NEWARK TOWNSHIP MEETING HELD AT THE NEWARK TOWNSHIP HALL DATE OF MEETING: JULY 13, 2020 TIME: 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Becky Roslund.

Board members present were: Becky Roslund, Tyler Moomey, Tessa Zuker, Tamey Skinner. Chris Bovee was excused.

Guests: Deputy Rafe Maxwell, Commissioner Sam Smith, and Sheila Moore from Gratiot Health Department.

Minutes from the June 8, 2020 meeting were emailed to Board Members.. Motion by Tyler Moomey, seconded by Tessa Zuker to accept minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report – Tessa Zuker reported an ending balance of $134,769.38 as of June 30, 2020. Tessa emailed a list of bills to be paid for July 2020. Tessa Zuker made a motion that they be paid. Motion seconded by Tyler Moomey. Motion carried.

Sheila Moore of the Gratiot Health Department works also with Clinton County. She presented a Septic Smart program developed by the EPA. It was started in 2011. Gratiot Conservation District did testing in 2015-16 which showed high E coli counts. Recommended 3-5 years to have tank emptied.

She recommended testing your well water once a year for $63.00. E coli tests are done by the health department. She also recommended that people who are doing chemo or heavily medicated (antibiotics) need to be done more frequently.

Don’t run appliances and shower all at once. Tanks are smaller from years past compared to now. It is recommended to install a 1,000 gallon tank for large families. Very informative presentation.

Commissioner Smith said that Commissioners’ meetings are done on ZOOM. The public has been tuning into the meetings more.

When entering the Courthouse your temperature is taken at the check in point and you answer a few questions to be allowed in.

Gratiot Airport is still being looked at to see how it can pay for itself. Sam has been looking over the property to recommend improvements. Election signs are up in the County.

Deputy Rafe Maxwell asked if the sheriff’s department could utilize the airport for some emergency training drills. Sam said he would look into it.

Also Commissioners are looking into making a Solar Farm where the City Dump is.

Deputy Maxwell reported that Newark Township had 35 complaints from March thru June. There were 2,614 complaints in Gratiot County for that time period. Deputy Maxwell figured this is pretty average so far this year.

The Sheriff’s Department had Autism Training for all deputies last month. This will help in situations in the community to better understand what the deputy is facing with people who are Autistic and in trouble. More trainings are planned to get Gratiot educated with the community and the state.

Weapon training went well. The best trainer in the state is Deputy Russo who worked with the deputies.

Board of Review is July 22 at the hall.

Repair jobs at the Hall to include east door wood surround.

There was 1 fire run for June. Fire runs will only be billed $500.00 for residents and non-residents.

Ithaca Fire to become Incorporated. Only one department gets the money to run whole County. Newark was first to sign. A county wide millage will be proposed.

Becky Roslund presented the Interlocal Agreement Creating the Ithaca Area Fire Authority to the Newark Township Board. The Fire Authority will have a Board Meeting every month to go over situations and pay bills. Some form of compensation will be given to Board members. Tyler Moomey has said that he is willing to be on the Board.

Becky Roslund nominated Tyler Moomey to be on the Area Fire Authority Board for 2 years. Tamey Skinner seconded. All in favor: unanimous. Motion Carried.
Supervisor and Clerk signed the Agreement on July 17, 2020. Newark Township will be an incorporated member of this Board.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Tamey Skinner, Newark Twp. Clerk