

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2022, 7:00 P.M.  
FOSTER TOWNSHIP HALL  
1968 CLEAR LAKE RD, WEST BRANCH, MI 48661**

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Miller at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge to the flag.

Roll call, Miller, Shirey, VanGoethem, Brenner, McIntyre present.

Motion by Brenner, supported by Shirey, to approve August 9, 2022 Regular Board meeting minutes; the motion carried.

Treasurer report received and filed.

Assessor report received and filed.

John Sekely Township's new Sexton was introduced by Supervisor.

Blight Officer Report reported letter was sent to Clear Lake Motel owner and they are cleaning the property. An ORV vehicle parked with an ORV sticker is on the premises and can be ran according to DNR as long as they stay on the side of the road.

Commissioner report received (see attached).

Fire Chief DuPage reported nine runs for August. Two medical calls since September 1, 2022. In January 2023 EMR classes will be held. October 15, 2022 a community CPR and AED class will be held at the fire hall starting at 10:00 a.m. and will last approximately 2 hours.

Motion by Miller, supported by Shirey, to approve repairs on truck 723 for \$752.16, Roll call vote, Shirey, aye, VanGoethem, aye, Miller, aye, Brenner, aye, McIntyre, aye; the motion carried; 5 ayes, 0 nay.

Motion by VanGoethem, supported by McIntyre, to approve one remote garage door opener for \$630.00, Roll call vote, Shirey, aye, VanGoethem, aye, Miller, aye, Brenner, aye, McIntyre, aye; the motion carried; 5 ayes, 0 nays.

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Motion by Shirey, supported by VanGoethem, to approve 3 Emergency Medical Products using ARPA funds for \$455.77, Roll call vote, Shirey, aye, VanGoethem, aye, Miller, aye, Brenner, aye, McIntyre, aye; the motion carried; 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Supervisor reported on the letter the attorney sent to the trespasser, another letter will be issued giving the trespasser 7 days to move said snowmobile trailer off township property. Discussion was held on putting up a fence on both sides of the township property, Supervisor would contact fence companies and report at October board meeting.

Park report Brenner submitted a quote from Timber Mitt on cutting the trees at the park, Motion by Brenner, supported by Shirey, to hire Timber Mitt for \$5300 to cut down trees paid with ARPA monies, Roll call vote, Shirey, aye, VanGoethem, aye, Miller, aye, Brenner, aye, McIntyre, aye; the motion carried; 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Library report received and filed.

Clerk reported that Marty Brooker submitted his letter of resignation effective September 1, 2022 as transfer station attendant and maintenance. Clerk emailed the board to hire a new maintenance person, all agreed to hire John Sekely as the township maintenance man.

Motion by Miller, supported by Shirey, to move November 8, 2022 Regular Township meeting to November 9, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. due to the election on November 8, 2022, the motion carried.

Supervisor reported at the corner of Rose City Road and Grass Lake Rd a truck ran over the sign. Pat Reinke Ogemaw County Road Commission in an email to the Supervisor to enhance W2-2 signs (T intersection north and south of the intersection, Dual 36" R1-1 (Stop Signs), W4-4P (Cross Road Traffic Does Not Stop) signs added to the Stop Signs, and Dual W3-1 (Stop Ahead Signs). Installing LED solar lights were also mentioned. Supervisor will get with Pat.

Motion by Miller, supported by Brenner, to approve new employee Paul Kinsler at the new sub transfer station attendant effective September 1, 2022, the motion carried.

Motion by Miller, supported by VanGoethem, to approve the L4029 2022 tax request; the motion carried.

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Supervisor reported on the Rifle River Drain letter the township received, Supervisor will be going to the meeting at Horton Township, September 15, 2022.

Discussion was held on dropping the two lines from AT&T, Supervisor will call M33 to see how much they charge for a phone line.

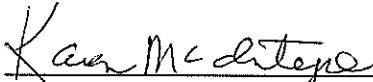
Public Comment Mary Beebe announced her candidacy for District Court Judge and reported how important the November election is.

Supervisor asked the board to look at the Horseshoe Lake survey whether to sell part of the property or put up a fence. Discussion will be held at the October meeting.

