

VILLAGE OF COPEMISH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 9, 2024

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: by President Shannon Saunders at 7:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 7:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Shannon (P) Christine (P) Jan (P) Clifford (P) Mary (P) Open position (A)

VISITORS: Dave Myers, Clark Scarbrough, Misty O'Shea

PUBLIC COMMENTS: ***Dave Myers** (1) Proposed Township Park project update: Dave attended the Cycle One Manistee County Revenue Sharing verbal presentation on April 8. Our application was rejected. They are only allowing applications for public safety projects. We need to regroup, figure out another source of funding. Shannon suggested we try Leelanau County Revenue Sharing. She will reach out to Carry and Sherry (Attorney workers for Peshawbestown casino) as they have previous experience helping us get funding for the Village Park. The affected American Legion property is also being evaluated by a local realtor to obtain a current market value. It would help for obtaining possible State and Federal funding to have the Township own all the land. (2) Shannon asked when is the Township doing their cleanup day? June 1st, 8am to noon, same location. Shannon would like to put notice in the Village newsletter.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- **MINUTES FROM LAST COUNCIL MEETING (March 12):** Shortened meeting due to Clifford's absence. No discussion.
- **PAYMENT OF THE BILLS:** No printout.
- **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Feb. & March 2024 reports given out. Balances voiced by Shannon.
- Motion by Mary, 2nd by Clifford to approve the consent agenda. AIF.

STREET ADMIN. REPORT (Clifford): *Shannon asked if Tony is still hauling leaves, sticks, ect.? Clifford said he is, providing people put it by the road. Shannon will include in the newsletter. *Tony had the tires rotated on the Village truck today, \$60. *Clifford indicated he still wants to move ahead with purchasing the drain scope system (Anaconda, \$7,900) to identify where our issues are. Also, Springdale Township did get their ground penetrating radar, which we could possibly rent. Both systems could give us the tools we need to identify and hopefully fix our

drains. We could rent out the Anaconda system to help offset the cost. Shannon will look into funding, delay voting on purchasing until next month.

PLANNING COMMISSION AND ZONING REPORT (Clark): *Frank Gillis: (1) Trailer on State St. update. Shannon indicated Frank has not received his ticket yet from Our Zoning Administrator (John). (2) Also, Clark indicated Frank has not submitted the proper drawing for the land use permit for his property on Fourth St. Clark suggested we give Frank our updated land use permit which includes graph paper for including a proper drawing. (3) Frank recently purchased the property on the corner of Third and Maple Streets. We previously contacted the County regarding getting it condemned. Shannon stated we need to treat each property separately and have John follow the proper sequence for notifying and dealing with all of Frank's properties. ***New Camping Ordinance and Storage Units Ordinance:** Rough draft of camping ordinance is available. Rough draft of storage unit's ordinance is being done by Debra and will be available soon. Shannon asked Clark to have Debra send her rough drafts so she can review and put on the agenda. Then we have our attorney review, present to the Village Board for a vote. ***Short term rentals:** Clark indicated he will contact a couple local inspectors to find out about their service. Still not sure how the recent State of Michigan court ruling (Commercially zoned property only) will affect short term rentals in the Village. Shannon will contact our attorney. ***Fischer Propane update:** Clark has not heard anything from them. Shannon will contact them for an update.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: ***Budget:** There will be a budget hearing in June. ***Elections:** All Council members need to submit their paperwork to be on this November's ballot. Due some time in July, but let's shoot for completing next month. We still have an open Council Trustee position. ***Copemish Days:** CBS Solar is sponsoring the fireworks. Maybe a movie night in the park on Saturday. Friday night beer tent and music, street dance. ***Correspondence:** Chrissy received a call from a lady seeking information regarding a missing person's report from 1-27-1985, possibly involving the robbery at Gas Town. Shannon recommended she contact Gary Collins, as he was our Village Constable. ***County Reports:** Due to the Revenue Sharing Board regarding COVID relief money. Shannon completed and turned in. ***ORV:** Maps completed. New Dirt Birds ORV organization. How will this affect our trails? No motorized vehicle uses except snowmobiles during Dec. – March. Shannon will invite Dirt Birds to our next meeting. ***Grant update:** No grants available.

OLD BUSINESS: ***New Camping Ordinance:** Motion by Clifford, 2nd by Mary to approve the rough draft and forward to our attorney for review. Then we will do a final review/approval from the Council. AIF. ***Village Park outhouse:** Jan would like to see us move forward with converting it to a regular bathroom with running water before Heritage Days. Shannon indicated the Village is not planning on doing this until we get a grant. It will get pumped as needed. The Heritage Days Committee will have to provide port-a-potties if they choose. ***Insurance quotes:** Shannon was not able to work on. ***Michigan Municipal League:** Also, Shannon was not able to complete a new business application yet. ***Village cleanup day:**

Scheduled for Sat., April 20. Keep the same set up as last year, same vendor (Shannon to set up), have Tony pick up for people requesting help getting their stuff to the dumpsters. Dumpster available from Friday night through Sunday. ***Quarterly newsletter:** Include cleanup day, need for another Council member, Copemish Heritage Days, Historical Memorial Garden, put brush out for Tony. Jan volunteered to help hand out letters on April 13.

NEW BUSINESS: ***New Treasurer:** Shannon is recommending Sussie Morrow. She could not be here tonight. Shannon read Sussie's informational letter. Motion to appoint Sussie Morrow made by Clifford, 2nd by Mary. AIF. Shannon will remain on check signing with Chrissy until the new people are ready. ***New Clerk:** Misty O'Shea nominated by Shannon. Motion to appoint Misty O'Shea made by Mary, 2nd by Jan. AIF. Misty sworn in by Chrissy. Chrissy is willing to stay to help train Misty. ***New Planning Commission member:** Jan Myers nominated by Shannon. Motion to appoint Jan Myers made by Mary, 2nd by Clifford. AIF. Jan sworn in by Chrissy.

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENTS: ***Dave Myers:** The American Legion received a \$150,000 grant to do building improvements. Also, a celebration dinner at the AL for Wally Humphrey is scheduled for May 19, 1-3pm, no cost to the public. ***Misty O'Shea:** Has a 20-foot screen that the Village can use for the movie in the park.

FINAL COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS: None.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Clifford, 2nd by Mary, AIF. Meeting adjourned at 8:27pm.

Respectfully submitted by Chrissy Joan, Village of Copemish Clerk, with recorded support from Dave Myers.