

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 Rita and supported by Dan. No additional discussion. All in favor 5. Opposed 0. Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR'S COMMENTS:

1. July Birthdays – One July birthday was reported.
2. Blight Update – Rita said the blight update is moving along. She has been working on the next step in the process.
3. Park Concession Building – Rita said the blown in insulation that was installed at the time the furnace was put in, is falling from the perimeter of the ceiling where there is no molding. Asked if the Park Commission knew why there wasn't any molding added at the time the insulation was done. Discussion on where the molding was and what needs to be done before the concession stand would be able to be used. Questions on the use of the storm shelter and if it was safe, from a cleanliness standpoint, for residents to use if necessary. At this time, the answer was no and a clean-up of the storm shelter/concession stand has been scheduled.
4. Concession Stand Clean-up. Rita asked to have the concession stand cleaned and the entire Park Commission needs to get involved. Amy Ginter, Rita, and Dennis Goul spent many hours emptying the refrigerator of old food from last year and pop cans that had exploded. Again, volunteers are needed for a deep cleaning of the concession stand. One is scheduled for August 3rd from 10:00-12:00 (or longer if needed).
5. Fire Fund Raiser – Rita has asked Brian Solomon if the Fire Department would like to do a fundraiser at a local restaurant. There would be a silent auction and ticket sales to support the cause. Brian and Rita will get together soon to move this project along.

CLERK'S MINUTES: The Board packets were distributed to all board members on Monday, July 8th, 2024 (a complete copy of the Board packet is on file in Clerk's office). A motion to approve the minutes from the Budget Hearing on June 11th, as written, was made by Rita and supported by Dan. No additional discussion. All in favor 5. Opposed 0. Motion Carried. A motion to approve the minutes from the June, 11th Board meeting on June 11th, as written, was made by Mary and supported by Rita. No additional discussion. All in favor 5. Opposed 0. Motion carried. A motion to approve the minutes from the Budget

Amendment meeting on June 19th, as written, was made by Rita and supported by Chuck. No additional discussion. All in favor 5. Opposed 0. Motion Carried

TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT:

1. Chuck presented the Bank and Investment Balances as of June 30th, 2024. The balances were reconciled with the Bank statements and reviewed by Rita. Chuck offered up the possibility of including additional information on the Bank and Investment Balances. He would be adding the previous months balances with the changes to current month and an explanation of the changes. The Board agreed this would be welcomed information to have monthly. 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. Carol added there was a voided check from last fall and that money was added to the Park as a donation.
2. Chuck stated the Summer Tax Bills were in the process of being mailed. Some went out last week and the rest this week.

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 Mary, 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. There will be a final report provided when the accruals and audit adjustments are complete.
3. Payroll Summary and Liability reports for the Township were provided. No questions at this time.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE DEPARTMENT: No one from the Fire Department was present.

1. **PARK COMMISSION:** Amy Ginter stated the focus for the Park Commission will be for safety and maintenance/repairs to provide the public with a Park that everyone will enjoy and want to use. One additional item, will be to get fencing around the Pickleball courts. Amy wanted to thank Dennis Goul and Bob Kelley for all the work getting the chains on the swings fixed and doing repairs as the need arises. The bathroom door locks that have been an issue will not be an easy fix. So, the plan is to keep the two bathrooms locked until a solution could be found. In the meantime, the family bathroom will be open and available to be used. The next major repair to be identified was the condition of the Pavilions. Both are in need of repair/painting to keep them from getting damaged further. Amy had obtained bids from companies and presented the Township Board, with the lowest bid for the project. She had read reviews and reached out to people that had used the company. Amy pointed out the need is a little more than half of the budget for 2024-25. Chuck agreed the work should be done before the damage gets worse. Discussion among the Board lead to a motion by Rita and supported by Chuck, to allow for

