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Special Sims Township Board of Trustees Meeting

Sims Township Board of Trustees

May 1, 2024

7:00 PM

Sims Township Hall

This meeting was recorded

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

Present: B. Mackie, S. Proulx, M. De Leo, A.M. Borushko, J. Sanzo, **Absent:** 0, 3 **residents** in attendance.

Public Comment: 3 minute maximum. Mike Fil presented to the Board, a report which indicated that Arenac County received over \$200,000 monies from the marijuana facilities. B. Mackie questioned if Sims Township would be receiving anything and other Board members questioned what the money would be used for. J. Sanzo and A.M. Borushko inquired with Arenac County Treasurer, Dennis Stawowy, who informed them that since Sims Township opted out of marijuana dispensaries, growing facilities, etc. then they would not be receiving anything individually from this distribution. D. Stawowy also produced a report, which was shared with the Sims Township Board members, as to what the money was being used for. Items such as Parks and Rec, Courthouse updates, land improvements on County grounds, and software for the County Drain Commission were some of the items purchased.

New Business:

- a. **Discuss foreclosures in Sims Township:** 3 properties located in Sims Township are being foreclosed on, one located on Teral Terrace Dr, one in the Northport Condo Marina, and one on Pt. Lookout Rd. M. De Leo made a motion to pass on these properties. Seconded by S. Proulx, motion carried.
- b. **Discuss Police Cruiser:** Officer Pigg was available and discussed how in late April that the Sims cruiser started having engine difficulties. The cruiser was taken to Richardson's in Standish where it was found to have a malfunctioning turbo. The cost to repair this will be approximately \$2000. A.M. Borushko and J. Sanzo spoke with Richardson's regarding a new patrol vehicle, and B. Mackie sought out bids from Serra Automotive in Saginaw. Multiple vehicle options were discussed and due to the amount of gear, equipment, and also the comfort of the Township officer, it was decided that a larger SUV like a Chevy Tahoe or Ford Expedition would be an acceptable and safe vehicle to purchase as a new police cruiser for Sims Township. As for the older Ford Explorer that the Township owns, J. Sanzo made a motion to repair the cruiser's turbo and once a new vehicle is procured, Sims will place the cruiser up for a sealed bid auction with the minimum bid starting at \$10,000. Sealed bids will need to be received by a date that will later be discussed and based on when the new cruiser availability is. Motion seconded by M. De Leo, motion carried. J. Sanzo also made a motion to have Richardson's in Standish do the repairs as that is where the cruiser is currently located. Seconded by M. De Leo, motion carried. J. Sanzo made a motion to also have Deputy Switek or another personnel from Arenac County Sheriff's Department remove the cruiser's equipment (built in storage containers, radios, sirens, lights, etc.) prior to placing the cruiser up for sale so the items may be used in the new cruiser. Motion seconded by S. Proulx, motion carried. The Board tabled discussion pertaining to the purchase of a new cruiser until more information is obtained on how much it will cost to upgrade the vehicle to the high standards for a police cruiser and also to see cost comparisons.

Public Comment- 3 Minute Maximum. No further comments.

Next meeting Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

Adjourn. J. Sanzo made a motion to adjourn, seconded by A.M. Borushko. Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

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Submitted by: _____

Jill Sanzo, Sims Township Clerk Date: _____