



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

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

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

**June 25<sup>th</sup>, 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 (6:02pm)

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

**Guest:**

**Ned** – Apologized to the Board and Community for park vandalism. He will contact Farley to set up some community service hours to make amends.

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

**Luke Houlton- Running for Oscoda County Road Commission** introduction and public questions.

**Taylor Kann – Running for Oscoda County Sheriff** introduction and public questions.

**Libby Marsh - Running for County Clerk** introduction and public questions. Gave updates on Steiner Museums updates and thanked Comins Township's Social Media Manager for sharing the happenings of the Museum.

**Jeri Winton** – Expressed concerns over the Oscoda County district library and the closing of the Fairview branch along with cancellation of June's movie in the park. Share her endorsement for Libby Marsh as the next Oscoda County Clerk.

**Bob Jones** – Expressed his gratitude to Veterans present.

**Discussion: Supervisor Rob Murphy:**

1. Deputy Ryan Blair has compiled a list of street signs that are missing and need to be replaced. Over 30 signs will need to be ordered this fall from the Road Commission. Supervisor Rob Murphy to finalize the list with township data.
2. Speed radar signs were received last week. Farley Dew asked opinion from the board on placement. The board agreed that the 35mph ahead signs would be the best location.
3. Supervisor Rob Murphy presented draft Dust Control millage with discussion on details so the Board can approve final language in July. The board decided that the millage should be 2 years at 3/10 mil totaling collection of around \$25k yearly.
4. Requests for landscaping bids have been published and solicited to finish the sidewalks put in by the township last year. One sealed bid was obtained from Nihranz Construction and Landscaping out of Lewiston. The bid came in at \$3,075. Discussion on whether the facilities team had the resources to complete internally, they will replace split rail fence that had been taken down and Facility Manager Farley Dew to meet with Nihranz to ensure the bid includes all components necessary to finish the project. To prevent the project from remaining incomplete, Clerk Amanda Barajas requested the Board approve up to \$5,000 be spent to finish.
5. Big Creek hosted the 2024 Tire Recycle day on June 8<sup>th</sup>, \$190 was spent for Comins Township residents.

6. *New playground equipment has been installed and mulched, potential issues outlined with no entrance point around the structure. An ADA complaint ramp would cost an additional \$880. Board to monitor the situation and act if needed.*
7. *Pickel Ball Club is requesting two new nets and community paddles for the courts. Clerk Barjas has purchased two new nets and stands this year totaling around \$300. The board expressed concerns that buying paddles would result in them coming up missing and agreed that they expended enough on nets this year, will revisit next season.*
8. *Discussion on parks and grounds improvement for the 2024-2025 budget year. Trustee Dave Yoder would like to see a pavilion and completion at town square, Assistant Fire Chief Kent Kauffman recommended signage to define the area as public parking. Yoder to obtain bids for both projects. Perry lake pavilion needs to be painted, new signage after the previous has been stolen, and path to the beach possibly landscaped. Opportunity to host community painting event explored.*
9. *Brief YTD budget review on revenues and expenditures.*
10. *Three-year contract to continue Stephen and Son's as the township auditor presented.*
11. *The health department is conducting routine water test at Perry Lake, they will notify the township of any issues*
12. *Pest control was done at the Fire Hall due to earwigs in the bathroom, potential need for dehumidifier.*

**Agenda Items Approved:**

*Murphy/Dew*

*Barajas/Yoder*

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*Murphy/Handrich*

*May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Regular Minutes*

*Nihranz Construction & Landscaping Sidewalk Project up to \$5,000*

*Stephen & Son's 3-Year Contract*

*Payroll & Bills May 2024 CK# 21634-21652*

*Amend Budget as follows:*

*OFFICE SUPPLIES (101-264-740) \$8*

*FIREMEN PENSION (101-336-800) \$45*

*FIRE INSURANCE (101-336-910) \$1,431*

*FIRE BUILDING REPAIR & MAINTENANCE (101-336-930) \$242.93*

*PARKS/SNOW PLOWING (101-751-819) \$250*

*PENSION PLAN GOVERNING BODY (101-852-800) \$2446.84*

**Reports:**

**Treasure's Report:** *May 2024*

**PC Minutes:** *June 2024 – Blight discussion, Big Creek Officer to attend July Mtg. Mtg time change discussed.*

**Social Media:** *Close to 1000 followers, playground, library info, and Stiener Museum highlighted.*

**Zoning Report:** *17 permits, 2 Splits, & 2 Special Use Hearings to date. Stephen Weaver special use hearing schedules next month.*

**Something Fun:**

*Picnic & Music in the Park June 27<sup>th</sup>*

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

**Next Meeting:** *July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024*