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**Regular Monthly Sims Township Board of Trustees Meeting**

Sims Township Board of Trustees

May 21, 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, **Absent:** A.M. Borushko, 17 **residents** in attendance.

**Police Report-** March and April 2024 reports reviewed with Officer Pigg.

**Public Comment:** 3 minute maximum.

- Dennis Stawowy, Arenac County Treasurer presented to the Board that he will be retiring after serving for 24 years and will be running for Arenac County Road Commissioner. Stawowy also introduced Sherlynn Burkhart, his Chief Deputy Treasurer, and stated that she will be running for Arenac County Treasurer.
- A resident from E. 10<sup>th</sup> Street asked the Board if they would consider paving E. 10<sup>th</sup> St as it currently has large pot holes and is very bad. E. 10<sup>th</sup> is a public road, so the Board will investigate this with the Road Commission.
- Jeanie Cardinal, President of Wallace and Orr Association, presented and was questioning the Sims Township Park that is located near the Pt. Lookout Association park. There is a pickleball court out there on the Township's park property that she is questioning because the Pt. Lookout Association has placed signage out there on the courts, indicating that it is only for Association members. B. Mackie to follow up on property lines and to investigate the issue further.
- Julie Hazeltine presented, and announced that she also will be running for Arenac County Treasurer, so she introduced herself to the Board along with the residents attending.

**Approval of minutes for Sims Township Regular Meeting for April 16, 2024, Special Meeting for May 1, 2024, and Special Meeting for May 14, 2024-** M. De Leo made a motion to approve the minutes for Regular Meeting for April 16, 2024, Special Meeting for May 1, 2024, and Special Meeting for May 14, 2024, seconded by S. Proulx. Motion approved

**Financial and Check Report for April 11, 2024-May 10, 2024 by Jill Sanzo-** The list of payroll employees and checks written for April 11, 2024 through May 10, 2024 were presented, subject to audit. S. Proulx made a motion to pay all bills, seconded by M. De Leo. Motion carried.

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

**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 May –** M. De Leo shared updates from the SWUA which included the Keith from the Water Plant took inventory of the units available for Sims Township installations. There are currently eight ¾” complete units; four 1” units that need tops to be ordered; four ¾” tops from units that are left over; boxes of various bits and pieces that are not useful or of any value to Sims. J. Sanzo made a motion to sell the four ¾” tops

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to the SWUA (Sims Whitney Utility Authority) and also give them the boxes of miscellaneous bits for any future uses/needs. Seconded by M. De Leo, motion carried.

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

**Treasurer's Comments:** A.M. Borushko unavailable for further comments.

**Trustees' Comments:** M. De Leo had no additional comments at this time. S. Proulx discussed that he would like to look more into the Road Commission recommendations on the upcoming road work ideas, to make sure that we utilize our total match from the County (equaling \$60,000 if we spend up to \$60,000.) Also, M. De Leo and S. Proulx will be heading down to the 2% Tribal Distribution on May 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm on behalf of Sims Township.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

- a. **Discuss pay raise for Water Clerk:** Edye Neid presented a letter to the Board asking for a pay raise that would align her with the Board Members (Clerk, Treasurer, and Supervisor). M. De Leo made a motion to raise Edye from \$20,000 a year to \$24,000 a year. Seconded by S. Proulx. Motion carried.
- b. **Discuss fire work permit from Louis Perrot:** S. Proulx made a motion to approve Mr. Perrot's firework display again for the 2024 year, seconded by J. Sanzo. Motion carried. J. Sanzo signed Mr. Perrot's application and it was given to him.
- c. **Discuss campaigning on Township property:** MTA guidelines were provided in the Board packet to remind Sims Township Board members that is not lawful to campaign for themselves on any Sims or Sims-Whitney properties (ie: Transfer Station, Cemetery, Township Hall, etc.)
- d. **Discuss pay raise for Township Hall cleaning staff:** J. Sanzo made a motion to raise the cleaning staff's pay from \$2600 per year to \$4800 per year (equaling \$400 per month). Seconded by S. Proulx. Motion carried.
- e. **Discuss increasing Transfer Station fee for residents:** M. De Leo made a motion to raise the Sims-Whitney Transfer Station fee from \$60 to \$120 per year. Seconded by S. Proulx. Motion carried.
- f. **Discuss MTA Election Class:** J. Sanzo asked for herself, Ann Marie Borushko, and Sharon Nestell to be able to attend a MTA Election Class held in Frankenmuth on June 19 at \$100 per person. M. De Leo made a motion to send up to 4 people, seconded by S. Proulx, motion carried.

**Public Comment-** 3 Minute Maximum. M. De Leo made the comment that the flagging for the Veteran's in the Sims-Whitney Cemetery was done the prior night, May 20, and that between the new flags and also the new groundkeeper's hard work, the cemetery is looking very nice.

Next meeting Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

**Adjourn.** J. Sanzo made a motion to adjourn, seconded M. De Leo. Meeting adjourned at 8:23pm.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Jill Sanzo, Sims Township Clerk      Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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