

STAMBAUGH TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Meeting

The meeting of the Stambaugh Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Isaacson on January 11, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Stambaugh Township Hall.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Roll call was taken with Supervisor Isaacson, Treasurer Rogers, Clerk Christensen and Trustees Pangrazzi and Stolberg in attendance. Also present was Water Supervisor, Wyatt Johnson.

The minutes were read from the December 14, 2022, meeting and accepted as read.

Clerk Christensen read the bills for the month and Trustee Stolberg made a motion to approve the bills as read with a second by Treasurer Rogers. Bills were approved.

Treasurer Rogers read the Treasurer's report which was accepted as presented.

Zach Hautala emailed the Annual Report for the Iron County Economic Chamber Alliance which was shared with all of the board members. He reported that they are working with WUPPDR regarding grant money that is available for residents for home improvements, if they qualify.

Russ Johnson started as a part-time employee. He is currently working on small projects and meter reads.

Water Supervisor Johnson reported that we have had some waterline breaks out by Chicaugon Lake that have had to be repaired. He stated that there is another issue in that area that so far has gone undiagnosed. Trustee Stolberg suggested that gradual replacement of the older waterlines be done on an annual basis.

Supervisor Isaacson stated that we have an ongoing problem with the Lyss's on Scott Lake Road. Their water meter has not been working for over three years. Water Supervisor, Gary Pangrazzi, contacted them regarding the need for it to be repaired. Current Water Supervisor, Wyatt Johnson, has done the same. They were given a used meter to replace their defunct one, but never had it installed. Supervisor Isaacson will contact them to hire a handyman of their choice to get it installed to prevent their water from being shutoff. The Township will bill them for any charges that may apply.

Supervisor Isaacson will be meeting with Doug Tomasoski to discuss the road projects for 2023.

Phase 2 of the Sparks Grant for Holmes Park will be worked on in February.

Fire Board meeting will be taking place this upcoming Monday.

Trustee Stolberg congratulated Water Supervisor Johnson for the good job he is doing as well as praising past Water Supervisor Pangrazzi for the training he provided him.

Our next regular meeting will be held on February 8, 2023.

Trustee Pangrazzi made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Trustee Stolberg. Meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Christensen

STAMBAUGH TOWNSHIP BOARD

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The meeting of the Stambaugh Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Isaacson on February 8, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Stambaugh Township Hall.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Roll call was taken with Supervisor Isaacson, Treasurer Rogers, Clerk Christensen and Trustees Pangrazzi and Stolberg in attendance. Also present was Water Supervisor, Wyatt Johnson.

The minutes were read from the January 11, 2023, meeting and accepted as read.

Clerk Christensen read the bills for the month and Trustee Stolberg made a motion to approve the bills as read with a second by Trustee Pangrazzi. Bills were approved.

Treasurer Rogers read the Treasurer's report which was accepted as presented.

Zach Hautala with the Iron County Economic Chamber Alliance reported that approximately 60 residents in Iron County applied for the MI-HOPE Grant which is being administered by WUPPDR. Five or six Iron County residents were drawn for Phase 1. There will be three phases to the Grant with the resident's names who have applied, but haven't been drawn, rolling over into the next Phase. In addition, new residents may apply for the upcoming Phases.

Zach also stated that there will be a meeting regarding the continuation of the bike trail project with the original plan being resurrected.

Resident, Mary Wurzer, inquired if electronic items were accepted during our Annual Clean-up. While these items are accepted, paint and tires are not.

Water Supervisor Johnson reported that about 8% of the meters in the township are in need of replacement or repair. This is being done on a consistent basis as we are able to get new meters or parts. In addition, the amount of revenue being received for utility billing has been gradually increasing over the past two years.

Utility customer's whose meters we can't access are being charged additionally and their arrear amounts are placed on their property taxes.

The Hill Road well pipes have been cleaned up—the rust was ground off and they are repainted. Supervisor Johnson said dehumidifiers are needed in the pump houses to control humidity during warmer weather.

John Nieminen will be putting an addition on a cabin on Cataldo Drive on Stanley Lake. The addition will end up over the current waterline which will need to be moved. The plan is being reviewed and responsibility for costs will be considered.

The Lyss's still have not had their new meter put in place. They will have until Friday of this week to do so or their water will be shut off as per their warning letter.

