

AMSA BOARD  
Battle Creek City Hall  
Via Zoom, Enterprise Video Conferencing  
10 N. Division Street  
Battle Creek, MI 49014  
Tuesday, May 25, 2021  
11:00 PM

**Members Present:** Marcie Gillette, attending remotely from Battle Creek City: Vester Davis and Chaz Wilkey, attending remotely from the City of Springfield: Deb Belles, attending remotely from Emmett Township: Kevin Leiter and Barb Darlington, attending remotely from Pennfield Township: Troy Radcliff, attending remotely from Newton Township: Bill Scutt and Mark Hires, attending remotely from Bedford Township

**Members Absent:** Rebecca Fleury, Kathy Szenda Wilson, Carla Reynolds, City of Battle Creek: John Schwartz, Convis Township: James Mead, Emmett Township: Laveta Hardish, Leroy Township: Kelli Scott and Rochelle Hatcher, Calhoun County (non-voting members).

**Others Present:** Vicki Houser, Battle Creek City Clerk

**Call to order/Recognition of Quorum:** Ms. Houser called the meeting to order at 11:01 pm, noting a quorum was present.

**Election of Officers**

- a. Chairperson : Deb Belles**
- b. Vice Chairperson : Troy Radcliff**
- c. Treasurer : Vester Davis**

AMSA Board members discussed Board officer appointments, with Deb Belles offering to serve as Chairperson, Troy Radcliff offering to serve as Vice Chairperson, and Vester Davis offering to serve as AMSA Treasurer.

Ms. Houser asked if there were any other nominations. Hearing none, Ms. Houser noted a motion was necessary so that Mr. Vester Davis could be placed on the bank accounts as a signer on the AMSA accounts. Ms. Houser asked if the Board wanted to make any comment or discussion.

A motion was made by Bill Scutt, supported by Troy Radcliff, to approve the slate of officers for the AMSA Board, specifically Deb Belles as Board Chairperson, Troy Radcliff as Vice Chairperson and Vester Davis as Board Treasurer. All in favor, none opposed. Motion approved.

Ms. Houser turned the meeting over to Deb Belles, AMSA Board Chair.

**AMSA Representative to the Calhoun County Consolidated Dispatch Authority**

Chairperson Belles requested nominations for the AMSA Representative to the Calhoun County Consolidated Dispatch Authority Board.

A motion was made by Deb Belles, supported by Bill Scutt, to appoint Kevin Leiter as AMSA Board representative to the Calhoun County Consolidated Dispatch Authority Board. All in favor, none opposed. Motion approved.

**Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Bill Scutt, supported by Kevin Leiter, to approve the June 18, 2020 AMSA Board minutes, with an amendment to the municipal dues multiplier to .09057. All in favor, none opposed. Motion approved.

**AMSA Construction Board of Appeals - Appointment**

- a. **Darrell Swanson**
- b. **John Sims**
- c. **Jack Munger**

A motion was made by Marcie Gillette, supported by Troy Radcliff, to reappoint Darrell Swanson to the AMSA Construction Board of Appeals and to newly appoint John Sims and Jack Munger to the AMSA Construction Board of Appeals. All in favor, none opposed. Motion approved.

#### **AMSA Municipal Dues Multiplier**

Ms. Gillette, noting there was a surplus in the budget as of June 2020, shared that all board members approved a motion to waive the municipal dues for 2020 during the June 2020 meeting, stating the board would review the budget and Treasurer's report again in 2021 to determine if dues should be assessed.

Ms. Gillette shared that the AMSA Board discussed the municipal dues multiplier at the last meeting, stating most members thought the municipal multiplier was the same for all municipalities, just the population count was different. Ms. Gillette stated there was agreement among all AMSA members that the multiplier should be the same for all municipalities, as it currently was not equitable. Ms. Gillette stated a multiplier of .09057 applied to each municipality would result in the same amount of annual dues collected.

Chairperson Belles stated "We are all in this together," and it would seem fairer to have the same multiplier for each AMSA municipality. Mr. Scutt and Treasurer Davis agreed, noting that no one has been able to provide a reason for the difference in the multipliers. .

A motion was made by Deb Belles, supported by Mark Hires, to apply the same multiplier of .09057 for all AMSA municipalities when calculating the annual dues. All in favor, none opposed. Motion approved.

Treasurer Davis informed the Board that the AMSA account currently had a balance of \$14,301.54.

Ms. Houser noted the Secretarial Contract was not invoiced for the last year as no regular AMSA meetings had been held, stating AMSA Board members were instead invited to participate in the Joint Information Center meetings held in conjunction with the County. Ms. Houser also shared there were currently three outstanding invoices for print jobs, totaling \$1,095.00.

#### **Proposed AMSA Items for upcoming calendar**

Ms. Gillette provided a history of the AMSA Board, stating the body came together to discuss items that would impact all of the AMSA jurisdictions, stating there is often confusion as to AMSA's purpose. Ms. Gillette noted a primary issue that took a few years to work through was the need for a consolidated dispatch system for the entire county. Ms. Gillette also noted another commonality included inspection fees, which was something each member jurisdiction had, along with ballot issues that often affect the entire county. Ms. Gillette stated it was important that they not narrow their view on potential subjects, encouraging everyone to think broadly about what impacts and touches everyone.

Mr. Radcliff shared that Newton Township was currently working with local partners on 6 funding opportunities, stating that often when there are more partners, there is an increased likelihood of receiving funding. Mr. Radcliff stated that smaller municipalities do not always qualify for grant opportunities due to limited infrastructure and lower population numbers, but when working together, they may then qualify.

Board members agreed to consider other issues that could be considered for collaboration and partnership to discuss at the next meeting.

**Public Comments:** Ms. VanWormer confirmed there was not anyone in the waiting room to provide public comments.

**Board member Comments :**

Board members welcomed newly elected officials to the AMSA Board, expressing appreciation to all for the information and history provided during the meeting, all stating they were looking forward to learning and working together.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, September 7, 2021

**Adjournment** : at 11:45 pm.