



Comins Township  
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Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

**August 27th, 2024, Regular Meeting:** Called to order at 6:00pm, Pledge lead by Supervisor Rob Murphy.

**Present:** Supervisor Rob Murphy, Clerk Amanda Barajas, Treasurer Deb Dew, Deputy Treasurer Kevin Salsbury, Trustees Dave Yoder and Arisa Handrich

**Others Present:** See Sign-In Sheet

**Public Comment:** Supervisor reminded everyone that they are welcome to comment throughout our meetings.

**Rosemary Locher (AuSable Valley Apartment Residents)** – Expressed great concerns for safety of the residents traveling to stores in town by scooter and foot. Asked the board to consider a cross walk and speed limit signs on maple drive. Supervisor Robert Murphy elaborated on M-72 being a state highway and we have very little say but will still reach out to our liaison. The Board will reach out to the road commission on placing speed signs on Maple Drive.

**Discussion: Supervisor Rob Murphy:**

1. EMS ran into the door at the firehall for the second time in two years. Facility Manager Farley Dew would like to have replacement panels on hand to fix the door in case it occurs again. However, the board agreed that it was not financially smart to do so when Oscoda County's insurance covers the damage caused by EMS.
2. Sensing's Repair has offered the township a new Country Clipper mower at a 28% discount. Coming to a total of \$7055.28. Farley Dew contacted Ginop Sales and Gamble's and both verbal quotes came in over \$9,000.
3. Update on Stiener Museum and the Friends of Stiener, concerns expressed over the operations of the Friends and the issues the Museum Board is having with them. Will continue to monitor, and support in anyway the township can. Will invite both boards to the October MTA Meeting.
4. The board reviewed the final audit report. Projects for the 2023-2024 fiscal year totaled \$321,051 and included the Phase III Sidewalk Project (\$140,641), Airpack and RIT Rescue Gear(\$74,085), Townsquare Parking Lot(\$64,229), Town Hall Roof(\$17,000),

5. *Dehumidification System (\$9,686), Playhouse (\$6,700), Pontem Cemetery Software(\$4,695), and the Volleyball Expansion(\$4,015). The township ended the fiscal year with a ending \$1.5 million dollar net position. The township paid \$46,000 towards the new fire hall building. The township was marked for 3-years of expending more funds then revenue brought in (Capital Improvements) and not filing a qualifying statement which has sense been rectified.*
6. *Clerk Amanda Barajas has hired a new Deputy Clerk, Courtney Eaves and she will start September 17<sup>th</sup> at \$14 hourly.*

***Agenda Items Approved:***

<i>Yoder/Dew</i>	<i>July23rd, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes</i>
<i>Murphy/ Yoder</i>	<i>Sensing Repair Mower Quote \$7,055.28</i>
<i>Murphy/Yoder</i>	<i>July Payroll &amp; Bills CK#21673-21694</i>
<i>Murphy/Dew</i>	<i>Amend Budget as follows:</i>
	<i>(Fire Department – Building R&amp;M) \$65</i>
	<i>(Foundation Wage) \$120</i>

***Reports:***

***Treasure’s Report: July 2024***

***PC Minutes: August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024: Planning Commission held a public opinion meeting in relation to Blight. Larry Wilson, Blight Enforcement Officer for Big Creek Twp in attendance to share his perspectives and recommendations. Commission to present their findings and recommendations at the September 2024 Meeting.***

***Social media: Increase in following. Harvest Fest has gained a large interest online and is expected to have a wonderful turnout.***

***Zoning Report: 27 permits, 3 Splits, & 2 Special Use Hearings to date. Stephen Weaver special use hearing soon.***

***Correspondence:***

*Community Mediation Services*

***Something Fun:***

*Harvest Festival September 14<sup>th</sup> from 12-4pm*

***Adjournment: at 7:44pm Murphy/Barajas/Yoder/Dew/Handrich***

***Next Meeting: September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 6pm***