

THORNAPPLE TOWNSHIP BOARD

Special Meeting, Wednesday, November 20, 2019

1. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Bremer at 7:33 a.m. at the Township Hall, followed by the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by those present.
2. Present: Mike Bremer, Deb Buckowing, Ross DeMaagd, Sandy Rairigh, and Cindy Willshire. Jake Jelsema arrived at 7:43 a.m. Curt Campbell was an excused absence.
3. **MOTION** by Buckowing, support by Willshire to approve the Agenda as Printed. **MOTION APPROVED** with 5 yes voice votes and two absent.

New Business

4. Appointment of Treasurer Designee: **MOTION** by Buckowing support by Willshire to appoint Denise Piering as the Treasurer Designee and accept tax payments in the absence of the treasurer **MOTION CARRIED** with 6 yes voice votes.
5. Deputy Treasurer wages: **MOTION** by DeMaagd support by Buckowing to clarify the previous motion to raise the deputy treasurer hourly rate by \$1.52 bringing the rate up to \$19/hr. **MOTION CARRIED** with 6 yes votes.
6. Additional handicap parking: **MOTION** by Buckowing support by Jelsema to make the NW parking spot in the Township Hall parking lot of Main Street a handicap accessible spot. **MOTION CARRIED** with 6 yes voice votes.
7. Employee health care plan: The Board approved the renewal of the current non-ACA plan. **MOTION** by Buckowing support by Willshire to adopt resolution #14-2019 Resolution to adopt the annual exemption option as set forth in public act 152, the publicly funded health insurance contribution act. **MOTION CARRIED** with 6 yes voice votes.
8. Employee health care contributions: **MOTION** by Jelsema support by DeMaagd, effective April 1, 2020, that all Thornapple Township employees covered by the Township's health insurance will be required to pay 7% of the premium cost of their respective coverage plan option (employee only, employee & spouse or family) for insurance year beginning December 1, 2019. The Board will address adjustments to the employee percentage of premium costs on an annual basis. Employees eligible for insurance coverage but choosing to opt out, will receive an "opt out dividend/stipend" equal to one half (1/2) the employee only rate. **MOTION CARRIED** with 5 yes voice votes, 1 no voice vote and 1 absent.
9. Elected official's compensation: **MOTION** by DeMaagd support by Buckowing to adopt statutory/non-statutory pay percentage for elected officials. For the Supervisor: 85% of the pay will be considered "Statutory" and 15% "Non-statutory"; Treasurer: 80% of the pay will be considered "Statutory" and 20% "Non-statutory"; and Clerk: 70% of the pay will be considered "Statutory" and 30% "Non-statutory. The annual salary resolutions for the officials will reflect the "Statutory" pay amounts.
10. **Budget 2020-2021:** continued conversation on 2020-2021 budget.

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, December 9, 2019 @ 7:00 PM.

Next Special Meeting: Wednesday, January 8, 2020 @ 7:30 AM.

MOTION by Jelsema, support by Buckowing to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION APPROVED** with 6 yes voice votes.

Adjournment of meeting by Supervisor at 9:29 a.m.

Approved _____

Cindy A. Willshire, Clerk