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Regular Monthly Sims Township Board of Trustees Meeting

Sims Township Board of Trustees

June 18, 2024

7:00 PM

Sims Township Hall

This meeting was recorded

Supervisor, B. Mackie, called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:00 PM as the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: B. Mackie, S. Proulx, M. De Leo, J. Sanzo, A.M. Borushko **Absent:** None, 19 residents in attendance.

Police Report- April and May 2024 reports reviewed, Officer Pigg not available to report. J. Sanzo made a motion to allow Design Co. in Standish to apply the graphics needed onto the new police cruiser that Sims Township recently purchased. Seconded by M. De Leo, motion carried.

Public Comment: 3 minute maximum.

-A resident complained that her elderly mother is having issues at the Transfer Station when she goes there because there is never an employee out there to help her toss her garbage into the compactors; she stated along with a few other residents in attendance that this is a common occurrence and they would like to see the employees out more.

-Duane Hadley presented to make it known that he is running for Arenac County Sheriff and shared with the Board and residents what his intentions are if he is to win the election.

-Chris Ming, AuGres Sims School District superintendent presented and wanted to share information on the non-homestead renewal that will be appearing on the upcoming ballot.

-A resident spoke up and questioned why we have 2 employees at the Transfer Station working when we are upping the cost of resident fees for access to the Transfer Station; his suggestion was to cut back on spending like employee wages.

-Carl Seamon, from E 30th St, states that he would like a “No Semi/Large Commercial Truck” sign placed on A St as the road is sustaining damage due to it now being black topped and semis using it more. He also states that on 22nd St, people are dumping brush and debris and the road is now completely blocked; he was made aware that 22nd St is a private road so Sims Township unfortunately has no jurisdiction on this matter. Also on Arenac St, someone has placed No Trespassing signs that state “You are in range with a smiley face and a target on them. Carl feels as this is a threat and he feels unsure of his safety in this area. He was instructed to contact the Arenac County Sheriff’s Dept to file a report. J. Sanzo took Carl’s contact information and will forward the information on to Deputy Pigg to follow up on this issue. Last, Carl wanted to ask why at the Transfer Station we had such a decrease in hours and voiced his concerns on what issues this causes for weekenders like himself. He was asked to attend the Joint Cemetery Transfer Station meeting on June 27, 2024 at 7pm to voice his concerns to the joint boards in this issue.

Approval of minutes for Sims Township Regular Meeting for May 21, 2024- M. De Leo made a motion to approve the minutes for Regular Meeting for May 21, 2024, seconded by S. Proulx . Motion approved

Financial and Check Report for May 11, 2024-June 10, 2024 by Jill Sanzo- The list of payroll employees and checks written for May 11, 2024 through June 10, 2024 were presented, subject to audit. A.M. Borushko questioned B. Mackie on the current bill totaling \$630 for Campbell Law Firm and what the need for contacting the attorney was for, B. Mackie stated he did not remember and to ask Campbell Lawn Firm. A. M. Borushko states she tried contacting them and asking for clarification and was not given any clear cut responses. M. De Leo made a motion to pay all bills, seconded by S. Proulx. Motion carried.

Monthly Financial Report for May 2024 Reconciliation by Ann Marie Borushko. Approval is subject to audit.

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Board Reports:

- a. **Michael Fil :Zoning Administration** – Michael Fil was present and his report was included in the packet.
- b. **Assessors Report : Barbara Jones-** Assessor report was not provided.

Discuss SWUA (Sims Whitney Utility Authority) -Review of the Water Authority Agenda/Topics for June – M. De Leo shared updates from the SWUA which included that the June meeting will be regarding the employee contracts.

Supervisor’s Comments: B. Mackie had comments in the packet.

Treasurer’s Comments: A.M. Borushko discussed current tax issues from Arenac County that included needing a refund to be sent from County, once they receive a resolution from Sims Township. J. Sanzo made a motion to create Resolution 2024-4 which will remove the Special Assessment from Parcel ID 009-B60-000-034-00, owners Kevin and Kelli Schmidt in the amount of \$60.00. Seconded by M. De Leo. Motion carried. Roll Call:

- S. Proulx-yay
- A.M. Borushko-yay
- J. Sanzo-yay
- M. De Leo-yay
- B. Mackie-yay

Trustees’ Comments:

Mike De Leo: Sam and Mike attended the 2% Tribal Distribution at the end of May and it was stated that going forward, the Tribe is wanting all reporting done on monies not yet used, so they can better track expenditures/usage of the Tribal distributions. For Planning Commission: he is requesting that on the Township website, we remove the information from the Ordinance tab that just is currently showing ordinance changes and just have the whole ordinance available through that. J. Sanzo to contact STG and ask them to make that change. Also the Planning Commission is asking for the Blight Ordinance to be included into the entire Zoning Ordinance; J. Sanzo to get those corrections going also.

Sam Proulx: Sam asked the residents in attendance to make sure to contact Arenac County Road Commission should they have any issues with roadsides that have brush/grasses blocking their views of the roads, as he had a resident complain that he almost was involved in an accident due to brush hindering his line of view from a corner.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

- a. **Discuss Road Commission improvements:** current contracts were signed by the Board and sent to Brad Stauffer with the Arenac County Road Commission. Further discussion on roads will be tabled until the July meeting so the Board can go view a few more roads to add to the Road Commission agenda.
- b. **Discuss AuGres Parks and Rec letter from Dale Wiltse (in packet)** The Board reviewed the letter from Dale Wiltse with City of AuGres, and they have agreed to help in any way possible with help on the moving/rebuilding of the AuGres Ballparks. J. Sanzo sent an email to Dale Wiltse expressing this.

Public Comment- 3 Minute Maximum. A resident stated that Brightspeed (internet service) told her that

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they heard that Arenac County will be looking at sidewalks at Point Lookout and she was just interested in who she should contact to get this information? The Board asked her to contact Arenac County Road Commission to discuss this further.

Next meeting Tuesday, July 16, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

Adjourn. J. Sanzo made a motion to adjourn, M. De Leo seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:43pm.

Submitted by: _____

Jill Sanzo, Sims Township Clerk Date: _____