

The regular meeting of the Macon Township Board was held on Monday, November 11, 2024 at 7p.m. with Supervisor Dean Montrief presiding. Roll call: Dean Montrief: present; Julia DeJonghe Marshall: present; Beth DeJonghe: present; Joe Rine: present; Charley Downing: present. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Important Dates:

Township Board Meeting December 2, 2024 at 7p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting January 15, 2025 at 7p.m.

Public Comment:

Marilyn Bagby – 7275 Clinton-Macon Rd. – Public Comment was heard. Thanks to Julia for the hard work on the Election. Comments on The Hive and thoughts on the Township purchasing some of the farm ground.

Penny Hunt – 12180 Macon Hwy. – Public Comment was heard. Macon Cemetery Inc. has heard negative comments about the officers and it needs to stop.

Mickey Gifford – 8254 Clinton-Macon Rd. – Public Comment was heard. Comments regarding the Hive's presentation to the Planning Commission. Mickey was involved in collecting signatures for the Citizen's for Local Control, she passed out a handout with information regarding the new laws that go into effect on November 29, 2024.

Dean explained about The Hive's presentation at the last planning commission meeting. They did not submit an application. The property is zoned ag and residential. Dean answered questions from the public regarding The Hive.

Joe Rine moved, seconded by Beth DeJonghe to approve the October 14, 2024 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

General Fund Disbursements: \$9,019. Receipts \$6,368.98. Total balance in the General Fund \$250,477.08

Solar Account: Balance remains the same at \$1,764.46

Road Account: No Disbursements. Receipts \$30.18. Total balance in the Road Account \$21,832.29

Fire Account: Disbursements: \$3,292.30. Receipts \$45.06. Total balance in the Fire Account \$38,224.49

Cemetery Account: No Disbursements. Receipts \$2,150. Total balance in the Cemetery Account \$47,275.87.

Cemetery Money Market Account (Perpetual Care) Receipts \$1.91. Total balance \$16,016.45

The COVID/ARPA Account was closed on 10/3/2024 with a check being issued to Ridgeway Township Fire Department for \$49,022.95

Julia DeJonghe Marshall moved, seconded by Joe Rine to approve the ledger account balances. Motion carried.

Julia DeJonghe Marshall moved, seconded by Joe Rine to pay all bills. Motion carried.

Old Business

- a. Waiting on the sign for the Macon Cemetery, because we are looking to hire a new sexton and he or she may have additional rules.

New Business

- a. Looking for 2 new Board of Review Members. Dave Squires has resigned, and Larry Bush passed away.
- b. The Township Lawyer is working on ordinances for porta john's, cemetery, junk/noxious weeds.

Report from the Supervisor

- a. Lake Ridge Cemetery is not owned by the Township. It is a private cemetery. Lake Ridge Cemetery's attorney agreed that it is private. It is against the law for the township to fund a private cemetery. The township maintains the 2 cemeteries it owns: Macon Cemetery and The Osborne Cemetery on Welch Rd.
- b. Jeromy Zarko introduced himself. He is interested in the Sexton position at the Macon Cemetery.

Julia DeJonghe Marshall moved, seconded by Charley Downing to adjourn the meeting at 7:43p.m.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia DeJonghe Marshall

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Clerk

Macon Township

Guests: 18