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**Regular Monthly Sims Township
Truth in Taxation Hearing
And
Board of Trustees Meeting**

Sims Township Board of Trustees

July 16, 2024

7:00 PM

Sims Township Hall

This meeting was recorded

Supervisor, B. Mackie, called the Truth in Taxation Hearing to order at 7:00 PM and told those present that the Truth in Taxation Hearing is required by law to announce the maximum possible tax rates to be imposed by Sims Township is 4.9325 mils. They are as follows: Sims Operating: 0.9735; Gypsy Moth/Mosquito: 0.9795; Police: 2.0000; and Road Maintenance: 0.9795.

A.M. Borushko made a motion to adjourn the financial portion of the meeting, seconded by J. Sanzo. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:01 PM.

Supervisor, B. Mackie, called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:01 PM as the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: B. Mackie, M. De Leo, J. Sanzo, A.M. Borushko, S. Proulx **Absent:** None , 20 **residents** in attendance.

Police Report- May and June 2024 reports reviewed with Officer Pigg. Officer Oigg reported that there has been an abundance of vehicle break ins, and warned residents to make sure to lock their vehicles and keep an eye on suspicious activity and their properties.

Public Comment: 3 minute maximum.

-Resident Jim Mackrianis said that he filed a complaint regarding Mark at the Transfer Station with Clerk, J. Sanzo. B. Mackie followed up with the complaint with Mackrianis and Jim proceeded to call back Sanzo who shared an email with him regarding the complaint that Mackrianis filed. Mackrianis said that he felt that the situation was not handled by Mackie properly at all because Mackie spoke poorly about Sanzo and he felt that Mackie did not care how Mackrianis felt or listened at all regarding the issue, especially because he has 4-5 more residents who have had similar issues with Mark though Mackie stated to Mackrianis that he has never received any complaints on Mark though in the email to Sanzo, it clearly stated that Mackie has had 2 complaints on Mark. Mackrianis wants Mark to watch his tone and address the people in a friendlier way and not get upset so much with people who may not understand the process at the Transfer Station. Mackrianis states that he also would like to see better signage at the Transfer Station so everyone knows what can and can't be done (ie: recycling, trash dumping, overflow only bins, etc.) Mackie stated that to rectify the situation, Mark will be wearing a bodycam from now on while working and that this body cam will be purchased by Mark himself. It will be up to John, the other Transfer Station employee, if he wishes to purchase and wear one also.

-Mike Fil, Zoning Admin, wanted to remind the Board that the Alabaster Contract for SWUA should be coming up soon for renewal, as it's renewed every 3 years. M. De Leo states that he believes the renewal already has happened, but he will double check with the SWUA Board.

Approval of minutes for Sims Township Regular Meeting for June 18, 2024 and Election Commission Meeting for June 18, 2024: M. De Leo made a motion to approve the minutes for Regular Meeting on June 18, 2024 and Election Commission Meeting for June 18, 2024, seconded by A.M. Borushko . Motion approved

Financial and Check Report for June 11, 2024-July 10, 2024 by Jill Sanzo- The list of payroll

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employees and checks written for June 11, 2024 through July 10, 2024 were presented, subject to audit. M. De Leo made a motion to pay all bills, seconded by S. Proulx. Motion carried.

Monthly Financial Report for June 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. Fil did make a mention that MTA will be hosting a Zoning conference in the next month or so. J. Sanzo made a motion to approve Planning Commission members who need the training, to attend the upcoming MTA conference. Seconded by S. Proulx, motion carried. Information for the MTA conference was sent to Sarah Humphreys, Planning Commission Chair.

b. **Assessors Report : Barbara Jones**- Assessor report was not provided. Board of Review will be meeting on Thursday, July 18, 2024 at 2pm for Errors and Omissions.

Discuss SWUA (Sims Whitney Utility Authority) -Review of the Water Authority Agenda/Topics for July– M. De Leo shared updates from the SWUA including that the Water Plant have been having some issues with their program, so they will need Spicer’s to come out and investigate it. Also, the contract with AT&T for their towers on the Plant property is still being negotiated, as AT&T is wanting to pay a lower price than originally stated in their 30 year contract with the SWUA; if this happens then the SWUA Board has chosen to have AT&T remove their equipment. De Leo states that the employee contracts for the 2024-2025 year have been completed.

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

Treasurer’s Comments: A.M. Borushko discussed in detail the email that was sent out from Mackie to herself, K. Anderson (Whitney Township), and J. Sanzo regarding the complaint from Jim Mackaranis. Borushko wanted to make it known hoe she nor Sanzo ever said everything that was stated in the email from Mackie and how emails like that were unprofessional and unacceptable.

Trustees’ Comments:

Mike De Leo: De Leo presented a complaint form that he made up. The Board decided this was a great idea and will be discussing at their next Sims-Whitney Joint meeting, since most complaints are regarding employees that are joint employees.

Sam Proulx: No additional comment.

Old Business:

Centennial Funds: B. Mackie asked to see a detailed report regarding the funds from the Bicentennial fund that originated in 2017. A. M. Borushko stated that this happened many years prior to her taking office and she has never seen formal documentation regarding what monies were/are left over from the bicentennial that happened back in 2017. Mackie stated that he will find out the exact amount, since he documented that back in his Supervisor’s Comments from 2017 and he will give the information to Borushko, A.M. Borushko just to make the Bicentennial funds a line item on her financial reports that she presents to the Board so they can all see how much money is available in the Tribal distributions and also the Bicentennial funds.

New Business:

- a. **Discuss purchasing new APC box from VC3/IT Right** S. Proulx made a motion to approve the purchase of the new APC box (Cost=\$865 from VC3) that was destroyed in a recent storm that caused a power surge and a mechanical

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misfunction. Seconded by M. De Leo. Motion carried. J. Sanzo to follow up with the Township's insurance company to see if we can be reimbursed via our insurance.

- b. Discuss ordering new file cabinet for Clerk's office A.M. Borushko made a motion to approve the purchase of a new fireproof file cabinet for the Clerk's office for \$4,000.00 (or slightly more, depending on current cost). Seconded by S. Proulx, motion carried.

Public Comment- 3 Minute Maximum.

-Jim Mackaranis presented again and asked by B. Mackie lied about him via the email. Mackie states that he doesn't believe he ever lied and Mackaranis would like to let everyone know that he was lied about by Mackie.

-Multiple residents stated that they would like to see signage for recycling. D. Becker from Whitney, stated that they have tried signage before and it never works. Residents asked about different types of signage or even handouts that could be given out by the first entry way.

-A.M. Borushko wanted to point out that she feels Mark does a nice job at keeping the Transfer Station very clean and tidy; Mark, who was present, stated that he appreciated it.

Next meeting Tuesday, August 20, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

Adjourn. J. Sanzo made a motion to adjourn, A.M. Borushko seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:22pm.

Submitted by: _____

Jill Sanzo, Sims Township Clerk Date: _____