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

Sims Township Board of Trustees

August 20, 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, M. De Leo, J. Sanzo, A.M. Borushko **Absent:** S. Proulx , 20 **residents** in attendance.

Police Report- June and July 2024 reports reviewed with Officer Pigg.

Public Comment: 3 minute maximum.

-Resident, Kim Pendred presented and packets were given to the Board discussing Kim's complaints of overgrown yards in neighboring properties; the information was given to Planning Commission Chairperson, Sarah Humphreys, who was present at the meeting and will bring the information to the Planning Commission's attention.

-AuGres City Manager, Dale Wiltse, presented and discussed the expansion of AuGres Township property that will dissolve the current baseball fields and the fields will move over to a new sports complex which will be located by the AuGres soccer fields. Dale is asking for all surrounding townships to assist in partnering up with the tribal grant.

-Resident, Carl Seaman, presented and wanted to make Officer Pigg aware that the posted signs by Arenac St. (Carl presented in June with a complaint that signs had been placed on Arenac St. stating "You are now in range" with a smiley face that appeared to have a bullet hole in the middle of the head.) were taken down when addressed by the officer, but now they are back up. Also, he questioned who placed the large stones on the fire lane on ~~Foster Rd~~ PT Lookout Rd?

-Resident, Robyn Fordos, presented and questioned an incorrect water bill that was discussed with Clerk, Jill Sanzo, during the day, and wanted to confirm that she will not be charged a late fee on her water billing due to computer issues from the Township's side. J. Sanzo confirmed with Robyn that she will not incur an additional charge per Edye N., Water Clerk, who is currently out on sick leave. It was also noted that the Water Department guys will be at her house on Friday (August 23) to reassess the meter.

Approval of minutes for Sims Township Regular Meeting for July 16, 2024: A.M. Borushko made a motion to approve the minutes for Regular Meeting on July 16, 2024, seconded by M. De Leo. Motion approved

Financial and Check Report for July 11, 2024-August 10, 2024 by Jill Sanzo- The list of payroll employees and checks written for July 11, 2024 through August 10, 2024 were presented, subject to audit. M. De Leo made a motion to pay all bills with the exception of the attorney bills from Gary Cambell until Bob Mackie has provided reports showing that these debts were township related, seconded by A.M. Borushko. Motion carried.

Budget Amendments: Current budget was reviewed and changes discussed. Motion by M. De Leo to approve the amended budget. Seconded by A.M. Borushko, motion carried.

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

Board Reports:

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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 August – M. De Leo shared updates from the SWUA which included that everything is currently running smoothly. The only question that was recently brought up at the last SWUA meeting was that the water guys, Keith and Bruce, wish to have their annual income meeting discussing their personal pay, to be separate from one another instead of being done together. M. De Leo will be researching this topic a bit further.

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

Trustees’ Comments:

Mike De Leo: Mike discussed how himself and some members of the Planning Commission attended a MTA meeting in Frankenmuth on August 14 and it was very informative.

Sam Proulx: Not present.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

- a. **Discuss Sims Township Audit that was done 8/14/24 A.M.** Borushko reported that the audit went well, she, as the Treasurer, just needs to make sure to disburse the tax money at the end of the season within 15 days to be in accordance with Michigan Law. Also, Borushko reported how the auditors found that this year, the water clerk has brought in over \$120,000 and the previous year, the water clerk only brought in \$60,000. The auditor questioned why there was such a large increase. This information was presented to the Board for their review.
- b. **Discuss Road Commission paving project for AuGres Ave & Lake St totaling \$13,350.00. J. Sanzo** made a motion to approve the road commission project for AuGres Ave and Lake St. Seconded by M. De Leo, motion carried. Paperwork signed and forwarded to Arenac County Road Commission.
- c. **Discuss Police Cruiser mechanical issues:** Officer Pigg reported that the water pump went out in the police cruiser (the Explorer). The estimated cost to repair this project is roughly \$2200. At this time, the cruiser has been tabled for further discussion on how/when to fix it. For the new police cruiser (the Silverado), Canfield representative, Keith, spoke with Officer Pigg and said that they are waiting on the truck’s gun rack to arrive in order to begin installation of everything for the upfit. Keith asked Officer Pigg if he would please remove the radio and scanner from his old cruiser and ship it to them to place into the new cruiser. Officer Pigg was given the “ok” from the Board to allow him to dismantle the radio and scanner to ship.

Public Comment- 3 Minute Maximum. No additional further comments.

Next meeting Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

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

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Submitted by: _____

Jill Sanzo, Sims Township Clerk Date: _____