

Custer Township Board
Regular Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2024

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

Members Present: R. Flake, R. Elder, A. Fleet, S. Simon

Members Absent: D. Allen

Others Present: B. Holland, J. Ottgen, S. Paul, R. Elder

Pledge of Allegiance

1. Approval of Agenda: Motion by Fleet supported by Elder to approve the November Agenda. MC.
2. Public Comments: None.
3. Approval of Consent Agenda Items: Motion by Elder supported by Fleet to approve October Consent Agenda Items. MC.
4. Correspondence:
 - Sheriff's Stat Report
 - "News You Can Use" from Sheriff Hoch Nov
 - October Antrim County Bulletin
 - Alden District Library Nov Bookmarks
 - Michigan Railroad Association Fall 2024 Newsletter
 - Antrim County Road Commission 2025 Township Allocations
 - Networks Northwest, developing County's Material Management Plan
 - EGLE Notice of Authorization for Coir Stabilization along Lake of the Woods shoreline
 - DNR notice to close/open certain forest roads to conventional/off-road vehicles on State land
 - Stambaugh snow plowing contract
 - FEMA Community Information request
 - Mancelona Fire Department October report
 - STLFD October reports
 - EGLE permit to reconstruct existing 4'x200' boardwalk over wetlands and the Grass River on Grass River Lane
 - EPA to Begin Expanded Cleanup of Tar Lake Superfund Cleanup
5. Committee Reports:
 - A. MAWSA-New well, still on hold. 131 sewer extension-still on hold. Waiting on Consumer's Energy. Well M-1; Engineers putting together bidding documents, hopefully they will go out soon. EGLE to provide \$5M Grant to extend water main from M-88 "Stop Point" to the Cedar River well house. Project scheduled to be complete by September 1, 2025. Performance Engineering will be surveying new water main route in November. Water commodity charge to increase by \$0.35 per 1000 gallons used. Sewer commodity charge to increase by \$0.23 per 1000 gallons used. WWTP-Labs WNL. Preparing plant for colder temperature.
 - B. TAA – September run volume 170 runs, Custer Twp. 12; Mike Bertram filling in as interim director. Fully staffed, 3 new EMT's. State inspection scheduled for Oct 30, results pending.
 - C. Board of Review – Dec 10
 - D. Technology/Web site – up to date
 - E. Roads-
6. Supervisors Report: -Met with B. Thompson and passed along community concerns regarding intersections on Bailey Rd. Had the septic tank at the hall pumped out; it has been 7years since done last; will need to be done in another 5-6 years. Discussion on Maintenance Building. Discussion on True Stream \$124.99 plus tax for business internet and \$35.00 plus tax for phone installation; installation scheduled for late winter or spring into summer. Janitor as of Oct 23, verbally resigned; will stay on till the end of year or we find replacement. Discussion on cleaning services to clean Township Hall. Ordinance Officer will not be able to take on Custer Township violations; key and supplies turned in.
7. Action Items:
 1. Motion by Elder supported by Fleet to sign snow plowing contract and requesting a copy of liability insurance be sent to us. MC
 2. Motion by Simon supported by Fleet to pay Labor Attorney Steve Schwartz \$175.00. MC
 3. Motion by Fleet supported by Simon to approve cancelation of the tax bill payment services with Point and Pay and sign agreement with BS&A Software for online tax payments start in summer 2025. MC
 4. Motion by Fleet supported by Elder to sign up for True Stream. MC
 5. Motion by Fleet supported by Elder to a trial run with cleaning service instead of replacing janitor at this time. MC
8. Items for future consideration: look at MTA website article; maintenance building; roads for next year
9. Public Comment: none
10. Adjournment of regular meeting: Motion by Elder supported by Fleet to adjourn at 8:29 p.m. MC

Respectfully submitted by Stacy Simon, Custer Township Clerk