

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

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

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

**October 26, 2021 Regular Meeting:** Was called to order at 6:00pm, Pledge lead  
Supervisor Rob Murphy.

**Present:** Supervisor Rob Murphy, Clerk Kelly Wangbichler Treasurer Deb Dew, Trustees Dave Yoder and Arisa Handrich

**Others present:** See sign in sheet

**Guests:** Amy Knepp and Mike Stephenson

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

**Guests:**

**Amy Knepp:** Director of the Oscoda County Library stated that decision to be a district will not have to be on a ballot since both partners are government entities, once the agreement is ready it then goes to state librarian to get approval.

**Mike Stephenson:** Manager of Wellspring Lutheran Services began with telling the board that this non-profit facility takes care of and houses thousands of people which the board completely understands, the reason we asked Mike to attend our meeting was to come to an agreement on their sign that is in terrible condition and an obstruction to the entry of Boney Park. Mike handed out some examples of what his team recently came up with and said he would have started repairing the sign 2 years ago but thought if the twp didn't want it there then why bother. The sign has been in rough shape for many years and as stated by the clerk the signs at the entrance to their "campus" don't even say wellspring. The discussion took over an hour and has been tabled. **Next steps is to have a Board member work with Mike to come up with an option that works for all.**

**Public Comment:** April Evans attended to confirm location of septic and twp will not be putting a circle drive on her property, she said she clearly understood the reason the Postmaster determined the mailbox for Physical therapy and residential neighbor would not be replaced on hwy near intersection due to safety.

Gene Wysocki stated that Helmer Lake Rd just got completed and Amish horses are ruining it. They need to utilize the poop bags too. He will be attending a planning commission meeting on the topic.

**Supervisor Rob Murphy:** American Rescue Plan Act application has been completed and accepted. Twp. is expecting a 96k deposit next month.

Twp. received a letter from department of Treasury to improve a deficiency to actual expenditures that exceeded amounts budgeted. We need to put fire hall payments and interest in budget, with help from CPA a corrective action plan was submitted.

Risk Control manager Mike Combos met with Supervisor, Clerk and Fire chief on 10/20 to go over issues that can protect the township from exit light inspection to vendor contracts. Mike will be emailing an overview and samples to use.

**Discussion:**

**M-33 Access:** Fiber installation is complete in all township buildings township is now working

on hooking up new equipment and phones in the office. Savings to date is close to 300.00 a month. Commissioner Kyle Yoder let board know that the county has partnered with a law firm in Alpena. County is willing to extend this firm to our townships that want to invest in broad band along with a 50/50 match.

**Sidewalks:** Thunder Bay project has been red tagged so project from Fire Hall to Thunder Bay has been postponed

**Chapel:** Lowell Eastman came out to Chapel on Friday 10/22 to share scripture of the importance of stones of memorial and having a place to reflect then offered a prayer of thanks. Clerk will be having a second committee meeting on 11/10 to discuss what to budget next year to continue work on the inside of the chapel and the grounds.

**Perry Lake Beach and Boat Launch:** Dave Yoder let the board know we are running out of time for the boat launch project to begin this fall. John McConnell has some buoys for the twp to look at buying for marking off the beach area. Dave will meet with John to look at their condition.

**Zamboni:** Deputy Clerk Richele Barkatt made arrangements with son Blake to get the Zamboni delivered to Working Class Iron for inspection and repairs.

**Agenda Items Approved:**

Yoder / Handrich	September 28, 2021 Regular meeting minutes
Murphy / Handrich	September Payroll & Bills ck #20902-20914
Yoder Handrich	Amend Budget 101-101-956 Misc. \$43,743.50
	101-336-930 Firehall R&M. \$269.35
	101-276-740 Cemetery Supplies \$209.54
	101-336-956 Fire Misc. \$2,330.82
	101-265-850 Town Hall Phone \$20.47
	101-265-740 Town Hall Supplies \$31.13
	101-276-930 Cemetery R&M \$195.06

**Reports:**

Treasurer's Report: September  
PC Minutes: October 14, 2021  
Zoning Report: 3<sup>rd</sup> qtr. Rob  
Social Media Report: Arisa  
Budget Report 3<sup>rd</sup> qtr Kelly

**Something Good:** Township has received appreciation from Gene Wysocki in the Oscoda County Herald. Gene wrote a "Letter to the Editor" saying how proud he is to live in Comins Twp. along with some of the improvements that have been made.

Gene has also volunteered his time to paint benches in the park and Town Square!  
Thank you Gene!

**Adjournment:** At 8:15pm Murphy / Wangbichler

*Next Meeting: December 14, 2021*