The upcoming road projects are in the planning process, but we don't have a definitive plan yet.

The Forest Service wants to put a dock in Hagerman Lake -- going through the permitting process to do so.

Alina Shively, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for the Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, has sent a request to submit to the state a name change for Squaw Lake/Marsh Bay Lake to Makwagamaa or Bear Lake. The Township has no objection to this change.

Craig Richardson from WICKWIRE will begin work on Phase 2 of the Sparks Grant for Holmes Park.

Water Supervisor Johnson proposed that the Township purchase a new sign for the hall. He said our current sign cannot be repaired. He will contact Nicolet Sign to do the artwork for it as well as the new signs for Holmes Park.

Clerk Christensen proposed closing our general account with MERS to any additional or new hires. Supervisor Isaacson made a motion to do so with a second from Treasurer Rogers. Motion carried.

Windsor Center is doing well with the auditorium being painted and re-carpeted. Supervisor Isaacson will check with Dawn Pisoni regarding copies of their minutes for our review.

The Board of Review will be meeting on March 13-14, 2023, and are also in need of a new board member.

There were no zoning permits to review.

Our next regular meeting will be held on March 8, 2023.

Treasurer Rogers made a motion to adjourn with a second from Trustee Pangrazzi. Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Christensen

STAMBAUGH TOWNSHIP BOARD

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The meeting of the Stambaugh Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Isaacson on March 8, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Stambaugh Township Hall.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Roll call was taken with Supervisor Isaacson, Treasurer Rogers, Clerk Christensen and Trustees Pangrazzi and Stolberg in attendance. Also present was Water Supervisor, Wyatt Johnson.

The minutes were read from the February 8, 2023, meeting and accepted as read.

Clerk Christensen read the bills for the month and Trustee Stolberg made a motion to approve the bills as read with a second by Treasurer Rogers. Bills were approved.

Treasurer Rogers read the Treasurer's report which was accepted as presented.

Resident, Laura Erhart, inquired as to the reason our MERS fund was behind on payments. Supervisor Isaacson explained that as a result of the downward turn in the market and a guarantee to meet a specific level of return, we are underfunded and need to pay into the fund.

Zach Hautala with the Iron County Economic Chamber Alliance reported he is continuing to work with S.C. Swiderski on housing development plans. He will be meeting with his new contact at the end of the month. He also had a meeting with community leaders to discuss the continuation of the Iron Belle Trail. More grant money is available for this project than in the past. The ICECA will soon be releasing the guidelines for their Iron County Fast Track Grant Program which will offer up to \$2,500 for start-up businesses.

The Iron County Visitor's Guide has been sent to the printer. 20,000 copies will be printed for distribution.

Hagerman Lake pump house pipes have been cleaned and painted. Supervisor Johnson reported that the inside of the building and the floor will also be painted.

There has been some waterline breaks at Stanley Lake and Ski Brule that were repaired. A Ski Brule resident who currently has a joint well with the neighbors inquired into the possibility of hooking up to the township waterline. A \$2,000 tap in fee would be charged in addition to the cost of running a new line.

Discussion regarding moving the waterline for John Nieminen's project at Stanley Lake took place. Minimum costs to the owners would be \$3,500 with all costs not being figured in yet. Mr. Nieminen said they could dig for the waterline when they did the basement dig to contain costs. Trustee Stolberg

made a motion for the township to share the costs to move the line with the owners and to have an easement put in place. Treasurer Rogers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Resident, Mary Wurzer, inquired about the Lyss's water meter. Supervisor Johnson assured her it was repaired and working.

The water department is in need of a trailer to transport the lawn mower. Supervisor Johnson will look into options regarding one.

Supervisor Isaacson stated we received a letter from UPSET requesting monetary support from the township. \$1,000.00 was already budgeted for this request.

WICKWIRE will begin work on Phase 2 of the Sparks Grant for Holmes Park.

The Board reviewed drawings of the new sign project to be put by the hall. The green background was the one chosen.

FA Industrial was granted the bid for the University Road project for this year for \$203,000. Crystal Falls Township has decided that they do not have the funds to share the cost to redo Krans Road with Bates Township. Bates is having a meeting to decide what to do as the road is in great need of repair.

Treasurer Rogers has finished collecting \$3,783,834.54 of taxes.

Mr. Haukkala has informed the Township that he no longer will be doing audits so we are in need of finding another auditor.