Motion by Brenner, supported by VanGoethem, to pay bills as presented plus the additional bills totaling \$5972.33, the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Minutes prepared by,

  
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Karen McIntyre, Township Clerk

  
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Approved by Supervisor, Sandra Miller

09/13/2022

ACCOUNT BALANCE REPORT FOR FOSTER TOWNSHIP  
PERIOD ENDING 08/31/2022

| GL NUMBER                         | DESCRIPTION                              | END BALANCE<br>08/31/2022 |
|-----------------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| Fund 101 - GENERAL OPERATING FUND |  |                           |
| Assets                            |  |                           |
| 101-000-001.000                   | CASH-CHECKING                            | 357,218.19                |
| 101-000-002.000                   | CASH-SAVINGS                             | 93,143.22                 |
| 101-000-002.003                   | EFT/UTILITIES CHECKING                   | 7,532.24                  |
| TOTAL ASSETS                      |  | <u>457,893.65</u>         |
| Fund 206 - FIRE FUND              |  |                           |
| Assets                            |  |                           |
| 206-000-001.000                   | CASH-CHECKING                            | 60,355.70                 |
| 206-000-004.000                   | FIRE EQUIPMENT FUND CHECKING             | 72,835.40                 |
| TOTAL ASSETS                      |  | <u>133,191.10</u>         |
| Fund 210 - PARK FUND              |  |                           |
| Assets                            |  |                           |
| 101-000-003.000                   | MAINTENANCE FUND CASH SAVINGS            | 51,312.57                 |
| 101-000-003.002                   | CD-CEMETERY                              | 13,132.17                 |
| 101-000-008.000                   | CASH - CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT CHEMICAL B | 51,885.92                 |
| 210-000-003.010                   | CD-PARK                                  | 8,607.37                  |
| TOTAL ASSETS                      |  | <u>124,938.03</u>         |

**Foster Township Assessor Report-**  
**August/September 2022**

- Inspecting & Updating Records.
- Preliminary Equalization Studies in process.
- STC is expecting a 5% inflation rate increase for 2023. I will confirm when I know for sure. 😊

*Allison Thompson*

9/13/2022

September 12, 2022

Commissioner Report



1. Accepted a grant for Covid Reimbursement for Corrections Dept.
2. Authorize purchase of two Sheriff cars, 2022 Chevrolet Tahoes. Purchased thru MiDeal at \$67,240 each. Paid using the Road Patrol budget.
3. Listened to a proposal for the County's Veteran's office move into the former State Police building with other veteran's services.
4. Authorized Transit to purchase its annual tire inventory.
5. Authorized Purchase of Body-worn Cameras for Law Enforcement personnel.
6. Approve resolution to establish a fee for Telecommunication tower site plan review.
7. Authorized the sale of Surplus County Property.
8. Listened to annual reports from AuSable Valley Mental Health and NEMSCA (Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency)
9. Public Hearing held for Housing Dept.'s CDGB funding (Community Development Block Grant)

Committee reports;

1. Parks and Recreation; Nature Park were able to put the herd in the fenced area, while the remainder of the fence is installed. The RV park had some minor repairs done. Attendance this year has been very good.
2. Airport; A review of projects and finances.
3. Planning; A Special use was approved in Rose Twp for storage units, A Special Use was approved in Hill Twp for building a cellphone tower, A Special use was approved in Mills Twp for an Auto Recycling facility.
4. Road Commission Starting Union negotiations, Reviewed road projects and equipment status.

September 13, 2022

To: Foster Township Board

From: Kathy Shirey

Re: Library Board of Trustee meeting August 29, 2022

The meeting was held on August 29 due to it falling on Labor Day. The bills and financials were reviewed and we continue to be stable at this time. One of the board members attended the Michigan Library Association workshop on material challenges and collection policy. Our policy was reviewed and updated in September 2020. The board again reviewed it and feels it is adequate and fair. The library celebrated its 117th year of service to the community with the unveiling of a reconditioned historic library sign. Many were in attendance with Meijers donating refreshments. August had its end of summer picnic in the park with approximately 30 people in attendance. Our library is the only library that offers a reading program for all ages- children to adults. 3640 books were read for this program.

**WEST BRANCH DISTRICT LIBRARY**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**August 1, 2022 5:00 p.m.**

Members present: K. Michael, K. Shirey, S. Jennings, D. Beamish, S. Smith, T. Barnhart, director J. Sheridan.

Absent: Y. Mahl, M. Durfee, J. Headings

Call to order by president K. Michael followed by the pledge of allegiance.

**Approval of agenda:** J. Sheridan requests we add update re: summer reading program, S. Smith requests addition of Teddy Bear picnic. Motion by S. Smith to accept agenda with noted additions, S. Jennings supports, all in favor, motion passed.

**Public Comment:** None

**Minutes of last meeting:** On file. K. Michael motioned to accept minutes as presented, T. Barnhart supports, all-in favor, motion passed.

**Bills to pay:** Review by board. Questions answered. Motion by K. Michael to pay bills, S. Jennings supported, all in favor, motion passed.

**Financials:** since it is the first of the month, the financials have just been submitted to the accountant, will review next month.

**Correspondence:** None

**Old Business:** J. Sheridan reported an update on the lawsuit. Some new information he has turned over to the attorney.

