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

Sims Township Board of Trustees

September 17, 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: Supervisor: B. Mackie, Clerk: J. Sanzo, Treasurer: A.M. Borushko, Trustee: S. Proulx, Trustee: M. De Leo **Absent:** 0, 16 **residents** in attendance.

Police Report- July and August 2024 reports reviewed, Officer Pigg unavailable for further comment. The Board questioned Overtime charges for the deputy and also questioned the current contract with the Sherriff's Department. The Clerk has emailed the Undersheriff questioning these items.

Public Comment: 3 minute maximum.

-Resident, Carl Seamon, presented to ask the Board for help with removing boulders/debris from Arenac Rd. Supervisor to contact Arenac County Road Commission to discuss this with them.

Approval of minutes for Sims Township Regular Meeting for August 20, 2024: M. De Leo made a motion to approve the minutes for Regular Meeting on August 20, 2024, seconded by A.M. Borushko. Motion approved

Financial and Check Report for August 11, 2024-September 10, 2024 by Jill Sanzo- The list of payroll employees and checks written for August 11, 2024 through September 10, 2024 were presented, subject to audit. M. De Leo made a motion to pay all bills, 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 August 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 September – M. De Leo shared updates from the SWUA which included that everything is currently running smoothly aside from one of the trucks which may need upcoming repairs.

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

Trustees' Comments:

Mike De Leo: No further comments.

Sam Proulx: No further comments.

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Treasurer's Comments: A.M. Borushko asked to attend a class through MTA in Frankenmuth on 11/25/24 for \$130. J. Sanzo made a motion to send A.M. Borushko to this meeting, seconded by M. De Leo. Motion carried.

Planning Commission Update: Chairperson Sarah Humphreys was unavailable for updates, so M. De Leo shared updates including a draft ordinance covering blight. The next meeting for the Planning Commission will be held as a special meeting on October 11, 2024 at 1pm. At the special meeting they will be discussing/correcting changes to the solar power, wind power, and battery power ordinances. Regarding the Master Plan, De Leo reports that the Planning Commission is just about complete with this; he states that they are waiting on updates in the zoning book from the Clerk, who will make these corrections for them. De Leo also made the mention of how the Planning Commission still has a seat open and available. B. Mackie brought the name of Cale Wiltse to the Board to fill the vacant seat. J. Sanzo made a motion to accept Cale Wiltse to the Planning Commission board, seconded by A. M. Borushko. Motion carried.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

- a. Discuss New Sign: The Supervisor turned in the remote and manual for the older digital sign. A.M. Borushko made a motion to hire Rise Electric to complete the electrical work, seconded by M. De Leo. Motion carried.
- b. Discuss joint partner grant for new baseball fields: Dale Wiltse, AuGres Township, presented and discussed with the Board the need for them to sign on to the joint grant to move and upgrade the ball fields in AuGres for local and surrounding residents. J. Sanzo made a motion to collaborate with surrounding Townships/Villages for this Tribal Grant, seconded by S. Proulx. Motion carried.
- c. Update on Cruiser/Repairs: A.M. Borushko made a motion to have the police cruiser repaired at Richardson's in Standish for the water pump issue, seconded by S. Proulx, motion carried.

Public Comment- 3 Minute Maximum. Resident, Greg Walker, asked what the Township's position was on the wind and solar power, since it will be discussed at the October Planning Commission meeting. M. De Leo discussed with Walker the information he knew via the Planning Commission.

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

Adjourn. J. Sanzo made a motion to adjourn, M. De Leo seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Submitted by: _____

Jill Sanzo, Sims Township Clerk Date: _____