

## **Cato Township Board Meeting Minutes Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> 2022**

**Call to order by Gilbert 7:00 PM**

**Present: Gilbert, Grieser, Lincoln, Behrenwald**

**Absent: Lindsey**

**Also present: D. Kelsey –Zoning Admin. Phil Morrow P/C Chair**

**33 Citizens**

**Motion by Grieser supported by Behrenwald to approve January Minutes as presented, all in favor, carried**

**Clerk read monthly Bill Detail, Motion by Grieser supported by Behrenwald to approve and pay as presented, all in favor, carried**

**Treasurer reported monthly deposits and checking balances, Motion by Lincoln supported by Behrenwald to approve as presented, all in favor, carried**

**Zoning report by D. Kelsey with 1 new permit issued**

**Planning Commission Chairman P. Morrow gave annual report to board on progress of meetings and Ordinance work with 4 regular and 3 special meetings in 2021. Working on Wind and Solar and Master plan in 2022, request review of wages for Planning commission and additional technology , FOIA guidelines and changes to Bylaws of P/C**

**Motion by Lincoln supported by Behrenwald to use ARPA funds for roof replacement on Community Center , quote presented from Keiffs Roofing in the amount \$34,055.00 all in favor, carried**

**Motion by Lincoln supported by Grieser to allocate \$7500.00 from ARPA funds to Joint Trail Project with Village and DDA to assist with Planning and Engineering, all in favor, carried**

**Motion by Lincoln supported by Grieser to approve Twp Board members to attend Local MTA Chapter Dinner meeting Feb 15<sup>th</sup>, \$15.00 each, all in favor, carried**

**Motion by Gilbert to approve and publish Board of Review Dates of March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 9AM to 4 PM closed for Lunch 12:00 to 1:00 PM and March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 from 2:00 PM to 9:PM closed for Dinner 5 PM to 6 PM, Supported by Lincoln all in favor, carried**

**Motion by Gilbert to follow Impoverished property guidelines as stated in MCL 211.7u supported by Lincoln, all in favor, carried**

**Motion by Gilbert supported by Lincoln to allow Board of Review to accept letters of protest if tax payer cannot appear in person, all in favor, carried**

**Motion by Lincoln supported by Grieser to accept with regret the resignation of Planning Commissioner Kimberly Carr, Behrenwald request a Certificate of Appreciation be presented, all in favor, carried**

**Clerk will advertise for replacement of P/C commissioner to fill unexpired term.**

**Motion by Lincoln supported by Grieser for Clerk to Attend MTA State Convention in April including Conference and Housing, other Members encouraged to attend, all in favor, carried**

**Motion by Lincoln supported by Behrenwald to adopt FOIA Policy and appoint Clerk as FOIA Agent, all in favor, carried**

**Motion by Behrenwald supported by Grieser to reimburse Clerk for Hours spent searching records 18 hours @11.00, all in favor, carried**

**Motion by Behrnewald supported by Grieser to adopt 12 month Moratorium Ordinance #2022-1 on wind and solar permits as presented by Township Attorney, all in favor, carried**

**Motion by Grieser supported by Lincoln to Move May meeting date to May 9<sup>th</sup> due to School Election conflict, all in favor, carried**

**Road report given by Clerk , presented from Montcalm County Road Commissioner, inventory and possible projects for 2022 season, no further action**

**Behrenwald reported on 3 road culverts needing replaced**

**Public comments from 9 citizens heard**

**Joe Main asked to be considered for Planning Commission seat**

**Motion to Adjourn by Lincoln supported by Behrenwald, all in favor**

**Todd Lincoln, Cato Clerk**

**Next Regular meeting 7PM March 7<sup>th</sup> 2022**