

VILLAGE OF COPEMISH

MEETING MINUTES

May 9, 2023

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** by President Shannon Saunders at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Shannon (P) Elaine (P) Mike (P) Jan (P) Clifford (P) Chris (P)

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** 7:03

**VISITORS:** Earl Witkop, Bob & Marilyn Edgington, Dave Myers, Suzique Couture, Bob & LaDonna Carpenter, Lauren Teichner

**AMEND/SET AGENDA:** Clifford, Jan AIF

**MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING:** Mike, Clifford AIF

**PAYMENT OF THE BILLS:** Jan, Mike AIF

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Jan, Clifford AIF

**STREET ADMIN. REPORT:** \*Clifford informed the Council that the two new traffic lights are up and running – one on Cleon and one on Maple near village limit. Pedestrian signs are attached to each of them. \*Clifford also would like to put up stop sign on 4<sup>th</sup> & Elm Street, as people are running signs. \*A new weed trimmer is needed – approved. Clifford & Mike, AIF \*The drains are still not working as they should be. Shannon will talk to Power Vac, as they didn't get them cleared.

**NEW BUSINESS:** \*Lauren (Olson, Bzodok & Howard) spoke to the Council regarding public input/comments at meetings. Open Meeting Act: Anyone using inappropriate language, speaking without permission or causing a breach of peace may be ejected from meeting by president. \*Bob/LaDonna Carpenter requested a variance in order to build a garage on their property on Michigan Street. Mike made a motion to grant the variance, Jan seconded. AIF. \*There is a large dead tree on Cleon. Elaine got prices, as it is dangerously close to a home with small children. Milarch Inc. would cost \$1,000. Devin O'Shea gave a quote

of \$350 from Straight Up Tree Service, which includes cutting wood into sections. All in favor to take the lower quote.

**PLANNING DEPT:** Shannon is working on getting the Planning Committee reinstated. Members may be reinstated by appointment, except Dave Myers, as it would be a violation of state law (conflict of interest). She proposed to appoint Clark Scarbrough as Chair, Dale Humphrey as co-chair, and John McCall, Mike Longo and Tyson O'Shea as members. Tentative vote: Clark-4 yes, 1 no, Tyson-4 yes, 1 no, Dale- 2-yes, 3 no. John-5 yes, 0 no. \*Security cameras for park: All in favor of purchasing cameras, as there have been quite a lot of problems in the park with teenagers leaving trash and graffiti.

**PRESIDENT COMMENTS:** \*Zoning report tabled until June meeting. \*Property, housing and land bank waiting for more info. \*Shannon will address council regarding planning/zoning report at June meeting. \*Shannon also let the council know that would like to start a produce garden on the property behind the village hall. All residents would be able to use it. Motion by Clifford, seconded by Chris, AIF

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** \*Dave Myers is still researching the tentative purchase of land for sale behind township hall. \*Suzique asked when we got a new council member, and if the public was aware that there was a vacancy. \*Clark Scarbrough asked about repairs to the road they live on. Shannon has an estimate of 83,000 from Ron Brown and has requested one from Elmers.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Clifford made a motion to adjourn at 8:18, Chris seconded.

AIF, passed.

Respectfully submitted by Elaine Gibbs, Village of Copemish Clerk