

Rita Goul, Supervisor  
Carol Coyle, Clerk  
Chuck Hudler, Treasurer  
Mary Letts, Trustee  
Daniel Mieske, Trustee

**Visitors:**

*List with Clerk's copy*

**TOWNSHIP MEETING CALL TO ORDER:**

Township meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor, Rita Goul.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:** Dan Mieske Present, Mary Letts, Present, Chuck Hudler, Present, Rita Goul, Present, Carol Coyle, Present.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda as written was made by Chuck and supported by Mary. No additional discussion. All in favor 5. Opposed 0. Motion carried.

**SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:**

1. ARPA – Update – Rita presented two bids for Pickleball Courts at Woodside Park. One for a single court with fencing and one for a double court without fencing. After discussion between the residents present and the Township Board, a motion to accept the bid for a double court with expected adjustment for fencing of courts using ARPA funds was made by Chuck and supported by Rita. No additional discussion. Roll Call: *Dan, **YES**, Mary, **YES**, Chuck **YES**, Carol, **YES**, and Rita, **YES***. Motion carried.
2. Pine Tree – The pine tree on the north side of the Township Hall is overgrown and a risk to the hall during wind storms. Rita presented a bid to have the tree removed. After discussion, it was determined to obtain three bids to remove the tree, stump and have the dirt/grass replaced. The final decision was tabled until the January meeting.
3. Committee Appointments – **Board of Review** – Motion by Chuck and supported by Dan to appoint the following to the **Board of Review**: Wendy Faber, Starla Jordan, Amy Ginter with Lisa Pomranky as an alternate. No additional discussion. All in favor 5. Opposed 0. Motion Carried. **Planning** – Motion by Dan and supported by Mary to appoint the following to the **Planning Committee**: Nicole Kelley, Wendy Faber, Kelly Eddy, Diane Vaughn, Rita Goul (Township Board representative) and Jennifer Salisbury as an alternate. No additional discussion. All in favor 5. Opposed 0. Motion Carried. **Road Committee** - Motion by Dan and supported by Chuck to appoint the following to the **Road Committee**: Jay Brown, Kelly Eddy, Bob Kelley, Elgin Childs, Dan Mieske (Township Board representative), and David Yahr as an alternate. **Zoning Board of Appeals** - Motion was made by Chuck and supported by Mary to appoint the following to the **ZBA**: Tom Clark, Wendy Faber (representation from Planning), Carol Coyle (representative from Township Board) and Amy Ginter as an alternate. No additional discussion. All in favor 5. Opposed 0. Motion Carried. **Code Enforcer** – Motion by Dan and supported by Rita to appoint Mark Ginter as the Code Enforcer. No additional discussion. All in favor 5. Opposed 0. Motion Carried.
4. Rita wanted it noted that she had received a call from a resident thanking Dan for doing a quick turnaround on getting a site plan approved. She also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Township Board.

**CLERK'S MINUTES:** The Board packets were distributed to all board members on Sunday, December 10, 2023. (a complete copy of the Board packet is on file in Clerk's office). A motion to approve the minutes as written by Rita and supported by Mary. No additional discussion. All in favor 5. Opposed 0. Motion Carried.

**TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT:**

1. Chuck presented the Bank and Investment Balances. He noted the negative balance in the Solid Waste Fund. Solid Waste Taxes are paid on the winter bill and once those come in, the balance in the account will change. Chuck noted there has been an increase in the interest earned for the Fire Department and Chapel/Cemetery Funds. He will be moving some money from the Water Special and Lakeshore accounts to Michigan Class also for a better return on the investment. A motion to **accept and file the Treasurer's report** was made by Rita and supported by Mary. No additional discussion from the board. Roll call vote: *Dan, **YES**, Mary, **YES**, Chuck **YES**, Carol, **YES**, and Rita, **YES**.* Motion carried.
2. The Bank Reconciliations were addressed and had been reviewed by Rita. The balances matched what was reported in the cash report.
3. The Treasurers office will be open on December 30<sup>th</sup> for people to pay their taxes. The hours will be 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

