

The monthly meeting was called to order at 6:29pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: All board members present. Others present were: Jan Thompson; Matt Polzin; Randy McCrite; Rose Quackenbush; Chase Wiltse; Pat Robinson; Ray Grant; Lucinda Morrison; Louanne Rosebrugh; Corinne & Charlie Maher; Michelle & Cal Berk; one (1) ZOOM.

Ron questioned if there were any additions to the agenda. Fred stated he wanted to address a list of items that he distributed to the board; Ron stated this will be New Business.

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

Shari made a motion, seconded by Jan, to pay the bills. Fred questioned the GFL bill; Jan stated the GFL bills fluctuate according to the number of pick-ups. Jan Thompson stated previous bills included clean-up. Reid questioned the Auditor's bill, was it for half an audit; Jan stated this is the odd year which includes the F65, Adjusting Entries, Year-End, etc. She also stated that this year (2023-2024) will be a complete audit. Ron reported that Rebecca Vorva cleaned the hall, she spent one (1) full day with her crew cleaning. Ron stated she will clean again in November. Roll Call Vote: Fred - No, Shari - Yes, Reid - Yes, Ron - Yes, Jan - Yes. Motion carried.

Fred reported that the pumps were pulled today. Chase Wiltse distributed pictures of the pumps and gave a description of the pumps and the condition they are in. He stated the original pumps were installed in 1989; he suggests replacing the pumps rather than re-building them due to the cost. The cost of one (1) pump is \$12,000-\$15,000. Jan questioned if the cost of pumps is included in the grant. Chase Wiltse stated the grant is not a sure thing; we will need to see how much of the grant is available. Discussion was held regarding buying two (2) pumps and rebuilding one (1) pump. Shari questioned if the cost of re-building a pump is as much of a new pump, shouldn't we just buy three (3) pumps. Discussion was held. Reid stated there isn't a lot of wants for the grant. Discussion was held regarding larger money grants, \$80,000. Reid questioned what else is needed for the sewer system. Chase Wiltse stated he hasn't looked at the videos yet, but the controllers are not in too bad of shape. Ron stated he would like to see the cost to re-build one (1) pump; Reid stated we should just purchase new. The deadlines for grants were discussed: USDA has a January 1 deadline; Rural Development has a November 1 deadline. Jan questioned if there has been any paperwork completed for the November 1 deadline; Fred stated not yet. Discussion was held regarding rent-to-own grants, if grant is not available, what is Plan B. Discussion was held regarding increasing sewer user rates; Jan stated again that the Ordinance must be amended to increase rates. Ron stated if a grant is not available, we could use General Fund monies; Jan stated we cannot use General Fund monies because the sewer system is only available to the sewer users along the M33 corridor. Discussion was held regarding the electric bills for the sewer system; the amount should decrease when new pumps are installed. Ron reported that he spoke with Dareld Schick, regarding surplus water in the sewer system. Chase Wiltse reported there was an issue at G&S Tool, which has been repaired; he stated everything is ok.

Reid gave the RC Fire report, which included: awarded a \$95,000 grant, with the help of Bobby Dack; operating without a Chief at this time; things are going good.

Ron gave the OCOA report, which included: the old food truck was sold to Beef-a Roo; averaging 70 meals per day at the center; Oct 31 will be the Halloween Party; received a report from NEMSCA regarding programs available.

Jan Thompson gave the Transfer Station report, which included: everything is going good.

Ron reported that he received an email from Allison Thompson regarding not changing anything to the BS&A software; do not put it on the Cloud.

Ron also reported that in the MTA magazine there was an article regarding Cyber problems and encouraging municipalities to join the .gov domain; he will contact Bill Olsen. Reid stated the RC Fire Dept was hacked, but nothing was jeopardized.

Ron addressed Connie Maleck regarding the procedure on travel trailers at the end of the season. According to Ryan Veeder the township will need to file a complaint form, even if they are across township lines. Permanent rv's are in question.

Connie Malecek gave the HL report, which included: weeds are under control; water quality samples have been taken; the 2023 Annual Report will be posted to the HL website in late December or early January.

Fred addressed the list he presented:

- 1) He contacted Horizon and Mid-Michigan for bids for the hall parking lot. Discussion was held. Ron made a motion, seconded by Fred, to approve the bid from Mid-Michigan to repair the hall parking lot. Roll Call Vote: Ron, Shari, Fred, Reid, Jan – All Yes. Motion carried. ARPA Funds will be used to repair the parking lot.
- 2) Ditching on Grand Jean Rd – Ron will contact the Ogemaw County Road Commission. Reid stated if we get too far out, MDOT may be involved. Discussion was held.
- 3) Repair of grout on township hall. Matt Polzin stated he will do a small fix, but it will only last a few years. He also stated a few boards on the ramp need replacing. Ron will get the supplies and Matt Polzin will do the work.
- 4) Streetlight at McDonald's has been out for about one (1) year. Fred called Consumers, the old streetlight at the Plaza is not hooked up and the electrical does not belong to the township. The change has been submitted for the township. Discussion was held regarding the streetlight at McDonald's being gone, not just out.
- 5) Upgrades to the Hall:
Shari questioned if you start making these upgrades, what else will you find?
 - a) Flooring: Fred suggested putting in vinyl flooring; he will get quotes
 - b) Kitchen: putting in a service kitchen
 - c) Kitchen: making another office in part of the existing kitchen
 - d) Bathroom: were the fans ever installed? Gary Asel worked on them but couldn't get into the ceiling access to finish. Jan stated if the bathrooms are remodeled, we would have to go to the existing Codes. Discussion was held.

Matt Polzin questioned if any upgrades were needed at the Transfer Station; Jan Thompson stated no.

Cal Berk questioned how long the streetlight was out at McDonald's; Fred stated one (1) year. Discussion was held. Fred will contact Consumers.

Randy McCrite stated the road sign at the corner of Sage Lake Road and M33 is not down, but there is a bungee cord holding the sign and there is a metal shard stuck out of the ground. Ron will contact the Road Commission.

Connie Malecek questioned what happened in the corn field at the corner of Sage Lake Road and Morrison Road; Reid stated someone ran the stop sign.

Ron made a motion, seconded by Fred, to adjourn at 7:23pm.