

VILLAGE OF COPEMISH
MEETING MINUTES
April 8, 2025

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: by President Mike Longo at 7:01 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 7:02 PM.

ROLL CALL: Mike (Y) Misty (Y) Jan (Y) Mary (Y) Earl (Y) Ally (Y)

VISITORS: Clark Scarbrough, Danielle Bilbia, Patrick Milliron, Dave Myers, Dale Humphrey, Sharon Witkop, Linda Scarbrough, Paul Denny, Walter Rock.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: *Linda Scarbrough reported the drainage backup by the bus stop needs attention. The street floods for half a block. The spring weather floods the street terribly. Mike indicated Donnie Kelley was in charge of scoping the drains. Earl stated it won't drain to the East because where the pavement sags, there is a crack in the drain. Mike indicated we should find the crack, dig it up, and repair it. If the road still floods, then we have a much larger problem. Mike will get with Donnie. *Dave Myers update on park project. On site inspection was conducted while the water was at a low level. The feasibility study can proceed. The project is moving forward on the 5-acre proposal for the pond location. There is no going within 50 feet of the creek. The beavers are diverting the water flow, we cannot. Dave asked permission to burn a brush pile $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way down pickle hill for kids to use for sledding. Misty stated we can't give permission to break the ordinance. Clark recommended asking for a variance to the ordinance through the planning commission. Dale Humphrey offered use of fire ring to enclose the brush while burning. Dale also reported Tony hit the stop sign by his shop and it needed repaired.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- MINUTES FROM LAST COUNCIL MEETING (Mar 11, 2025): No discussion.
 - PAYMENT OF THE BILLS: No questions or discussion.
 - TREASURER'S REPORT: Misty read off all fund balances. No questions.
- Mary made Motion to Accept the Consent Agenda, 2nd by Earl, AIF.

STREET ADMIN. REPORT: *Donnie Kelley submitted written report to Misty O'Shea: Lights are still on. Tony is doing good job. Lake St / Read Rd washouts – County fixed and is trapping the beavers now to prevent future problems. Donnie requested 2 signs for Tony's protection while working on M115 30" x 36" stating Caution Watch for Flashing Lights at \$133.90 cost to the Village.

PLANNING COMMISSION AND ZONING REPORT: *Clark blight issue for church on corner went to court. He has 90 days to be in compliance. Two more appearances coming up. Mike asked

why a notice was put up at the address and wanted to make sure the actual owner is being contacted in these manners. Clark stated one goes on the property and one copy is mailed to the owner's address. Clark wants letters out for people with blight along with clean up date giving them 30 days to prepare for cleanup or expect a ticket. Those who need help will need to speak up for assistance with cleanup. Clark mentioned a wood pile behind the old lounge with rusty nails in the wood that concerns him. Clark stated John tries to track people down to speak in person regarding blight issues.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Mike thanked Dale for cleaning up the corner. Mike switched trash services to save \$16/month and use a local company for service. He also negotiated a fixed rate with Blarney Castle saving 30 cents per gallon for propane. Mike reported the roof blew off and we're waiting to hear from an adjuster to know the cost to repair. He stated the septic will now be put on hold.

OLD BUSINESS: * Food Pantry – served 87 households Mar. 28th.

NEW BUSINESS:

"Light Up Copemish" - French Toast Breakfast June 14th at the American Legion 9-11:30 am.

Mike is trying to schedule a golf outing at Crystal Lake Golf Course to benefit the light project.

Blight Status – Mike indicated he's constructing form letters for blight, so it is standardized.

Treasurer – We are sharing on Facebook and running periodic ads in the newspaper. The positions are also listed as "open" on our website. Please spread the word to find someone qualified to help. Dave Myers asked about Suzique Couture being approached.

Mike also mentioned needing backup for Tony in maintenance. We should have a backup for illness, injury, vacation time purposes. Mike mentioned the normal option would be the street administrator but that won't work in this case. Mary mentioned Suzique has quit the board two times already; we should look elsewhere. She also mentioned asking Chrissy again. At the time, she was getting messages late into the night with demands and stepped away. She might be interested under different circumstances.

Newspaper – the township will let us have their paper when we run ads.

Misty mentioned the June deadline for the MDOT Road grant. Mary agreed to work on it.

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENTS: *None

FINAL COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS: *None

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Mike made motion, Mary 2nd, AIF. Meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.