Our annual meeting will be on March 29th at the hall at 7 p.m.

Our next regular meeting will be on April 12, 2023.

There were no zoning permits to report.

Trustee Pangrazzi made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Treasurer Rogers.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Christensen

STAMBAUGH TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Meeting

The meeting of the Stambaugh Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Isaacson on April 12, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Stambaugh Township Hall.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Roll call was taken with Supervisor Isaacson, Treasurer Rogers, Clerk Christensen and Trustees Pangrazzi and Stolberg in attendance. Also present was Water Supervisor, Wyatt Johnson.

The minutes were read from the March 8, 2023, meeting and accepted as read.

The proposed 2023-2024 budget was reviewed. Treasurer Rogers made a motion to accept the budget as presented with a second from Trustee Pangrazzi. Motion carried.

Clerk Christensen read the bills for the month and Trustee Stolberg made a motion to approve the bills with a second by Trustee Pangrazzi. Bills were approved.

Treasurer Rogers read the Treasurer's report which was accepted as presented.

Zach Hautala with the Iron County Economic Chamber Alliance reported that S.C. Swiderski is interested in placing a housing development in the Crystal Falls area. The Iron County Live, Work & Play event will take place on April 15th from 10—3 at George Young's. He has been unable as of yet to meet with contacts regarding the Iron Belle Trail. As a result of a reduction in advertising, 15,000 Visitor's Guides were printed instead of 20,000. The Fast Grant Program is moving forward, but finding available contractors is difficult.

Perspective salary increases for all of the Board Members took place. Clerk Christensen prepared a comparison spreadsheet for salaries for board members in all of the townships excluding Hematite. Robert Cole stated that he felt the board should receive an increase to make the salaries comparable to other townships. He suggested a monthly increase of \$555 for the Supervisor position to \$1,800, an increase of \$322 for the Clerk and the Treasurer to \$2,000, and an increase \$55 for the Trustees positions to \$350. Anne and John Nieminen stated that they did not feel a percentage increase was enough after reviewing the spreadsheet. Mr. Nieminen said "Good work deserves good compensation". Trustee Stolberg made a motion to go with the suggested increases by Robert Cole with a second from Trustee Pangrazzi. Motion carried and effective as of April 1, 2023.

Supervisor Johnson has been in contact with a dozen businesses checking pricing on a trailer to haul the lawn mower. Tractor Supply Company offers a 5' x 9' trailer for \$2,000. Tool Time has one for \$2,600 that is a little bigger. Trustee Stolberg said he will check an auction site for a used one.

New signage is being worked on for Holmes Park and the hall. Supervisor Johnson has spoken to the residents at Ski Brule that have a shared well. Two of the owners have said they want to tap into the township's waterline while two are still deciding. A waterline break on Nowicki Road was repaired and many roads have been reported with washouts.

John Nieminen reported that the bid process is ongoing for his Stanley Lake project and but not proceed until fall or even next spring.

Chicaugon Lake property owners sent a request for a \$7,500 donation for milfoil abatement. The decision regarding this is tabled until the May meeting.

WICKWIRE has prepared a proposal to be submitted for the Sparks Grant which would be used for upgrades at Holmes Park. Cost to prepare the proposal is \$1,500. Treasurer Rogers made a motion to accept this proposal with a second from Trustee Pangrazzi. Motion carried.

All is good at the Windsor Center, with the Fire Department and at the Cemetery.

Our next regular meeting will be on May 10, 2023.

There were no zoning permits to report.

Treasurer Rogers made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Trustee Pangrazzi.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Christensen

STAMBAUGH TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Meeting

The meeting of the Stambaugh Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Isaacson on May 10, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Stambaugh Township Hall.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Roll call was taken with Supervisor Isaacson, Treasurer Rogers, Clerk Christensen and Trustees Pangrazzi and Stolberg in attendance. Also present was Water Supervisor, Wyatt Johnson.

The minutes were read from the April 12, 2023, meeting and accepted as read.

Clerk Christensen read the bills for the month and Trustee Stolberg made a motion to approve the bills with a second by Treasurer Rogers. Bills were approved.

Treasurer Rogers read the Treasurer's report which was accepted as presented. A review of CD rates was also provided by Treasurer Rogers.

Resident, Mary Wurzer, applauded the road repair that was done at the cemetery.