**New Business:** Trustee M. Durfee will need to be excused from meetings for the near future. The board expresses their continued support for a speedy recovery and return. Lori R. gave an update on the Summer Reading program which will be ending and the planned picnic is for Thursday at Irons Park. So far 25 children are signed up and a puppet show is planned with some other activities. Donations and volunteers are greatly appreciated. There were 62 easy readers signed up, 43 junior readers, 11 young adults and 42 adults. Good job on a well-run program!! S. Smith reports on a need for an assistant for Emily Warnecke for the Teddy Bear picnic at the Victorian Art Fair. This is for only ½ to 1 hour to help with set up and directing the young children to seats. Sue normally helps but will be out of town. S. Jennings will also put it out in email to the volunteers.

**Directors Report:** On file. J. Sheridan updated the board on the past month's activities.

Next meeting will be August 29, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Adjournment called by K. Michael at 5:40 p.m.

Kathy Shirey

secretary



(No Subject)

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From: Zep Graff (timbermittt@gmail.com)

To: sjbrenner99@yahoo.com

Date: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 at 08:19 PM EDT

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12 dead trees removed cleaned up and 3 poplar trees leaning towards baseball field fence fell opposite way into the forest and left no clean

Total \$5,300.00

Per Steve Brenner  
Clear Lake baseball fields

Attention Foster Township Board Members:

08/21/2022

I, Martin Brooker, am submitting this written letter of resignation from all of the township duties assigned to me. This will be effective as of September 1, 2022, at which time I will surrender all township keys in my possession.

Respectfully;

Martin Brooker

RECEIVED

AUG 24 2022

**2022 Tax Rate Request (This form must be completed and submitted on or before September 30, 2022)**  
MILLAGE REQUEST REPORT TO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Carefully read the instructions on page 2.

This form is issued under authority of MCL Sections 211.24e, 211.34 and 211.34d. Filing is mandatory. Penalty applies.

County(ies) Where the Local Government Unit Levies Taxes  
**Ogemaw**

2022 Taxable Value of ALL Properties in the Unit as of 5-23-2022  
**\$56,978,616**

Local Government Unit Requesting Millage Levy  
**Foster Township**

For LOCAL School Districts: 2022 Taxable Value excluding Principal Residence, Qualified Agricultural, Qualified Forest, Industrial Personal and Commercial Personal Properties.

This form must be completed for each unit of government for which a property tax is levied. Penalty for non-filing is provided under MCL Sec 211.119. The following tax rates have been authorized for levy on the 2022 tax roll.

| (1)<br>Source | (2)<br>Purpose of Millage | (3)<br>Date of Election | (4)<br>Original Millage Authorized by Election Charter, etc. | (5) **<br>2021 Millage Rate Permanently Reduced by MCL 211.34d "Headlee" | (6)<br>2022 Current Year "Headlee" Millage Reduction Fraction | (7)<br>2022 Millage Rate Permanently Reduced by MCL 211.34d "Headlee" | (8)<br>Sec. 211.34 Truth in Assessing or Equalization Millage Rollback Fraction | (9)<br>Maximum Allowable Millage Levy * | (10)<br>Millage Requested to be Levied July 1 | (11)<br>Millage Requested to be Levied Dec. 1 | (12)<br>Expiration Date of Millage Authorized |
|---------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fixed         | Gen Oper                  | 1965                    | 1.0000   | 0.8070   | 0.9839  | 0.7940  | 1.0000  | 0.7940                                  | N/A   | 0.7940  | N/A   |
| Ex Voted      | Fire Equip                | 08/2014                 | 0.5000   | 0.4946   | 0.9839  | 0.4866  | 1.0000  | 0.4866                                  | N/A   | 0.4866  | 2022  |
|               |                           |                         |  |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
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Prepared by \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Title of Preparer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATION:** As the representatives for the local government unit named above, we certify that these requested tax levy rates have been reduced, if necessary to comply with the state constitution (Article 9, Section 31), and that the requested levy rates have also been reduced, if necessary, to comply with MCL Sections 211.24e, 211.34 and, for LOCAL school districts which levy a Supplemental (Hold Harmless) Millage, 380.1211(3).

Clerk  
 Secretary  
 Chairperson  
 President

Signature: *Karen McIntyre* Print Name: **Karen McIntyre** Date: **9-13-22**

Signature: *Sandi Miller* Print Name: **Sandi Miller** Date: **9-13-22**

\* Under Truth in Taxation, MCL Section 211.24e, the governing body may decide to levy a rate which will not exceed the maximum authorized rate allowed in column 9. The requirements of MCL 211.24e must be met prior to levying an operating levy which is larger than the base tax rate but not larger than the rate in column 9.

\*\* **IMPORTANT:** See instructions on page 2 regarding where to find the millage rate used in column (5).

