

Custer Township Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2024

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00p.m by Supervisor Flake.

Members Present: R. Flake, R. Elder, D. Allen, A. Fleet, Deputy Clerk S. Paul

Members Absent: S. Simon

Others Present: B, Richardson, J. Ottgen, Sheriff Hoch, W. Brown, L. Brown, T. VanAlstine

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Approval of Agenda: Motion by Allen supported by Fleet to approve the April Agenda. MC.
2. Public Comments: Sheriff Hoch discussed drugs in the County; update on Sheriff Department and officers; township stat report. County Commissioner Terry VanAlstine gave update on County building, construction on schedule and under budget; emergency services applied for grant from Grand Traverse Band Tribe and was awarded over \$59,000. County passed a resolution for renewable energy decision making be returned back to local government; resolution was sent to State Legislature.
3. Approval of Consent Agenda Items: Motion by Allen supported by Elder to approve March Consent Agenda Items. MC.
4. Correspondence:
 - Sheriff's Stat Report for March
 - News You Can Use" from Sherriff Hoch
 - Antrim County March Bulletin
 - Antrim County Household Hazardous Waste 2024 collection days
 - Antrim County economic Development Corporation(EDC)
 - Pigeon Telephone & Agri-Valley Services
 - Updated DTE Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Booklet
 - Antrim Conservation District reminder to "RECYCLE"
 - Michigan Historic Preservations Network
 - FEMA-National Flood Insurance Program
 - Alden District Library April Bookmarks & Thank you
 - Mancelona Fire District March report
 - ISO analysis of structural fire Protection survey-STLFD
 - STLFD- March report
5. Committee Reports:
 - A. Water and Sewer—Electrical bid for new well awarded to Advantage Electric. 131 sewer project is nearly complete to M-66. Employee handbook being updated. New field service tech hired. WWTP—operating within normal limits.
 - B. Ambulance Authority – FY 2024-2025 budget presented for approval. New ambulance due here in July will be delayed until October due to shortage of Dana axels and 55-gallon fuel tanks. Order placed for another new ambulance with delivery date of 40 plus months out. Distributed has 200 ambulances on order, they will assign one of those to TAA. VA is placing a community garden between TAA building and Meadowbrook.
 - C. Board of Review – March report: 21 appeals, 18 AV/TV appeals - 15 denied, 3 approved; 1 classification change - denied; 2 clerical errors approved.
 - D. Technology/Web site – updated
 - E. Roads—Trustee Allen –
6. Supervisors Report: - Township Hall has undergone thorough Spring cleaning: walls cleaned/painted as needed, hall floor resurfaced, floor will need extra care to save what we have. Received email from J. Clark for a letter of support for an affordable housing project on 8900 Bailey Rd. Attended Bellaire District Fire Authority meeting; 2025/2026 mileage rate will remain at 1.4 mills; new truck will be ready by the end of 2024. M-88 trash violation letter sent out at GFL's request. Snow Country Trail residential water well (near A/K landfill) test results were negative for contamination. ITC will be upgrading lines from Plum Station in Clearwater Twp going north 3.5 miles into Custer Twp later this fall.

7. Public Comments: None

8. Action Items:

1. Motion by Allen supported by Fleet to approve ballot language for Road and Trash Millage. MC
2. Motion by Fleet supported by Elder to run Spring Clean-up notice in paper for (2) weeks. MC
3. Motion by Allen supported by Fleet to approve road easement name HUCKAMUCKA Dr. off of Schuss Mt. Rd. MC
4. Motion by Elder supported by Allen to pour needed cement pad for grader in front of the hall. MC

9. Items for future consideration: none

10. Closed Session: for HR Discussion: Motion made and supported to close open session at 7:45p.m.MC

11. Motion made and supported to re-open open session at 8:10 p.m. MC

12. Action Items

1. Motion by Allen supported Fleet to accept/sign Independent Contractor Agreement as discussed in closed session. MC
2. Motion by Allen supported Elder to accept employment agreement with Nicole Fleet. MC
3. Motion by Elder supported by Allen to pay employment agreement compensation in May's Disbursements. MC

13. Adjournment of regular meeting: Motion by Fleet supported by Elder to adjourn at 8:22 p.m. MC

Respectfully submitted by Susan Paul, Custer Township Deputy Clerk