

**Canteen Township  
Meeting Minutes  
January 10, 2023  
6:00pm**

**1.Call to Order:6:00**

**2.Pledge of Allegiance: 6:00**

**3. Prayer:Angie Rodgers**

**4. Roll Call: 6:00**

A.Rickie Thomas: Present      D. Nicholas Allen:Present  
B.Cynthia Gutierrez:Absent    E. Supervisor Rodriguez: Present  
C.Angie Rodgers:Present      F. Clerk Kawaii Williams: Present  
4:Present      1:Absent      Quorum: Yes

**5. Approval of Previous Minutes:**

**A. Motion to Approve:**      December 13, 2023

Motion by:Angie Rodgers      2nd:Rickie Thomas

A.Rickie Thomas:Yes      D.Nicholas Allen:Yes

B.Cynthia Gutierrez:Absent    E.Supervisor Rodriguez:Yes

C.Angie Rodgers:Yes

4:Yes      1:Absent      Passed:Yes

**6. Bills:**

**A. Motion to Approve Bills**

Motion by:Angie Rodgers      2nd:Nicholas Allen

A.Rickie Thomas:Yes      D.Nicholas Allen:Yes

B.Cynthia Gutierrez:Absent    E.Supervisor Rodriguez:Yes

C.Angie Rodgers:Yes

4:Yes      1:Absent      Passed:Yes

**7. Old Business:**

**A.Holiday Party Update:** The party will be Thursday, December 21, 2023 from 11:00am-1:00pm. Food is ordered. If we need to invite anyone just bring them along.

**8. New Business:**

**A. Review Tax Levy Ordinance for Canteen Township:**

**B.Motion to Approve the Tax Levy Ordinance for Canteen Township 23-1213:**

**C.Review Tax Levy Ordinance for Road & Bridges:**

**D.Motion to Approve the Tax Levy Ordinance for Road & Bridges 23-1213A:**

Motion by:Angie Rodgers to table items A- D until December 21, 2023 at 1:30pm

2nd: Nicholas Allen

A.Rickie Thomas:Yes

D.Nicholas Allen:Yes

B.Cynthia Gutierrez:Absent

E.Supervisor Rodriguez:Yes

C.Angie Rodgers:Yes

4:Yes

1:Absent

Passed:Yes

**E.Approval of Postpone of the last meeting of the year:**

Motion by:Angie Rodgers

2nd:Nicholas Allen

A.Rickie Thomas:Yes

D.Nicholas Allen:Yes

B.Cynthia Gutierrez:Absent

E.Supervisor Rodriguez:Yes

C.Angie Rodgers:Yes

4:Yes

1:Absent

Passed:Yes

**9. Road Commissioner Comments:** TWM is still working on their end with Saint Clair County for 71st street. It takes time going through the paperwork. The attorney has sent the paperwork on the Montgomery Rodgers case that has to be signed. Once Mr. Rodgers and his attorney review the paperwork and sign them. The checks can be printed and this case will be behind us.

**10.Trustees Comments:**Trustee Allen explanation on why the Tax Levy had to be tabled. The previous administration that was doing and requesting the funds for the Tax Levy was not requesting the correct amount. What they filed last year was \$214,680.00. By State Statute if you go above 5% you have to have a Public Hearing, notify the people that this is what we are asking for to get us through next year. We can't go above \$225,414. That's where we are at right. We are right that 5% now with the cost of inflation, personnel and getting everything right. The only thing we have to justify is we are building a new building. When we have a Public Hearing and someone asks why you want to raise our taxes. We are building a new building.If you take out the new building we are right at \$225,414, we are not trying to steal \$600,000 or anything like that. If you read the Levy we are asking for \$897,000. If you take out the contract fees and the cost to build the building we are right at \$225,414. We don't want to get in trouble or they come

after us saying we are taking this money and doing this. Trustee Allen” I only found out about this today when I was talking with the County Clerk.” I do have a copy of the State Statute. We can justify everything that’s going on.

**11. Supervisor Comments:** The Audit draft is in production right now as we speak. They should be calling us at the end of this week or early next week to finalize. I’m thinking about Christmas, the Audit will be done. Park Grant: The Hartman order has been placed. The other items that we are going to add from that grant will be delivered in the Spring. I have informed the office on how to send those bills right to the County. Comptroller Reports have not been done for 2021, 2022 and 2023. 2023 is easy because our books are in better shape now. Stephanie, Alicia, Nicholas and myself have been putting our heads together trying to get this together. It’s a lot of paperwork and a lot of stuff to put in. If you don’t have it we can get in trouble. It’s difficult due to the horrible bookkeeping. Web page is up and head shots are needed.

**12. Public Comments:** N/A

**13. Executive Session:**

**A. Motion to Approve Executive Session**

Motion by: Angie Rodgers to strike                      2nd: Nicholas Allen  
A. Rickie Thomas: Yes                                      D. Nicholas Allen: Yes  
B. Cynthia Gutierrez: Absent                      E. Supervisor Rodriguez: Yes  
C. Angie Rodgers: Yes  
4: Yes              1: Absent                                      Passed: Yes

**14. Adjourn:**

**A. Motion to Adjourn**

Motion by: Angie Rodgers to adjourn at 6:11              2nd: Nicholas Allen  
A. Rickie Thomas: Yes                                      D. Nicholas Allen: Yes  
B. Cynthia Guitierrez: Absent                      E. Supervisor Rodriguez: Yes  
C. Angie Rodgers: Yes  
4: Yes                      1: Absent                                      **Adjourned: 6:11**

**Submitted By:**  
**Kawaii Williams/Clerk**

