

**VILLAGE OF COPEMISH
MEETING MINUTES
March 14, 2023**

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 7:01

VISITORS: Robert & Marilyn Edginton, Dave Myers

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

AMEND/SET AGENDA: Clifford motioned to set agenda, Mike seconded. AIF

MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING: Mike motioned to accept February minutes, Clifford seconded. AIF.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS: Mike motioned to pay the bills, Jan seconded. AIF

TREASURER'S REPORT: Shannon motioned to accept report, Chris seconded. AIF
Elaine let the council know that the bank is only sending statements for savings accounts quarterly, so we will only get the general fund monthly.

STREET ADMIN. REPORT: Shannon has appointed Clifford to Street Administrator. He is working on getting some new traffic signs for the village.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: *Traffic signs – Elaine will find out if we can use Act 51 money for flashing speed signs to make the streets safer. If so, she will order.

We are required to use a percentage of the money for non-motorized use.

*Drains: Shannon has one quote and is waiting for a second one to have the storm drains flushed. She will have at April meeting. *Spring Cleanup –

Shannon has quotes for spring cleanup from GFL and from Northern Disposal in Thompsonville. GFL price (\$4,900) is much more than ND (\$3,100). Shannon and Elaine will send notices out to all village residents. *THRIVE is asking for the application to purchase/operate their business. Shannon will see if she can get the information/application from Kalkaska.

NEW BUSINESS: *Discussion on whether or not we should turn blight, land use permits, and enforcement back over to the county. If we do it, we will have to have a planning and zoning board, which would have a business owner and a resident as a board of appeals. Elaine will talk to the county about cost and services to the village if we turn it back over to them. We have no one in the village who knows how to handle it. *Walt will be retiring at the end of March. Tony George will be our new maintenance man. *Elaine's notary license expires in April. Council wants to keep it for the use of residents. Mike made a motion to renew it, Jan seconded. AIF *We received our annual request to help fund the hazardous waste cleanup. They are asking for \$78.00. Clifford made a motion to donate, Chris seconded. AIF. Open to all residents in August.

PRESIDENT COMMENTS: Shannon has been busy searching for grants to improve our village. She has met with the county regarding the improvements council suggested. She also let council know that Acentek will be starting their project in May, and will continue through November

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Imhoff: Marilyn Edginton thinks the Village should turn over Imhoff to the Township. Most of board does not agree. Will revisit in April.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Mike made a motion to adjourn at 8:35, Jan seconded. AIF, passed.

Respectfully submitted by Elaine Gibbs, Village of Copemish Clerk