

Holly Township
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
Minutes of June 21, 2023

Call to Order: Supervisor Kullis called the Regular Meeting of the Holly Township Board of Trustees to order at 6:30 pm located at the Karl Richter Campus in Holly Area Schools Meeting Room, 920 E. Baird St., Holly, Michigan 48442

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Members Present:

George A. Kullis, Supervisor
Karin S. Winchester, Clerk
Jennifer Ryan, Treasurer
Derek Burton, Trustee
Steve Ruth, Trustee

Members Absent: None

Agenda Approval

Supervisor Kullis asked to amend the agenda to add item #7 “Shiawassee River Guage” under New Business.

- **Motion by Clerk Winchester to add item #7 and approve the amended agenda. Supported by Trustee Burton. A voice vote was taken. All those present voted yes. The motion was carried 5/0.**

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes – May 17, 2023
2. Approval of Financial Statement – May 2023
3. Approval of Bills for Payment – May 2023
4. Receipt of Routine Reports:
 - A. N.O.C.F.A. Minutes – May 15, 2023
 - B. Planning Commission Minutes – May 4, 2023
 - C. Building Permits – May 2023
 - D. Treasurer’s Annual and Quarterly Report - None
5. Communications: None

- **Motion by Clerk Winchester to approve the consent agenda as presented. Supported by Trustee Burton. A voice vote was taken. All those present voted yes. The motion was carried 5/0.**

Public Hearings: 2023-24 Holly Township Budget and Annual Redetermination Confirming the Special Assessment District for Fire and Emergency Services and Supporting Services.

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- **Clerk Winchester made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Trustee Burton supported the motion. A voice vote was taken. All those present voted yes. The motion was carried 5/0.**

No Public Comment.

- **Clerk Winchester made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Trustee Burton supported the motion. A voice vote was taken; all those present voted yes; motion carried 5/0.**

Presentations: None.

Reports:

Trustee Burton

- There is a proposed or existing House Bill to allow the inspection of septic tanks. If the septic tank fails the test, the owner will be required to pay for a new septic tank installation. Trustee Burton is working with a group to oppose this legislation. There is also legislation to require communities to pay for recycling.

Treasurer Ryan

- Tax bills were sent to the printer and will go out on July 1
- The new Deputy Treasurer, Nina Costello, will start on Monday [July 10]
- Delinquent taxes – improving communications with taxpayers to give them advance notice of delinquent taxes prior to the delinquent notices being mailed so that they have more warning.

Supervisor Kullis

- There is a House Bill (item #5 under New Business) that would take away local regulation of gravel pits and assign oversight to a state agency (likely EGLE). The Township currently has authority over the gravel pits within our district. The Township office will provide contact numbers, and Supervisor Kullis urged the public to contact their legislators and express their opposition.
- Contractors are preparing to remove the roof on the Ellis Barn.
- We attended the Ribbon Cutting for the kayak/canoe launch on Fish Lake Rd.
- Shiawassee River Gauge is on the agenda.

Public Comment (on agenda items only) - None.

Old Business:

1. Office Cleaning.
 - **Motion by Treasurer Ryan to award the contract to Sarah Hart for \$250 per cleaning, once per month. Supported by Clerk Winchester. A voice vote was taken. All those present voted Winchester; yes, Ruth; yes, Ryan; yes, Kullis; yes, Burton; no. The motion was carried 4/1.**

New Business:

1. 2023-2024 Park Commission Budget. Proposed Resolution 2023-10.
 - **Motion by Clerk Winchester to approve the 2023-2024 Park Commission Budget – Proposed Resolution 2023-10. Trustee Burton. A roll call vote was taken. All those present voted yes. The motion was carried 5/0.**
2. Holly Township Budget and Appropriations. Proposed Resolution 2023-11.
 - **Motion by Clerk Winchester to approve the Holly Township Budget and Appropriations Proposed Resolution 2023-11. Supported by Trustee Burton. A roll call vote was taken. All those present voted yes. The motion was carried 5/0.**
6. Confirm Special Assessment Roll for Fire and Emergency Services. Proposed Resolution 2023-12.
 - **Motion by Clerk Winchester to confirm the Special Assessment Roll for Fire and Emergency Services, Proposed Resolution 2023-12. Supported by Trustee Burton. A roll call vote was taken. All those present voted yes. The motion was carried 5/0.**
7. Budget Amendments. Proposed Resolution 2023-13.
 - **Motion by Ruth to approve the budget amendments, Proposed Resolution 2023-13. Supported by Ryan. A roll call vote was taken. All those present voted yes. The motion was carried 5/0.**
8. Opposition to HB 4526, 27, 28. Proposed Resolution 2023-14.

This resolution strongly urges the State House of Representative to oppose HB 4526, 27, 28 regarding granting oversight for gravel mining to a state agency and thus silencing local voices. Holly Twp. joins with the Michigan Township Association, the Michigan Municipal League, and the Municipal Assoc. of Counties in opposition to HB 4526, 27, 28.
9. **Motion by Kullis to adopt this resolution, Proposed Resolution 2023-14. Supported by Winchester. A roll call vote was taken. All those present voted yes. The motion was carried 5/0.**

10. Township Flag.

The Township does not currently have a flag. Is there interest in designing a flag?

Motion by Trustee Burton to move forward researching a flag for the Township. Supported by Treasurer Ryan. A voice vote was taken. All those present voted yes. The motion was carried 5/0.

11. Shiawassee River Guage

Students at UM have designed a device that measures river levels and speed of the current flow. This device would be mounted on the west side of the bridge on Fish Lake Rd., and users could use an app to view the depth and speed of the river. The cost of the device is \$1500/annual. We have a grant to cover \$1000 of the cost and need an additional \$500 from the Township to fund the device.

➤ **Motion by Trustee Burton to approve the expenditure of \$500 to fund the Shiawassee River Guage. Supported by Clerk Winchester. A voice vote was taken. All those present voted yes. The motion was carried 5/0.**

Public Comment

Douglas Johnson, 332 Grange Hall Road, addressed the board.

Tim Smith, 1031 S. Holly Rd. addressed the board.

Adjournment

Supervisor Kullis adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Diane M. Hill, Recording Secretary

Karin S. Winchester, Clerk