- Quality Painting and Custom Finishes to do the job in the amount of \$3,220.00. No additional discussion. Roll Call: *Dan, **YES**, Mary, **YES**, Chuck, **YES** Carol, **YES**, and Rita, **YES***. Motion carried.
2. Amy asked permission to sell the Disc Golf Baskets. There is a total of 18 baskets. 10 are slightly used and 8 still in the box. The baskets will be sold either as 9 or 18 and not individually. The asking price will be \$300.00- \$400.00 each. After discussion, Chuck made a motion and supported by Rita to sell the baskets for \$300.00-\$400.00. Roll Call: *Dan, **YES**, Mary, **YES**, Chuck, **YES** Carol, **YES**, and Rita, **YES***. No additional discussion. Motion carried.
 3. Amy asked permission to sell around 40 cement parking slabs that are stacked up by the Pole Barn at the Park. Amy indicated they are no longer needed and would like to get rid of them. After discussion, a motion by Rita and supported by Dan, to sell the slabs within a range of \$25.00-\$40.00/piece. Roll Call: *Dan, **YES**, Mary, **YES**, Chuck, **YES** Carol, **YES**, and Rita, **YES***. No additional discussion. Motion carried.
 4. The Park Picnic will be held July 20th, from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm with food being served at 12:00. There will games for the children and the Fire Department will be present.
 5. The fencing for the Pickleball courts, will be priced out and brought to the Board.
 6. A special shoutout thank you to Pat Swartzmiller and Butch for the weeding, cleaning, and mulching around the Woodside Park sign. It looks fabulous and they provided all the labor and supplies.

PLANNING: Next Planning meeting will be October 2nd at 7:00 pm.

CHAPEL/CEMETERY: Floyd Andrick shared that the Chapel, sidewalks stairs and entry way has been power washed by Dan Andrick and it looks great. Next week, Floyd will be taking care of the weeds around the building. He will be using natural products. A new flag has been placed at the chapel.

TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY: Dan reported the following permits were issued. Building, 2; Electrical, 5; Mechanical, 4; Plumbing, 1 and no water. May. Next meeting is July 25th at 5:00 pm.

WIXOM LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD: Bob Kelley had nothing new to report. The WLIB and WLA are working together to develop a plan for the tree elimination in the designated areas.

ROAD ADVISORY COMMISSION: Drainage work on Curtis Road has been completed. The chip and fog seal projects will be done this year. The next meeting will be September 9th, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

1. Survey – The survey has been completed. The final report will be sent and shared at the next meeting. The preliminary report shows the boundary lines. Permanent markers will be placed when the foliage dies off in the fall/winter. At that time, a walk through will be done to determine any damages to the area. Rita and Carol will speak with the Township Attorney to see what legal recourse the Township may have for the cost of the survey. More to come later.
2. Insurance Bids – nothing to report.
3. Power Washing and Windows at the Chapel has been completed.
4. Water Update – Nothing to report.
5. Phone Update – Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Landfill Letter – A letter was received from the Midland County Landfill to notify the Township of the increase from \$10.50/cu. yd to \$11.00/cu. yd.
2. Propane Bids – The contract is up for the current year and pricing was obtained from three companies for propane. A new company came in at the lowest price and discussion on what the Township should do for the next year. It was decided to go with Scotland Oil and do a pre-buy program. Scotland Oil will set new tanks at the Township Hall, Firehall, Chapel and Park. The fuel that is in the current tanks will be used and the new tanks will be phased in as the current ones become empty.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

1. Meet the Candidates – The August 6th election has many new faces on the ballot. It was decided at the June meeting to allow the candidates to introduce themselves. The order was the Supervisor (1 candidate), Treasurer, (1), Clerk (1), Board Trustee (4 candidates for 2 positions), and Park Commission (6 candidates for 5 Positions). All candidates, except Darlene Thompson, were present. This was a great way to hear why each candidate would like the public vote in August. Please see a sample ballot for the names and positions that will be voted on in August.
2. Mr. Brink from the Mills Fire Department was present and wanted to thank the Hope Township Fire Department for their assistance at a house fire last week. The fire resulted in a total loss and the Mills department was grateful for the assistance.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 pm was made by Rita and supported by Chuck. No additional discussion. All in favor 5. Opposed 0. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 8:27 pm

Respectfully submitted.

Carol Coyle, Clerk