years. With the travel on Kristen Way & Tina Lane she thought theirs would last 30-40 years.

Trustee Bankhead asked if anyone present opposed the improvement. No one in the audience opposed.

Mr. VanderMolen stated that the roads were initially meant to be paved but it didn't happen.

Mr. Gilding spoke on having the company come back to fill potholes.

Treasurer Dolman went back over the numbers.

Mrs. Haruska asked if it will be on both summer & winter taxes. She also wanted to know if it could be paid off early. Treasurer Dolman gave an explanation.

Trustee Droscha asked if someone sells after the road has been paved if the buyer would be responsible. They would not be responsible. The seller would be responsible to pay the assessment off.

Mrs. Haruska asked what the next step would be. Supervisor Roberts stated that he would call American Asphalt tomorrow, Friday, to get it scheduled.

Mrs. VanderMolen asked if the township knew when Flanders was going to paved. Supervisor Roberts said he did not have a date.

Mr. Gilding brought up the streets in the Blair Acre subdivision. He stated that no one has been contracted for sealing roads in the county. Their subdivision hasn't had any maintenance and isn't slated to have anything done to it. He thought it was supposed to be scheduled for crack sealing.

Mrs. VanderMolen asked what a ballpark figure might be for sealing on the road. Supervisor Roberts didn't have one. Treasurer Dolman said that their road is hard to estimate the cost on.

Supervisor Roberts closed the Public Hearing at 7:36pm and opened the regular May meeting of the Eaton Township Board. Supported by Trustee Droscha & was seconded from Trustee Bankhead.

**Closing Public Hearing and Opening Regular Meeting Roll Call:, Trustee Droscha- Yes, Clerk Patterson- Yes, Treasurer Dolman- Yes, Trustee Bankhead- Yes, and Supervisor Roberts- Yes. Yeas-5 Nay-0 MOTION CARRIED.**

Supervisor Roberts moved to approve the May agenda and the April meeting minutes. Supported by Trustee Bankhead to approve the agenda as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Clerk Patterson read the synopsis of regular meeting minutes from the April meeting. Motion made by Trustee Droscha to accept the Clerk's synopsis. Trustee Bankhead supported.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Treasurer Dolman presented the Treasurer's report in written form. Motion was made by Trustee Droscha accept the Treasurer's report as printed. Supported by Supervisor Roberts

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Supervisor Roberts moved to pay current expenditures. Supported by Trustee Droscha.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Sheriff Report: A printed report was provided to the board.

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter was given to the board from Equalization regarding lot line adjustment fees.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mrs. Borrelli asked about the ARPA money. Treasurer Dolman addressed her question. Supervisor

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Special Assessment Roll for Kristen Way and Tina Lane Resolution 2022-07**

Trustee Droscha made a motion to accept the Special Assessment Roll for Special Assessment District Kristen Way and Tina Lane Improvement. Supported by Trustee Bankhead.

**Roll Call: Trustee Bankhead- Yes, Clerk Patterson- Yes, Treasurer Dolman, Trustee Droscha- Yes, Supervisor Roberts- Yes Yeas- 5 Nays- 0 RESOLUTION ADOPTED.**

Treasurer Dolman made a motion to pay American Asphalt upon completion of the work up to the amount of \$122,599. Motion supported by Trustee Droscha.

**Clerk Patterson- Yes, Trustee Droscha- Yes, Treasurer Dolman- Yes, Trustee Bankhead- Yes, Supervisor Roberts- Yes MOTION CARRIED.**

\*Treasurer Dolman left the meeting at 7:46pm

### **David Chapman Agency Renewal**

Mr. Orton dropped off the renewal proposal that the board members received. A motion was made by Trustee Droscha to accept the renewal provided. Supported by Trustee Bankhead. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Larry Tiejema, PC for FY ending 3/31/2022**

Mr. Tiejema sent a letter to the board regarding his desire to conduct the township audit for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2022. A motion was made by Supervisor Roberts to approve Mr. Tiejema as our auditor for the fiscal year discussed. Supported by Trustee Droscha and seconded by Trustee Bankhead.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**REPORTS**

County Commissioner: County Commissioner Droscha was present and reported that because of all of the rain some of the projects have been delayed. There was discussion regarding road patrol and staffing. This included recruitment and retention.

Library: Mrs. Borrelli was present and reported that construction is underway in the Spartan Room. The old chairs are being used at the old courthouse. The charging station is free for 2 hours but the user gets charged after that.

Rural Fire: Supervisor Roberts stated that RFA is still hoping to have a say in the budget. He anticipates there will be a meeting in the middle of May. There hasn't been a meeting date set.

CECC: Supervisor Roberts reported that a resident called concerned about a water leak so he went out there but found no evidence of a leak. Clerk Patterson reported that she is waiting to receive quotes back regarding the tree on the old side of the cemetery.

Recreation Co-op: Trustee Bankhead gave a brief report. There were kids on the diamond! The field can be scheduled on the city website. Trustee Droscha said the grass is growing nicely out there.

Assessing: There are a couple cases that might require a deposition.

Airport: Supervisor Roberts reported they had a meeting. They would like the trees cut. Some will be taken out completely and others will be trimmed. The building needs a new roof.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Interim Chief Mark Jordan introduced himself and give some of his background. He commented that both stations are manned 24 hours because of the train. There was dialog between the board and the Interim Chief.

Clerk Patterson reported that the Special Election had a low turnout. She gave the results from Tuesday.

Mr. Gilding remarked that he wants to know what is going to happen with the roads in his subdivision. He stated he isn't upset with anyone but he isn't going to relent because there is a policy they are supposed to follow. The map is color coded and it appears it is going to be on the schedule.

The bridge of Five Point is going to be done.

Trustee Bankhead brought up the speed limit at Packard & Lansing Rd. He feels the speed limit should be reduced.

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:27 P.M.**

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Danielle Patterson, Eaton Twp Clerk