Patti Peretto reported that the County Commission received money that will be used for lighting at the fairgrounds, a drone for the Sheriff's Department, security at the courthouse and lighting at the Chicaugon Lake changing house.

Zach Hautala with the Iron County Economic Chamber Alliance reported that Crystal Falls housing development is moving ahead. The Fast Grant program was awarded to four applicants. Ten individuals will receive energy efficient upgrades to their homes through My Hope. The BAH at the Alpha Brewery had the highest turnout for attendance. The next BAH will be at the Iron River Country Club at the end of May.

Bob Cole, resident, inquired if anything is being done regarding the blight in the township. Supervisor Isaacson reported that contact has been made with the offenders, but it is a difficult situation to enforce the cleanup.

Steve Polich, resident, addressed the request for a donation for abatement of the milfoil in Chicaugon Lake. The milfoil has been treated since 2009. Initially there was approximately 20 acres affected by it and now there are 1—3 acres. Results from treatment vary each year with some year's being more successful, and the cost of treatment has risen by 40%. Most of the money for the treatment comes from the Chicaugon Lake Association members. Trustee Stolberg voiced his concern that we were setting a precedent to all lake property owners if we donate money for the treatment of Chicaugon Lake. Resident, Laura Erhart, suggested that we could setup an account for milfoil abatement and it could be split if more than one lake needed money for treatment. Trustee Stolberg made a motion to

donate \$5,000 to the Chicaugon Lake Association for the milfoil abatement. Trustee Pangrazzi seconded it. Motion carried.

Water Supervisor Johnson reported that all three pump houses have been cleaned up, but are still in need of dehumidifiers to prevent further rusting. Gravel is needed at Holmes Park after road restrictions are lifted. Supervisor Johnson stated that the trailer that he found to purchase at Tractor Supply for \$2,000 will only be used in the summer so it does not need to be heavy duty. Trustee Stolberg made a motion to purchase it with a second from Treasurer Rogers. Motion carried.

There was discussion regarding getting a dumpster for at the hall. Supervisor Johnson will look into the availability and cost. Also looking for a cell phone booster for the truck as there are many areas with poor cell service.

Ryan's Excavating will sweep the bike trail tomorrow.

Krans Road project make be back on, details are being ironed out. Hagerman Lake Road will have minor repair for the bad sections while Baumgartner Road will be finished this summer.

Craig at Wickwire is ready to submit the paperwork for the Sparks Grant.

Windsor Center and the Fire Department are doing well. Our cemetery annual assessment which is determined by population went up and will be rebilled.

Annual township clean-up will take place on June 24th from 8—12 in the township parking lot. A notice will be place in the Reporter.

Clerk Christensen made a motion to reinstate the \$2.00 penalty fee for late payments on utility bills that was forgiven during Covid. Treasurer Rogers seconded and motion carried.

Trustee Pangrazzi asked about purchasing a new vacuum cleaner for the hall. She will look into that purchase.

Our next regular meeting will be on June 14, 2023.

There were no zoning permits to report.

Trustee Pangrazzi made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Treasurer Rogers.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Christensen

STAMBAUGH TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Meeting

The meeting of the Stambaugh Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Isaacson on June 14, 2023, at 7:02 p.m. at the Stambaugh Township Hall.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Roll call was taken with Supervisor Isaacson, Treasurer Rogers, Clerk Christensen and Trustees Pangrazzi and Stolberg in attendance. Water Supervisor, Wyatt Johnson, was absent because of an ongoing water issue.

The minutes were read from the May 10, 2023, meeting and accepted as read.

Clerk Christensen read the bills for the month and Trustee Stolberg made a motion to approve the bills with a second by Trustee Pangrazzi. Bills were approved.

Treasurer Rogers read the Treasurer's report which was accepted as presented.

Supervisor Isaacson asked for a moment of silence in recognition of the passing of Theresa Baumgartner who had served as our Clerk for 27 years.

Zach Hautala with the Iron County Economic Chamber Alliance reported that the Crystal Falls housing development continues to move forward. The title work was ordered and came back clear. The job fair was well attended with good participation from the attendees. The final Business after Hours took place at the Iron River Country Club with a good turnout.

Christian Bensen with Wickwire presented a Resolution of Authorization to apply for the Sparks Grant for improvements at Holmes Park. Treasurer Rogers made a motion to accept this resolution with a second from Trustee Stolberg. Motion carried.

