

The monthly meeting was called to order at 6:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: All board members – present.

Others present were: Jan Thompson; Randy McCrite; Matt Polzin; Linda Hall; Sean Gilbert; Lucinda Morrison; Ray & Deb Grant; Louanne Rosebrugh; Tim Dolehanty; Pat Robinson; Corinne Maher; Debbie & Bob Donaldson; Bill & Wendy Clark; Michelle & Cal Berk; Rose Quackenbush; Roger Mayhew, Commissioner.

Ron questioned if there were any additions to the agenda; there were no additions. Ron stated the County Administrator, Tim Dolehanty, is in attendance to explain the Restoration Millage on the May 7, Special Election.

Shari made a motion, seconded by Fred, to accept the previous monthly meeting minutes, as presented. Motion carried.

Shari made a motion, seconded by Ron, to accept the 3/14/2024 Budget Workshop minutes, as presented. Motion carried.

Ron made a motion, seconded by Shari, to accept the 3/28/2024 Budget Hearing minutes, as presented. Motion carried.

Shari made a motion, seconded by Jan, to pay the bills. Ron stated we have not received a bill for electrical done at the hall. Reid questioned if the bill for Up North Security was for the security camera; Jan stated yes. Roll Call Vote: Fred, Ron, Reid, Shari, Jan – All Yes. Motion carried.

Tim Dolehanty introduced himself. He stated the Restoration Millage on the May 7, 2024, ballot is a tax allocation request, restoring the 1965 allocations back to: Ogemaw County – 7.2 mills, Townships – 1 mill, ISDs – 0.3 mill. Mr. Dolehanty gave the history of Headlee overrides; school funding; the cap on taxable value not keeping up with inflation. He also reported that there are two (2) major DDAs that have sold undeveloped properties for businesses, which freeze the taxes. He stated that DDAs capture the entire property tax amounts for undeveloped properties. Tim Dolehanty reported that nine (9) positions have been eliminated, which includes: eight (8) lay-offs and one (1) eliminated. He stated that the County is looking at the same situation this year. The Restoration Millage is asking for voters to re-set the millage rates to the original amounts, which will cost property owners between \$50-\$70 per year.

The following questions were asked:

- 1). Is part of the Restoration Millage for the jail; the jail is another issue.
- 2). How much does the State pay for inmates; nothing, there are no State inmates. Discussion was held regarding the costs of inmates, compared to the payments for out-of-county inmates.
- 3). Why doesn't DDAs have to pay, what are they doing with the money being captured; do not know, have not looked into it. Tim Dolehanty stated the DDAs put in sewers, water, sidewalks, landscaping, but services must be provided only to the DDA districts. There was much discussion regarding DDAs. Ron asked to have the childcare fund explained; Tim Dolehanty stated the courts are a separate branch of government and juvenile costs must be funded. He also stated that there must be secure housing 24/7; some juveniles are shipped out of state because there are not enough facilities to house them, the State pays ½ of the costs and the County pays ½ of the costs. Ron thanked Tim Dolehanty for attending the meeting and explaining the Restoration Millage.

Fred reported that the life of the pumps is 20yrs, so he figured expenses for 10 yrs. He stated that he has been in contact with Michael regarding the information received from Leo Dion; once reviewed, Michael will want to meet with the board. Fred presented information regarding Public Act 425, which would be a contract with the City of Rose City and the Township – this would give RC money from the Sewer District and the Township would retain some of the money. Jan questioned if Rose City is talking about Annexation; Fred stated yes. Discussion was held. Reid questioned Tim Dolehanty if

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he has heard of PA 425; he stated yes, if the township can work with the City, sit down, and make sure the township's concerns are heard. Jan questioned if annexation takes place, would the township sell their 13 ½% of the lagoon system. Reid questioned if we are just going to give the township property away; Fred stated it curtails annexation if it takes place.

Ron reported the electrical work has been done, no bill has been received. Ron questioned if the security cameras have been installed; Jan stated yes.

Jan questioned who was going to contact Mid-Michigan asphalt for the hall parking lot; Fred stated he would.

Reid gave the RC Fire report, which included: pretty calm; 10 fire runs; two (2) for Cumming Township.

Ron gave the OCOA report, which included: still looking for a Nutrition Coordinator; going good.

Jan Thompson gave the Transfer Station report, which included: going good, two (2) weeks were slow; many people asking about a Clean-up. The following questions were asked:

- 1). If a millage will be put on the ballot; Ron stated no.
- 2). How is the Transfer Station paid for; much discussion was held. Fred stated other townships' contract for individual cans, paid by the township and billed out; Jan stated she is totally against this. Much more discussion was held. Ron stated other townships pay by the bag and the shortfall is pulled from the general fund. Tire clean-up was discussed. Free Clean-up was discussed; Fred stated this should be held. Ron stated a decision will be made at the May meeting.

Ron gave the Assessor's report, which included: it was a long 12 hours; one (1) person asked a question, and one (2) person came to visit.

Cal Berk stated in 2028 the State is going to mandate that the lift station is maned by a licensed individual, so a PA 425 should be created; Fred agreed.

Lucinda Morrison questioned if Denise Kirsch is an employee; she is a volunteer that works for Jan Thompson when she nor Jacob Thomspen can work. Discussion was held.

Corinne Maher if there is a Clean-up at the Transfer Station, will it be advertised; Jan stated it is posted at the Transfer Station, the hall and on the website, it will also be published.

Ron made a motion, seconded by Fred, to adjourn at 7:26pm.

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