NOVEMBER 2023 MINUTES MCLEANSBORO TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

The November 14th, 2023 Township Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Clydus Gray. The meeting was held at the McLeansboro Township building. Unable to attend the meeting was Kyle Ingram. There were no public comments.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes from the October 2023 Board meeting were read by the Clerk. As those minutes required no corrections, a motion to approve them, as written, was made by Bob Brockett and seconded by Becky Cross. Motion carried.

Old Business

Request for Coal Mine Road Payment: Supervisor Gray said the payment, requested last month from SCF Marine, to maintain the required balance in the Coal Mine Road Fund, has been received and deposited. The balance in the account is now \$100,000.00.

Cemetery Update: Eva Lynn Gray stated the work needed to update the records for both Ten Mile and Hopewell cemeteries is complete and she is in the process of confirming the information on the website is accurate. She also said she has found sturdy material that can be used to produce new maps in those instances where it is necessary to do so. Once again, this is going to be a lengthy process. However, significant progress is being made.

New Business:

Truth in Taxation: It was noted that the Township has not held a Truth in Taxation hearing since 2007 and, since that time, funds available to properly conduct Township business, primarily the maintenance of Township roads, have slowly declined to the point where additional funds are needed. In order to accomplish this, it would be necessary to request a Truth in Taxation hearing as the funds needed will be more than 5% above the last extended levy. The last extended levy submitted amounted to \$433,672.78. Supervisor Gray is recommending a request be made to increase the current levy to \$544,721.53, an increase of 27.91%. By Statute, in order to request that amount a Truth in Taxation hearing is needed. After discussion, a motion to hold that hearing was made by Clydus Gray and seconded by Becky Cross. Motion carried.

The hearing will be held at the Township building at 6:30 P.M., December 12th, 2023. Richard Woods will submit the required public notice to the McLeansboro Gazette by no later than November 27th.

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Monthly Claims

- Road and Bridge Fund, Building and Equipment Fund and Permanent Road Fund claims were provided for review. Motion by Dennis Johnson and seconded by Bob Brockett to pay those bills. Motion carried.
- Town Fund and Social Security Fund claims were also presented to the Board. Motion by Becky Cross and seconded by Dennis Johnson to pay those bills. Motion carried.

There being no further business to conduct, motion to adjourn was made by Becky Cross and seconded by Dennis Johnson. Motion Carried.

Richard Woods Township Clerk