Supervisor Isaacson reported that the Krans Road project was back on for \$44,654.94. Stambaugh Township's responsibility for this project is a one-time payment of \$22,327.47.

Some overlayment will be done on Hagerman Lake Road over the rough areas and University Road will be worked on in the early fall with FA Industrial winning the bid.

Chloride has been put on some roads to control dust due to the lack of rain.

Supervisor Isaacson reported that the Windsor Center is doing well and that the Cemetery Board discussed the need for additional assessment fees for the township as a result of the increase in population.

Everything is set for the township clean-up day on June 24th at the hall from 8—noon.

Resident, John Nieminen, inquired if a decision had been made by the County Commissioners to keep 911 local. Zach Hautala had been at the meeting and stated that a special meeting will be taking place to decide this matter.

Supervisor Isaacson read the zoning permits.

Our next regular meeting will be on July 12, 2023.

Treasurer Rogers made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Trustee Pangrazzi.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Christensen

STAMBAUGH TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Meeting

The meeting of the Stambaugh Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Isaacson on July 12, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Stambaugh Township Hall.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Roll call was taken with Supervisor Isaacson, Treasurer Rogers, Clerk Christensen and Trustees Pangrazzi and Stolberg in attendance. Also present was Water Supervisor, Wyatt Johnson.

The minutes were read from the June 14, 2023, meeting and accepted as read.

Clerk Christensen read the bills for the month and Treasurer Rogers made a motion to approve the bills with a second by Trustee Stolberg. Bills were approved.

Treasurer Rogers read the Treasurer's report which was accepted as presented.

Resident, Laura Erhart, stated that our Assessor crossed her driveway without permission and that no one from the Township is allowed on her property without her permission to include the Township's attorney. She requested that the Assessor be reprimanded. Supervisor Isaacson stated that Mari Negro was only doing her job to get to the neighbor's property as that side of the lake was being re-assessed.

Zach Hautala with the Iron County Economic Chamber Alliance reported that the survey work has been completed for the proposed housing development in Crystal Falls with no issues. Further, Invest UP has released their Build U.P. initiative and they will work with the City of Crystal Falls on applying to this program for assistance. New signage is being worked on for the Chamber office and the RV Park.

Resident Mary Wurzer inquired about the Global Response building being for sale. Zach Hautala stated they are looking to downsize and move to a new location. She also asked about the blight situation and Supervisor Isaacson said it is being worked on.

A resident near the Proskch farm is complaining about barking dogs and has had neighbor's signing a petition regarding it. Supervisor Isaacson encouraged him to talk to his neighbor to try to resolve this issue.

Supervisor Johnson reported that the #1 well is online, but needs some reprogramming which will be done tomorrow. Gravel has been placed at Holmes Park and the bike trail has been mowed. New meters have arrived so more of the defunct ones can be replaced and the Indian Lake generator has been delivered. A new customer wants to tap into the township waterline on Pentoga Trail.

Krans Road has been completed and the Sparks grant application was submitted.

Holmes Park's new signs are ready for placement.

Eugene Pellizzaro reported that the Windsor Center has a gas leak in the boiler room which will be repaired.

There are both Fire and Cemetery Board meetings coming up.

Our 2023 Township Clean-up Day went well with many residents participating.

Supervisor Isaacson read the zoning permits.

Our next regular meeting will be on August 9, 2023.

Trustee Pangrazzi made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Treasurer Rogers.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Christensen

STAMBAUGH TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Meeting

The meeting of the Stambaugh Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Isaacson on August 9, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Stambaugh Township Hall.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Roll call was taken with Supervisor Isaacson, Trustees Pangrazzi and Stolberg in attendance, Clerk Christensen and Treasurer Rogers were absent. Also present was Water Supervisor, Wyatt Johnson.

The minutes were read from the July 12, 2023, meeting and accepted as read.

Supervisor Isaacson read the bills for the month and Trustee Stolberg made a motion to approve the bills with a second by Trustee Pangrazzi. Bills were approved.

Supervisor Isaacson read the Treasurer's report which was accepted as presented.

The new generator has been placed at Indian Lake on the cement slab awaiting Ahlberg Electric to complete the electrical work. The #1 well has been reprogrammed to run more efficiently and the broken or malfunctioning water meters are being replaced as needed.

