

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, with one addition, was made by Chuck and supported by Rita. No additional discussion. All in favor 5. Opposed 0. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

1. April Birthdays – One birthday in April
2. Bridgework US 10 2025 – The bridge on M-30 over US 10 will be worked on starting March 2025. The work is projected to be completed by October 2025.
3. Window Cleaning and Power Washing Hall – One bid to have the township hall power washed and windows washed inside and out was presented. Lori was encouraged to get an additional 2 bids before a decision would be made to proceed with the project.
4. Site Plan – The Township will continue to require a site plan to be filed and approved by the Zoning Administrator prior to getting any building permits.
5. Road Committee – An alternate to the Road Committee was discussed. Two people had expressed an interest. After discussion, a motion by Rita and supported by Dan to appoint Lisa Pomaranky as the alternate to the Road Committee. All in favor 5. Opposed 0. Motion carried.

CLERK'S MINUTES: The Board packets were distributed to all board members on Monday, April 8th, 2024 (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 reconciled amounts match the bank balances. 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 prepared by Chuck and reviewed by Rita. Chuck highlighted points of interest for discussion.

3. Chuck noted he would be moving money in the Lakeshore Account from the 403 fund to the 861 fund to payoff the Lakeshore Bond. This was only going to be done if the Interfund Loan between the Fire Department and Lakeshore was approved. Brian Solomon was present and asked if the resolution could be voted on as he had to leave. Chuck reiterated the Loan Agreement had been drawn up and approved the attorney. In addition, Brian, Carol and Chuck spoke with the grant writers to be sure the loan would NOT impact the ability of the Fire Department to go forward with obtaining grants for the construction of the new firehall. The entire "Resolution Authorizing Interfund Loan" was read aloud by the Clerk. Motion by Rita and supported by Dan to approve the resolution. No additional discussion from the board. Roll call vote: *Dan, **YES**, Mary, **YES**, Chuck **YES**, Carol, **YES**, and Rita, **YES***. Motion carried. The payoff will be affective on April 10th, 2024.
4. Chuck noted one check to Corelogic in January that had not been cashed. Corelogic stated they had not received the check. A new check will be sent and stop payment on the previous check will be put in place.

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. Rita made a motion, supported by Chuck, to pay the bills. 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 to all members. No questions at the time.
3. Payroll Summary and Liability reports were provided. No questions at this time. Chuck noted the payroll from last month had been corrected and all reports balance.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Brian stated not much new to report. There were 7 calls last month, 4 Medical, 1 Stand-by, 1 MVA, and 1 Tree down. The burn ban is still in place. There is a meeting with the Grant writers, MACF, Rita, Brian and Carol on April 17th to tour the current fire hall. The purpose is to outline the need for a new facility. There should be a bill coming in for equipment testing. Brian will also be looking into Grants for turnout gear. The team is excited and thinking of fund raisers to help with the new build. The Fire Department hopes to be a part of the Park Picnic July 20th and the Jamboree August 10th.

PARK COMMISSION: Amy Ginter was present to give the Park report. Wanted to thank everyone for welcoming her and Bob Kelley to the board of the Park Commission. Emergency Services was at the park meeting and asked if a rain gauge could be placed. After discussion, a motion by Rita and supported by Chuck to allow the placement of the gauge in the park. No additional discussion. All in favor 5. Opposed 0. Motion Carried. Amy will be reaching out to 3 people to get ideas/cost of cleaning up the woods for the disc golf project. There will a volunteer work day to clean up the Park on April 20th, starting at 11:00 am. Bring shovels, rakes, working gear to help in the project. A tractor will be needed to help with the heavy items. All are invited and any help will be appreciated.

PLANNING: Nicole Kelley reported the next planning meeting will be May 1, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

CHAPEL/CEMETERY: Floyd stated Dan has started the clean-up at the Old Hope Cemetery. A reminder to have any holiday items removed by April 15th. Anything left behind, will be thrown out. The Hope fellowship on the Crash of Flight 67 was a big success. The next gathering will be in the fall sometime on the history and building of the Midland Hospital. New flags will be placed by Dan and Floyd sometime in the next few weeks.

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY: Dan reported there were 3 building permits for March. The next meeting will be April 25th.

WIXOM LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD: Bob Kelley presented the next meeting will be May 9th, 6:00 pm at the Billings Township Hall.

ROAD ADVISORY COMMISSION: The next meeting is in May 9th at 6:00 pm at the Township Hall. Dan will get in touch with Joe Sova about the drains/culverts that were supposed to be fixed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Water update – Chuck and Ron Thompson are working on this and it is quite a large job to sift through old records.
2. Lakeshore update – Discussed earlier
3. The stump removal completed and one space sold to an out-of-town resident.
4. Election Reimbursement – Finally received payment for the drop box and camera system. Waiting on the postage re-imbusement.
5. Road Millage Resolution – Carol read the Road Millage Resolution in its entirety. A motion by Rita and supported by Dan to accept the millage language and place on the August election. Additional discussion clarified the dates covered by the millage. Roll call vote: *Dan, **YES**, Mary, **YES**, Chuck **YES**, Carol, **YES**, and Rita, **YES***. Motion carried.
6. Precision Lawn Sprinkler – Carol clarified the contract with Precision. Motions by Rita and supported by Dan to use the Silver program. No additional discussion from the board. Roll call vote: *Dan, **YES**, Mary, **YES**, Chuck **YES**, Carol, **YES**, and Rita, **YES***. Motion carried.
7. Water Spiggot Repair – Still waiting to hear from Howdens on how to proceed.
8. Update on Phones – No update at this time.
9. Wall Painting – Township Hall – There were four bids to remove and paint the township hall. A copy of all bids on file with the Clerk. After discussion, Rita made a motion and supported by Chuck to go with James Lange Painting. Work to be done after July 1st and before the power washing/window washing.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Update to Security for Computers – Chuck presented the need for better security and sharing of documents between departments. Rita would like increased security back-up to her computer also. Motion by Rita and supported by Chuck to add the necessary items to the computers as shown in the quote and start July 1st 2024. No additional discussion. Roll Call: *Dan, **YES**, Mary, **YES**, Chuck, **YES** Carol, **YES**, and Rita, **YES***. Motion carried.
2. Library Update – Carol shared information on what the Library has to offer.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

1. Brian Brink, Township resident brought it to the Boards attention that when the woods were cleared, it appears the property lines were crossed and some of his trees were removed. He stated he had spoken with the company and two members of the Park board at the time. After discussion, it was determined to get a survey of the area and then seek legal advice on how to proceed. Rita made a motion and supported by Chuck that money from the tree fund was to be used to pay for the survey. Additional discussion on having the proposed area for the new Fire Hall done at the same time. Roll call vote: *Dan, YES, Mary, YES, Chuck YES, Carol, YES, and Rita, YES.* Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 pm was made by Rita and supported by Mary. No additional discussion. All in favor 5. Opposed 0. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 8:56 pm

Respectfully submitted.

Carol Coyle, Clerk