**OUTSTANDING BILLS:**

1. Payment of Bills: In the Board packet was a copy of the bills from the General Fund, Fire Fund, Road Fund, Tax Fund, Solid Waste Fund, Water Fund and Lakeshore Fund. Motion to pay the bills by Chuck and supported by Rita. No additional discussion. Roll Call: *Dan, **YES**, Mary, **YES**, Chuck, **YES** Carol, **YES**, and Rita, **YES**.* Motion carried.
2. Budget vs. Expense report was provided. Rita reminded everyone to watch their budget. No additional questions from Board members. A copy was also given to the Park Supervisor and Fire Department.
3. Payroll Summary and Liability report for the Township was provided. No questions from Board members.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Brian Solomon was present and reported there were 2 calls for November. He will have the YTD totals for the Board in January. Brian is still looking for grant writers. Chuck will reach out to FLTF to see if they have anyone that may help. Rita will check with Midland County to see if they have anyone available.

**PARK COMMISSION:** David Yahr was present to give the report. Everything has been quiet at the Park. There will be one bathroom left open for now. He has been checking it regularly to be sure it is clean. David shared with the Board two threatening letters he has received. He did go to the Police Department and filed a complaint. He was unable to provide a report number at this time. David will bring it to the January meeting. Discussion/questions on the disc golf and whether the Park Board voted on going forward with Disc golf and changes made to the layout of the course. David will provide copies of the minutes supporting the decisions that have been made at the January meeting.

**PLANNING:** Nicole Kelley was present and stated the next meeting will be March 6, 2024. Waiting for the USB drive from Spicer's that has the complete ordinance file. There will be a copy posted on the website, a copy in the Clerk's office and copy for the Planning Committee.

**CHAPEL/CEMETERY:** Floyd explained a problem with the furnace in the Chapel. He presented one bid to the Board for repair. Discussion on the need to obtain three bids before going forward with the repair. Due to the nature of the problem, a motion was made to allow up to \$875.00 for repair work by Rita and supported by Dan. No additional discussion. Roll Call: *Dan, **YES**, Mary, **YES**, Chuck **YES**, Carol, **YES**, and Rita, **YES**.* Motion carried. Carol will obtain two additional bids and get the repairs done. Floyd showed the Veteran Flag Holder that Dan has repaired. Dan will be repairing the rest of the holders. There are around 32 holders that need to be fixed. The savings to the Township will be over \$1000.00.

Hope Township Board Meeting  
Hope Township Hall  
December 12, 2023 7:00 pm

There will be Hope Township Fellowship on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 2:00 pm. The topic will be the crash of flight 67 that took place at MBS 66 years ago. All are welcome to attend. Details to follow.

**TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY:** Dan reported there were 4 Electrical, 4 Mechanical and 2 plumbing permits in October. The next meeting will be December 21, 2023.

**WIXOM LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD:** Bob Kelley was present and the next meeting is Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm, Billings Township Hall.

**ROAD ADVISORY COMMISSION:** Dan reported all road work has been completed and the bill has been paid.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Water update – Chuck and Ron Thompson will be working on this in the near future.
2. Lakeshore update – Covered earlier.
3. Election Reimbursement – Received the reimbursement for the May election and still waiting on the August election, AV Ballot drop box and Camera/recording system.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. The Board packets had bid proposal for a new label printer for Election use. Carol was requesting it to be purchased with ARPA funds. There is no money left so it will be purchased within the Clerk's budget.

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:**

There was no discussion from the floor. The newest people to be added to the committees that were in attendance, were asked to stand and Rita thanked them for stepping up and becoming involved in the community.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:28pm was made by Rita and supported by Mary. No additional discussion. All in favor 5. Opposed 0. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 8:28 pm

Respectfully submitted.

Carol Coyle, Clerk