The Windsor Center is applying for a grant for the Windsor Center Improvement Project for possibly \$1 million. They are seeking local support without any financial commitment from the Township. A motion was made by Trustee Stolberg to support the resolution for their grant application with a second by Trustee Pangrazzi. Motion carried.

Brad Toivonen cleared some trees by University Road to help with the improvement project.

The barking dog situation seems to have been resolved with the game warden. The dogs do wear bark collars and the neighbors do not seem to have any complaints at this time.

Supervisor Johnson reported that the new signs have been placed at Holmes Park and campground money was collected.

Caspian-Gaastra Fire Department won first place in the 2023 tournament with WIC Fire Department taking 4th place. The 2024 tournament will be in Iron River.

The cemetery is doing well. If there is money available at the end of this season, some of the dead trees will be removed.

Supervisor Isaacson read the zoning permits.

Our next regular meeting will be on September 13, 2023.

Trustee Stolberg made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Trustee Pangrazzi.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Christensen with the assistance of Trustee Pangrazzi

STAMBAUGH TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Meeting

The meeting of the Stambaugh Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Isaacson on September 13, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Stambaugh Township Hall.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Roll call was taken with Supervisor Isaacson, Clerk Christensen, Treasurer Rogers, and Trustees Pangrazzi and Stolberg in attendance. Also present was Water Supervisor, Wyatt Johnson.

The minutes were read from the August 9, 2023, meeting and accepted as read.

Clerk Christensen read the bills for the month and Trustee Stolberg made a motion to approve the bills with a second by Trustee Pangrazzi. Bills were approved.

Treasurer Rogers read the Treasurer's report which was accepted as presented.

Zach Hautala with the Iron County Economic Chamber Alliance stated progress continues with the City of Crystal Falls and SCS on a development agreement for the potential housing within the city limits. The MI-HOPE Grant Program had 42 applicants, 9 of which will receive rehabilitation to their homes through energy efficient upgrades. Iron County's summer events were successful with an increase in the number of attendees. The Harvest and Haunt event will take place on September 30th from 4 – 9 p.m. with a beer & wine tent, Trick or Treating, performance by Sons of Legend and a bonfire at dusk.

Patti Peretto reported that there is a new emergency manager and that the county was healthy and their budget has been completed. She inquired if the township wanted to adopt a resolution for protection in the event of a catastrophe. Treasurer Rogers made a motion to adopt this resolution with a second from Trustee Stolberg. The resolution was accepted.

The 911 program equipment will need to be upgraded in the near future. The general thought is to keep the program local. A mil increase would allow this, but the commissioners are trying to figure out how to best make this work.

The Stambaugh Township tax base is going up as more people move into the area.

We received the wrong generator for the Indian Lake project. It was a single phase and we need a 3 phase. Total Energy Systems would buy it back for \$14,000, down from the purchase price of \$22,000. Krist Oil has offered to purchase it for \$18,000. Wickwire will absorb the difference between. Quotes will be sought from different sources for a new 3 phase generator. A motion to sell the single phase generator to Krist Oil for \$18,000 was made by Trustee Stolberg with a second from Trustee Pangrazzi. Motion carried. Krist Oil will pick up the generator.

Supervisor Johnson reported that the defunct meters are being changed out as we receive new meters and that the water department is running well.

Ditching and new culvert work on University road has been completed. The residents are happy to have the improvements to the road.

Discussion regarding perspective raises for the township employees, Board of Review, Board of Appeals, Planning Commission, Zoning Administrator, and our Election Workers took place. Trustee Stolberg

made a motion for a 5% increase in their pay with a second from Treasurer Rogers. Motion carried. The raises for the water department employees will be retro to August 1st.

Clerk Christensen presented a proposal for BS&A software to replace her programs and to upgrade Treasurer Rogers and Assessor Mari Negro's programs so all will be compatible. Limitations would be put in place for each program with assignment of Administration authority and/or viewing access. The programs will be all cloud based so information will be consistently current. This proposal is for \$57,000. Trustee Stolberg made a motion to accept this proposal with a second from Trustee Pangrazzi. Motion carried.

The hall telephone bill through AT & T continues to increase. Clerk Christensen stated AT & T no longer wants to service this type of landline so billing will only continue to increase. Supervisor Johnson will look into a home phone connect setup for the hall to replace this landline.

