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

Sims Township Board of Trustees
December 17, 2024
7:00 PM
Sims Township Hall

Supervisor, G. Easterle, called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:00 PM as the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Supervisor: G. Easterle, Clerk: J. Sanzo, Treasurer: A.M. Borushko, Trustee: G. Walker, Trustee: R. Pawlaczyk
Absent: 0, 18 **residents** in attendance.

Public Comment: 3 minute maximum. No comment.

Police Report- October 2024 report reviewed, November report was not turned in prior to the meeting, Deputy Pigg was available for further comment and discussed how there was an increase in stolen vehicles, but reports that the Arenac County Sheriff's Dept has retrieved all but 1 vehicle.

Approval of minutes for Sims Township Election Meeting for October 15, 2024, Special Meeting for October 21, 2024, Regular Meeting for November 19, 2024, and Special Meeting for November 21, 2024: A.M. Borushko made a motion to approve the minutes for Sims Township Election Meeting for October 15, 2024, Special Meeting for October 21, 2024, Regular Meeting for November 19, 2024, and Special Meeting for November 21, 2024. Seconded by G. Walker. Motion approved

Financial and Check Report for November 11, 2024-December 10, 2024 by Jill Sanzo- The list of payroll employees and checks written for November 11, 2024 through December 10, 2024 were presented. A. M. Borushko made a motion to accept the financial report and pay the bills. Seconded by G. Walker. Motion carried.

Monthly Financial Report for November 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. J. Sanzo reported that the Board of Review members, Mike D. and Mike M., will attend BOR Training offered for free in Bay City on 1/25/25. Then on 2/12/25, Tom N., Greg E., and Karen B. will attend BOR Training in Hale offered by the MTA for \$200 total. No motion made as this is mandatory training that has to be obtained for the Board of Review members.

Discuss SWUA (Sims Whitney Utility Authority) -Review of the Water Authority Agenda/Topics for December – J. Sanzo shared that all things were operating well and looking into bids for a Continuous Chlorine Analyzer. There have been letters sent out to the Arenac County Prosecuting attorney, Mr. Broughton, and also AT&T discussing the issues with the subcontractors from AT&T who dismantled the Water Plant gate and what actions the SWUA is looking at pursuing regarding this all.

Supervisor's Comments:

- G. Easterle shared the sign he had made up and posted throughout the office and to the public regarding

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aggressive behavior and how it will not be tolerated from anyone (ie: Board Members, Public, Vendors, Etc.)

-G. Easterle brought to the Township Board that he would like to appoint Tom Nestell as the Chairperson for the Board of Review. J. Sanzo made a motion to accept Tom Nestell as the Chairperson for the Board of Review. Seconded by A. M. Borushko. Motion carried.

-G. Easterle brought to the Township Board that he would like to appoint the following board members to the Planning Commission:

- Sarah Humphreys as Chairperson
- Steve Swiecicki as Vice Chair
- Dave Kennelly as a Board Member
- Tom Nestell as Secretary
- Ann Marie Borushko as a Board Member
- Cale Wiltse as a Board Member
- Lori Fredrickson as a Board Member
- Diane De Leo as Recording Secretary

J. Sanzo made a motion to accept the 8 residents appointed by G. Easterle to the Planning Commission Board. Seconded by R. Pawlaczyk. Motion carried.

-J. Sanzo stated that she received notes from the Board of Appeals organizational meeting that took place on December 16, 2024. In the minutes it stated that "Tom Nestell made a motion to keep the same slate of officers as last year. Seconded by Pat Roche. All members voted yes. Motion is approved. Chairperson-Tim Sergent, Vice Chairperson-Pat Roche." J. Sanzo stated that she was under the impression that per MTA the Supervisor brings the names to the Township Board and the Township Board are the ones to vote in members. Sanzo to research the MTA guidelines on this and at the January Board of Trustees meeting, the Board can discuss the Board of Appeals members.

Trustees' Comments:

Greg Walker: Greg stated that he looks forward to being apart of the Board and the team.

Ron Pawlaczyk: No further comment.

Treasurer's Comments: A.M. Borushko had no further comment.

Planning Commission Update: Chairperson Sarah Humphreys shared that the Planning Commission met on their regularly scheduled meeting 12/3/24 and that the Master Plan is almost done and ready for review by the Township Board. Sarah also stated that the Planning Commission also worked very diligently discussing the law on industrial renewable energy since the state now says that an ordinance should be in place. The Planning Commission also discussed short term rental and obnoxious vegetation & weed ordinances that they hope to be able to present to the Township Board after the first of the year for review.

Old Business:

- a. **Old Patrol Car mechanical issues:** tabled for a future meeting so J. Sanzo can reach out to Richardson's to see if they would still be interested in purchasing the vehicle from the Township or if they will be able to take the vehicle to auction for the Township.
- b. **Follow up on new Township computers:** J. Sanzo reported that she still had not heard back from the second vendor for a price comparison on obtaining new computers for Sims Township, so discussion was tabled until J. Sanzo receives a response from PCS Computer Systems. J. Sanzo made a motion to allocate all further ARPA funds totaling \$6589.70 to go towards the new computers needed for Sims Township (ex: Clerk, Treasurer, Deputy Clerk, Water Clerk, Deputy Treasurer, and Assessor). Seconded by G. Walker. Motion carried.

New Business:

- a. **Review 2024 audit with Claudia Miller:** Claudia reported their findings for the 2024 annual audit.

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- b. Derek Cantu to discuss building a new subdivision in Sims Township: Mr. Cantu presented and stated that he is looking to purchase the Nixon property (26 acres) off of Tonkey Rd along with property from the Lutheran Church (5 acres) with hopes in developing a HOA community that would house 12-14 homes in the first stage of construction. Mr. Cantu stated that this would be a boating community where each home would cost roughly \$260k-high \$300k per home. Each lot would be 1-1 ½ acre properties and would have its own deeded boat slip in the Northport Marina. He is wanting to name is new subdivision “Amish Acres on the Bay” and would hope to break ground in Spring 2025. Trustee, G. Walker, asked what a timeline would look like for a project this large and Mr. Cantu stated that it would all depend on how quickly the teams building this would take and also it depended on how quickly permits and inspections could happen. Cantu did state that hopefully if he can eventually purchase an additional quantity of land connected to that property, he is hopeful that he can then proceed with phase 2 of his project and install additional homes totaling up to 25 homes in “Amish Acres on the Bay”. He stated that he would like to connect to the Sims water system but he has a plan also to have Graves Well Drilling drill out individual wells for each property if city water hookup is not feasible.
- c. Discuss new attorney options: Tabled until January meeting
- d. Discuss Complaint form for Township use: a customer complaint form has been posted on the Sims Township website and is also available at the Township Hall for residents to submit should they have a complaint or issue they would like addressed by the Board.
- e. Discuss AED/CPR Training: Tabled for next meeting. J. Sanzo to reach out to County and also local hospitals to research more trainers available.

Public Comment- 3 Minute Maximum. Kim Easterle presented and asked Mr. Cantu if he would consider holding a public meeting to allow local residents to hear his idea about the subdivision/community he wants to build and to hear their concerns, comments, etc. Mr. Cantu said he would be more than willing to do that.

Next meeting Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 6:00 PM.

Adjourn. J. Sanzo made a motion to adjourn, R. Pawlaczyk seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Submitted by: _____

Jill Sanzo, Sims Township Clerk Date: _____