



Comins Township
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Date Approved: _____

Supervisor: _____

Clerk: _____

October 24, 2023, Regular Meeting: Called to order at 6:00pm, Pledge lead by Supervisor Rob Murphy.

Present: Supervisor Rob Murphy, Clerk Kelly Wangbichler, Trustees Dave Yoder, and Arisa Handrich

Absent: Treasurer Deb Dew

Others Present: Deputy Clerk Amanda Barajas, Deputy Treasurer Kevin Salsbury

Meeting Attendants: See sign in sheet.

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

Guests:

Troy Ross- STEM teacher presented the board with some drawings to build gazebo in town square, they'll come back once their quotes come in to give us some options on building material to be used.

Rodd Layman- Fire chief presented the board with an example of the 20-year-old air packs the firefighters are currently using, he expressed that they are still safe to use but we have an opportunity to purchase 8 new ones for an in-stock price of 67,140.36 with an additional 6k to include a RIT pack (rescue pack) these prices do not include shipping.

Spencer Weaver- With his lucky pink high tops 😊 let the board know he is seeing that the transfer site is something he will enjoy, and it has enough of a profit margin to continue moving forward. He expressed that he does pay close attention to the containers and how they are packed to ensure his cost to haul is at least breaking even.

Commissioner Ted Handrich- County looking at updating the Solid Waste Plan with NEMCOG

Discussion: Supervisor Rob Murphy:

1. The Town Square parking lot requires more fill dirt, limestone, and excavation work to make it usable for this year's Christmas in Fairview. Facility Manager & Rob Murphy requesting \$10-15k approval so if Morse Concrete becomes available, they can begin work.
2. A deposit for the Town Hall parking lot has been made in the amount of \$2950 to Everett Goodrich, the Board approved \$5900 at the July meeting for this project and to keep this pricing a deposit was necessary, expected to begin in spring of 2024.
3. The Board is looking for someone to finish painting the Town Hall as the employee who was working on the project has since quit. Need someone to paint who is licensed and insured.
4. The Township received a response regarding our formal request for a speed study on Cedar Run Road. Michigan State Police responded saying that they will not be conducting the study that the County knew their roads better than they would, and to drive the road at the posted speed limit and see if it could be driven safely. Dave Yoder said the county did do a speed study and the average speed was 35mph, 20mph under the posted speed limit. No action was taken.

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5. Clerk Kelly Wangbichler submitted her formal resignation effective January 1st, 2024. With the request that Deputy Clerk Amanda Barajas be appointed as Comins Township Clerk for the remainder of her term.
6. 2nd Quarter budget review shows \$101k spent on sidewalks to date and \$71k on capital improvements. Discussion on when seasonal facility support staff will end work for the winter, as colder weather progresses work will discontinue until spring of 2024.
7. BOR and the Planning Commission both have one vacancy starting in January and a search should begin to find a new member for each.

Agenda Items Approved:

Yoder / Handrich	Regular Meeting Minutes September 26th, 2023
Wangbichler / Yoder	New Air Packs / RIT price quoted 74k plus shipping
Murphy / Handrich	RFP from Weaver's Disposal
Yoder / Handrich	12,500 to finish towns square parking lot (no quote)
Murphy / Handrich	To accept Clerk Kelly Wangbichler's resignation with effective date of Jan 1, 2024
Yoder / Murphy	To appoint Amanda Barajas to Clerk position effective Jan 1, 2024
Murphy / Handrich	Payroll & Bills September ck# 21460-21476
Murphy / Yoder	Amend Budget: Office Wages: \$35.25

Reports:

Treasure's Report: September 2023
PC Minutes: September 14, 2023 – Master Plan ready to go through approval process soon.
Social Media: Amanda reported over 900 followers, Christmas in Fairview on the to do list.
Zoning Report: 42 permits issued to date.
Steiner Report: Dave presented the board with a budget that commissioner Libby Marsh has put together, noting this is the first operating budget Steiner has produced!!!

Correspondence:

EGLE- soil testing at Hoskins
Thunder Bay- Consumers contracted them for tree spraying under power lines.
DTE- rate increases

Closed Session:

At 8:25pm Supervisor asked for a closed session to discuss a personnel incident, Yoder 2nd all members present, YES! Murphy, Yoder, Wangbichler and Handrich. Dew, absent.
Minutes taken, Adjourned at 8:55pm

Adjournment: At 9:03pm Murphy / Wangbichler, Handrich, Yoder, 😊

Next Meeting: Combination meeting December 5, 2023