

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF MERRILL BOARD MEETING
HELD AT THE TOWN OF MERRILL COMMUNITY CENTER
FEBRUARY 12th, 2024 AT 6:30 P.M.**

Chairman Mike Hass called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Chairman Mike Hass, Supervisors Darrel Dengel, Matt Leder, Cutler Nowak, and Tim Mueske all in attendance.

Also present: See sign in sheet.

Motion by Darrel Dengel to accept minutes of the January 8th, 2024 Town Meeting as printed, 2nd by Cutler Nowak; motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Matt Leder to accept minutes of the January 8th, 2024 Caucus Meeting as printed, 2nd by Tim Mueske; motion carried 5-0.

Treasurer's Report: Ending Balance as of February 12th, 2024 is \$998,250.91. After checks issued on February 12th, 2024 for \$23,945.88. Balance as of February 12th, 2024 \$972,099.35. Motion by Cutler Nowak to approve as read, 2nd by Darrel Dengel; motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Darrel Dengel to approve the vouchers as presented, 2nd by Matt Leder; motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Darrel Dengel to approve the tax vouchers as presented, 2nd by Cutler Nowak; motion carried 5-0.

ROAD REPORT

Chairman Mike reported the Airport Rd is out for bids, so far there has been 4 inquiries, and the County will also be bidding.

Road weight limits will be left off for now, if roads do get soft let Chairman Mike Hass know.

Chairman Mike Hass, Matt Leder and Ryan King did a road inspection. They looked mostly where there needed to be brush cutting, which will be discussed further in new business.

EQUIPMENT REPORT

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Hiring custodial/light maintenance person, Mike and Matt will work on an ad to be put in the paper.

NEW BUSINESS

MAPS was represented by Trisha Detert and Ryan Martinovich in place of Shannon Murray who was a different meeting. They handed out packets with information about the referendum coming up and spoke about it and explained everything. Information can also be obtained from the website www.mapsedu.org.

Discussed Liquor License for Gail Haig. There was never one bought last year, a new one would have to be purchased, but the back taxes would have to be paid.

Brush cutting, Chairman Mike Hass asked Scott Streich how long it took J&J to cut, it was 48 hours for 1/3 of the township for \$6500. Mike has looked into renting the machine, that is \$130 an hour to rent it, approximately \$13,000 to rent the machine for 2 weeks. Now is a good time to get it done. Mike called J&J and they haven't called him back. We would rent the machine and have Ryan King do the work. We would be renting it from Surrey. Motion was made by Darrel Dengel to try it for a week, 2nd by Tim Mueske; motion carried 5-0.

Discussion on the Arpa Fund balance, which will be approximately, \$23,571.92 (plus interest earned). Chairman Hass suggested putting it toward Airport Rd. Darrel Dengel suggested looking at getting a back up generator. Will be discussed at further meetings.

Weight limits, any concerns call Mike Hass and they will put them on.

CORRESPONDENCE

Tim Mueske brought up about getting new fire numbers there are a lot of them that are bad, Mike Hass said that gets done by Lincoln County Land Services.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steve Koch asked about driveway permits and if there is a required size culvert that has to be put in. Mike said it depends on the size of the driveway, but he goes by a minimum of a 20 foot culvert.

ADJOURN

Darrel Dengel made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Tim Mueske; motion carried 5-0.
Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Mitzi Flegner, Clerk