Holmes Park is looking good. There are more trees that will need to be removed in the future. We are still waiting to hear on the Sparks grant to complete possible park improvements.

The Windsor Center has applied for a grant. They are hoping to at least receive part of the grant money for improvement projects at the center. The boiler inspector won't approve the boiler without it being repaired. Two doors were replaced in the building for \$20,000. The Friends of the Windsor Center are saving money to have A/C installed in the auditorium.

Supervisor Isaacson read the zoning permits for the month.

Our next regular meeting will be on October 11, 2023.

Trustee Pangrazzi made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Treasurer Rogers.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Christensen

STAMBAUGH TOWNSHIP BOARD

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The meeting of the Stambaugh Township Board was called to order by Supervisor Isaacson on October 11, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at the Stambaugh Township Hall.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Roll call was taken with Supervisor Isaacson, Clerk Christensen, Treasurer Rogers, and Trustees Pangrazzi and Stolberg in attendance. Also present was Water Supervisor, Wyatt Johnson.

The minutes were read from the September 13, 2023, meeting and accepted as read.

Clerk Christensen read the bills for the month and Treasurer Rogers made a motion to approve the bills with a second by Trustee Pangrazzi. Bills were approved with a question by Supervisor Johnson regarding an invoice from Premier Earth Works.

Treasurer Rogers read the Treasurer's report which was accepted as presented.

Zach Hautala with the Iron County Economic Chamber Alliance stated that round two of the Fast Track Grant program is now open. The goal of this program is to attract new, but different businesses that will create more jobs in our area. The ICECA's Harvest and Haunt events was the biggest one in several years with approximately 2,000 community members and tourists in attendance.

Supervisor Johnson reported that the two phase generator at Indian Lake has been picked up by Krist Oil. We also received a quote from Northern Energy Systems for a new 3 Phase generator for \$19,603.

Two leaks were repaired—one on Osterlund Road and the other on Stanley Lake Drive. A large order has been placed with Core & Main to restock supplies for the water department.

We received a quote from Stik-Bilt to install double doors with locks at the Indian Lake and Hagerman Lake well houses for \$1850 per site. Trustee Stolberg made a motion to accept this quote with a second from Treasurer Rogers. Motion carried.

Discussion took place regarding some revisions to the water ordinance. This topic is tabled until next month's meeting.

Supervisor Isaacson will review with Brad Toivonen the perspective road improvements for next year.

We were informed that we will not be receiving any grant money to improve Holmes Park. No reason was given.

Both the Windsor Center and Fire Department are doing well. The Cemetery is wrapping up for the season.

The blight issues in the township are improving with obvious clean up at some of the sites.

Treasurer Rogers has received a number of NSF checks for tax payments. Some of our CD's are coming due and will be reviewed.

Clerk Christensen reported that she will be attending training for early voting procedures at the Breitung Township Hall tomorrow.

Supervisor Isaacson read the zoning permits for the month.

Our next regular meeting will be held on November 8, 2023.

Trustee Pangrazzi made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Trustee Stolberg.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Christensen

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The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Roll call was taken with Supervisor Isaacson, Clerk Christensen, Treasurer Rogers, and Trustee Stolberg in attendance. Trustee Pangrazzi was absent. Also present was Water Supervisor, Wyatt Johnson.

The minutes were read from the October 11, 2023, meeting and accepted as read with a correction on the Indian Lake generator being a one phase.

Clerk Christensen read the bills for the month and Trustee Stolberg made a motion to approve the bills with a second by Treasurer Rogers. Bills were approved.

Treasurer Rogers read the Treasurer's report which was accepted as presented.

Zach Hautala with the Iron County Economic Chamber Alliance stated that he will be the sales associate for all ads for the 2024 Iron County Visitor's Guide. Ads are the same price as last year with a 5% discount being offered until December 1st. The goal is to sell as many ads that will allow for 20,000 copies of the guide to be printed. During this year's West Iron County and Forest Park "Pink Out" volleyball match, nearly \$9,800 was raised in support of the Iron County Cancer Unit. Many holiday associated events are coming up with Small Business Saturday on November 25th. Two hospitality locations will be set up: one at the Iron County Museum and the other at Amberlicious Nail. The ICECA will compile a list of promotions, deals and discounts that businesses will be offering during that day. A reach out to the public at large will take place through Facebook. The first area Business After Hours was held at Chung's Bar & Grill with a good attendance. The next BAH will be at the Iron County Museum on December 6th in collaboration with the Christmas Tree Galleria. The City of Caspian received a MEDC Community Development Block Grant for upgrades to their community park/playground.