Local School District Use Only. Complete if requesting millage to be levied. See STC Bulletin 2 of 2022 for instructions on completing this section.

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| Total School District Operating Rates to be Levied (HH/Supp and NH Oper ONLY)    | Rate |
| For Principal Residence, Qualified Ag., Qualified Forest and Industrial Personal |      |
| For Commercial Personal  |      |
| For all Other  |      |



| Check Date                 | Bank | Check | Vendor | Vendor Name | Invoice Vendor | Description | Amount           |
|----------------------------|------|-------|--------|-------------|----------------|-------------|------------------|
| <b>GENER TOTALS:</b>       |      |       |        |             |                |             |                  |
| Total of 13 Checks:        |      |       |        |             |                |             | 19,703.51        |
| Less 0 Void Checks:        |      |       |        |             |                |             | 0.00             |
| Total of 13 Disbursements: |      |       |        |             |                |             | <u>19,703.51</u> |
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| <b>REPORT TOTALS:</b>      |      |       |        |             |                |             |                  |
| Total of 19 Checks:        |      |       |        |             |                |             | 22,098.85        |
| Less 0 Void Checks:        |      |       |        |             |                |             | 0.00             |
| Total of 19 Disbursements: |      |       |        |             |                |             | <u>22,098.85</u> |

8231-8268 TEST = 30,616.71  
 + 113.52  
 1962.14  
 2896.69  
389.84

Clerks Check Register  
For Check Dates 09/01/2022 to 09/30/2022

| Check Number     | Name                  | Check Date | Pay Period End Date | Net       |
|------------------|-----------------------|------------|---------------------|-----------|
| 8231             | AMMOND , JAMES T.     | 09/13/2022 |                     |           |
| 8232             | BARRETT, DENNIS L     | 09/13/2022 | 09/30/2022          | 58.28     |
| 8233             | BRENNER , STEVEN J.   | 09/13/2022 | 09/30/2022          | 27.81     |
| 8234             | BROOKER , MARTIN R    | 09/13/2022 | 09/30/2022          | 132.30    |
| 8235             | DELAND , RICHARD J.   | 09/13/2022 | 09/30/2022          | 380.65    |
| 8236             | DUPAGE, DARYL P       | 09/13/2022 | 09/30/2022          | 136.00    |
| 8237             | DUPAGE, LOGAN Q       | 09/13/2022 | 09/30/2022          | 677.26    |
| 8238             | ENGEL, RYAN M         | 09/13/2022 | 09/30/2022          | 430.97    |
| 8239             | HALL, SAMANTHA R      | 09/13/2022 | 09/30/2022          | 27.81     |
| 8240             | KECKSTEIN, TODD A     | 09/13/2022 | 09/30/2022          | 116.59    |
| 8241             | KOWALCZYK , KEVIN S.  | 09/13/2022 | 09/30/2022          | 542.18    |
| 8242             | LEIBLER , SHANTEL D   | 09/13/2022 | 09/30/2022          | 97.32     |
| 8243             | MCINTYRE , DWIGHT L.  | 09/13/2022 | 09/30/2022          | 103.27    |
| 8244             | MCINTYRE , KAREN M    | 09/13/2022 | 09/30/2022          | 98.52     |
| 8245             | MESKE, ROD            | 09/13/2022 | 09/30/2022          | 1,166.96  |
| 8246             | MILLER , SANDRA S.    | 09/13/2022 | 09/30/2022          | 726.72    |
| 8247             | MORRISH , EDWARD      | 09/13/2022 | 09/30/2022          | 685.72    |
| 8248             | OWEN , GAVIN L.       | 09/13/2022 | 09/30/2022          | 409.51    |
| 8249             | POPIELARZ , CASEY R   | 09/13/2022 | 09/30/2022          | 29.14     |
| 8250             | REETZ, ROBERT G       | 09/13/2022 | 09/30/2022          | 97.33     |
| 8251             | SAVOIE, HUNTER A      | 09/13/2022 | 09/30/2022          | 305.86    |
| 8252             | SEKELY, JOHN J        | 09/13/2022 | 09/30/2022          | 291.45    |
| 8253             | SHIREY , KATHLEEN E.  | 09/13/2022 | 09/30/2022          | 269.57    |
| 8254             | THOMPSON , ALLISON N  | 09/13/2022 | 09/30/2022          | 176.08    |
| 8255             | VANGOETHEM , AMBER    | 09/13/2022 | 09/30/2022          | 1,408.28  |
| 8256             | VANGOETHEM, COLLEEN M | 09/13/2022 | 09/30/2022          | 46.74     |
| EFT24            | EFTPS,                | 09/13/2022 | 09/30/2022          | 753.68    |
| Total Checks: 27 |                       |            |                     | 1,717.20  |
|                  |                       |            |                     | 10,913.20 |