



Comins Township
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Date Approved: _____

Supervisor: _____

Clerk: _____

January 23rd 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, Trustees Dave Yoder and Arisa Handrich.

Others Present: Commissioner Tedd Handrich

Public Comment: Supervisor reminded everyone that they are welcome to comment throughout our meetings.
Tedd Handrich – Updated the Board on the progress of the new Sheriff's Department & Proposed Septic Code Law.

Trustee Arisa Handrich – Expressed concerns with EMS stationed in Fairview and wanted to know about the possibility of extra training. Also, wanted to make sure the Board was aware of the situation at the District Library that occurred last week when an employee was arrested for accused CSC charges.

Discussion: Supervisor Rob Murphy:

1. ARPA Funds are going to have to have dedicated projects by the end of 2024 and spent by 2026. Discussion on new playground equipment, landscaping, a vault, and possible project for STEM class at Fairview school. Board to continue ARPA discussion in February.
2. Transfer Site has obtained their LLC and contracts have been dropped off, waiting for them to be returned signed.
3. The need for a Fire Equipment Millage is obvious now due to the vast need of updates to the Fire Departments Equipment. Dedication of ARPA money or a Millage are the townships two options, will deep dive in February's meeting.
4. Planning Commission met with two possible new members at their January Meeting. Rob Murphy recommending John Kuzel be appointed.
5. BOR Still has an open position that needs to be filled ASAP.
6. CD's are due to renew March 1st, \$100k from ARPA CD & \$140k from General Savings CD to be rolled over into new CD's at \$4.8% Interest.
7. 2024/2025 Budget is beginning to be worked on by Rob & Amanda, goal is to budget in the remaining payment for the townhall parking lot.
8. Lights at the Ice Rink were shocking individuals after a flood, Amanda Barajas had facility manager consult Thunder Bay Electric, but they could not locate an issue. They also looked at lights in Town Hall Office and quoted to fix them. Facility Manager, Farley to gain a second opinion on the Ice Rink Lighting issue.
9. Zamboni at the Ice Rink needs an oil change and has a gas leak, Farley Dew is looking into both.
10. Township Attorney Karrie Zeits is leaving our current firm and we have been reassigned to a new Attorney if we decide to stay.
11. Supervisor Rob Murphy received an email to renew our lease at the Fire Radio Tower, but information was lacking since our contract ran out in 2015. Will be investigated further and discussed in February.

Resolution 2024-01: *Guidelines for 2023 Poverty Exemption*
Resolution 2024-02: *Taxpayer's Privilege to Protest*
Resolution 2024-03: *Early Voting Plan*

Agenda Items Approved:

Dew/Handrich *Closed Session Meeting Minutes October 24th, 2023.*
Yoder/Handrich *Regular Meeting Minutes December 5th, 2023, Nov/Dec Mtg*
Murphy/Dew *Election Commission Meeting Minutes January 23rd, 2024*
Murphy/Barajas *6-month CD Renewal \$100k ARPA Funds, remaining funds to be deposited into General Savings*
Barajas/Murphy *6-month CD Renewal \$140k General Savings, remaining funds to be deposited into General Savings*
Murphy/Dew *Thunder Bay Electric Quote for \$280 For Town Hall Office*
Murphy/Barajas *Move February Meeting to February 20th, 2024*
Murphy/Handrich *Appoint John Kuzel to Planning Commission Opening*
Murphy/Barajas *Keep Current Law Firm for Township*
Murphy/Handrich *Renew Dave Yoder on ZBA 9/2023-9/2026*
Murphy/Yoder *Payroll & Bills Dec 2023 CK#21525-21538*
Murphy/Dew *Amend Budget as follows;*
101-264-702 Office Wages, 211.25
101-101-956, Misc/Tech Support, \$312.50
101-265-740, Town Hall Supplies, \$234.25
101-265-931, Town Hall Improvements, \$101.92
101-276-702, Cemetery Wage, \$317.50
101-276-820, Foundation Wage, \$70
101-336-740, Fire Hall Supplies, \$160.64

Reports:

Treasure's Report: December 2023
PC Minutes: January 2024 – 2 Special Use Hearings included.
Social Media: Amanda reported over 958 followers, Christmas Lighting Contest, Elections Info & Ice Rink
Zoning Report: 51 Total Permits for 2023
Steiner Report: Dave Yoder reported to the Board they are working on finishing the gift shop and adding lights/heat to the addition.

Adjournment: *at 8:26pm Barajas/Murphy/Handrich/Yoder/Dew*

Next Meeting: *February 20th, 2024*