Supervisor Johnson reported there was a problem with the furnace and electric backup at the Hagerman Lake well house, but that it was fixed. Drier Electric has been contacted to replace the outside light by the hall entry doors and the parking lot light. Our pump house needed electrical repair work which was completed by Ahlberg Electric.

John Nieminen stated that he now had a signed contract with the Chmura's on Cataldo Drive. He was representing the homeowners to present the contract regarding moving the waterline. The resident's will be responsible for half of the expenses, approximately \$5,500, with the Township paying for the other half. A water easement will be put in writing with stipulations and signed by all parties. Trustee Stolberg made a motion to accept this contract with a second from Treasurer Rogers. Motion carried.

Perspective water ordinance changes were tabled until the December meeting with the absence of Trustee Pangrazzi.

No ongoing major projects for roads are projected. W. Brule Lake Road will get some overlayment from Hagerman Lake Road to the Forest Service gravel pit.

Golden Lake Trail will need some work soon.

Supervisor Isaacson reported that the cemetery funds are at zero. A 50% increase is needed for operations at \$25 per capita with \$28,500 being the Township's responsibility, a \$9,121 increase. Treasurer Rogers made a motion to approve the increase with a second from Trustee Stolberg. Motion carried.

Townships and municipalities have lost local control over solar and wind project development which the State is promoting.

With a number of Airbnb's in our area, it was stated that there are no real guidelines set up to govern them.

Supervisor Isaacson reported that the Fire Department received a \$10,000 grant for new air tanks and gear.

Winter taxes will be out soon.

Supervisor Johnson asked about purchasing a booster for his cell phone to be used while in his truck. He will be trying one out to see if it is worthwhile.

Zoning permits were read by Supervisor Isaacson.

Our next regular meeting will be held on December 13, 2023, with our Christmas Party to follow.

Treasurer Rogers made a motion to adjourn with a second from Trustee Stolberg.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Christensen

STAMBAUGH TOWNSHIP BOARD

Regular Meeting

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The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Roll call was taken with Supervisor Isaacson, Clerk Christensen, and Trustees Stolberg and Pangrazzi in attendance. Treasurer Rogers was absent. Also present was Water Supervisor, Wyatt Johnson.

The minutes were read from the November 8, 2023, meeting and accepted as read.

Clerk Christensen read the bills for the month and Trustee Stolberg made a motion to approve the bills with a second by Trustee Pangrazzi. Bills were approved.

Supervisor Isaacson read the Treasurer's report which was accepted as presented.

Zach Hautala with the Iron County Economic Chamber Alliance reported that the Crystal Falls City Council voted to sell S.C. Swiderski 27.1 acres of property in the city limits contingent on an approved development agreement. Work continues on the ad sales for the upcoming Visitor's Guide. Twenty-six businesses offered deals and/or discounts for Small Business Saturday shoppers. The Christmas in Lights parade and the day's events were very successful with a great turnout of support. Business after Hours was held at the Museum in conjunction with the Christmas Tree Galleria sponsored by Wickwire and Cathy Peruzzi of Thrivent. Approximately 80 people were in attendance.

Supervisor Johnson reported that our new generator is in production and would be delivered soon. His new cell phone booster is working well in areas that he could not get service before. The Well house on Hill Road is completed with the painting now finished. Meters are being replaced as they come in and there were two new tap ins in the township.

Discussion regarding a Christmas bonus for Supervisor Johnson and Russell Johnson resulted in a motion by Supervisor Isaacson to give them each a \$100 bonus. Trustee Pangrazzi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Golden Lake Trail and West Brule Lake Road will have some work done on them next year.

Holmes Park is closed for the winter. Open MIC Night has started at the Windsor Center.

Clerk Christensen discussed early voting procedures that are set in place and reported that Julie Kezerle has retired as County Clerk with Amy Donati completing her last year of her term.

The next township meeting will be held on January 10, 2024.

Supervisor Isaacson made a motion to adjourn with a second from Trustee Pangrazzi.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Christensen