

VILLAGE OF COPEMISH

MEETING MINUTES

June 13, 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 (A)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 7:01 P.M.

VISITORS: Bob & Marilyn Edgington, Dave Myers, Suzique Couture, Mary & Clark Scarbrough, Gary Buren (Land Bank)

AMEND/SET CONSENT AGENDA: Motion by Mike, 2nd by Clifford to accept agenda. AIF.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: *Dave Myers provided Township cleanup day results. Also, he is still researching creating a new Township Park. *Robert Edgington asked Shannon if she has had any communication with Thryve. She has. Thryve (Josh) needs to submit a DBA (Doing Business As) form (from the County) and request to be on the agenda two weeks before a Council meeting.

*Marilyn Edgington wants to know when the Village is going get Imhoff Drive repaired and is the Village going to continue to mow the grass along the road? Shannon said Elmer's is supposed to do the repairs, and yes on the mowing. *Mary Scarbrough asked the Council to remember their duties. If you see something going on that is against our ordinances, please address it.

*Suzique Couture commented about a specific cannabis business application form that was developed as part of the cannabis ordinance and asked if that has been changed. Shannon said it has been changed. Only need to submit a DBA.

CONSENT AGENDA

- **MINUTES FROM LAST COUNCIL MEETING:** No questions.
- **PAYMENT OF THE BILLS:** Discussion about new bills not on this month's printout, \$1,500 from our new Attorneys, and \$409 from Blarney Castle, \$141 from Copemish Hardware, \$610 from Express Lube, \$147 from Gillisons. Jan asked about the \$1,500 bill, changing attorneys, not being approved by the Council. Shannon said according to Elaine, the Village did not have an attorney and the MML said we needed to establish legal counsel ASAP. Shannon said using Miller Johnson law firm was a conflict of interest as they also represented Thryve. The Council appropriated \$500 for legal fees in this year's budget. This will be addressed at the Budget meeting following this meeting tonight. The Village President and Clerk are the only authorized people to contact our attorney.

- **TREASURER'S REPORT:** No questions.
- **Motion to accept the consent agenda:** Approve the Minutes, bill payments, & Treasurer's report. Motion made by Mike, seconded by Clifford. AIF vote (only Clifford), did not pass. Shannon addressed an inappropriate meeting disruption by Dave Myers, regarding how a consent agenda works, asking Dave to meet with her after this meeting.

STREET ADMIN. REPORT: *Clifford informed the Council Tony is doing a good job, everyone agrees. *Clifford recommends getting two more signs; caution bicyclers, pedestrians, children playing, for Faylor and Nessen City roads. Also, six more slow, children playing signs. Motion to purchase eight more signs made by Jan, 2nd by Mike. AIF. Motion passed. *The drains are not crushed. Clifford has asked Mike, the owner of Power Vac, to meet on the 19th to go through all the drains, should be at no additional cost. *Clifford said he is getting good feedback on the two new radar speed signs. Maybe we still need speed bumps?

PLANNING COMMISSION & ZONING REPORT: Thyson O'Shea does not want to join. Clark Scarbrough, Debra Longo, and Suzique Couture spoke, saying they would like to be on the Planning Commission. Shannon nominated all three persons for appointment/approval from the Council, with Clark as Chairperson and John as Co-Chair. No objections from any Council members. Elaine will continue as Secretary. Shannon also recommends combining the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals. Shannon asked by next meeting the Commission provide a date for the next Planning Commission meeting. Shannon asked the Council to approve \$30/person/meeting. Motion made by Clifford, 2nd by Mike, AIF. Passed.

PRESIDENT COMMENTS: Working on two grants. Meeting tomorrow night with the County regarding ZBA.

OLD BUSINESS: Covered Street Admin., Planning and ZBA. Nothing additional. Motion to accept reports made by Clifford, AIF. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS: *Land Bank. Gary Buren (Vice Chair) spoke about possibilities that the Land Bank may be able to help the Village; blight, distressed properties. There are local, State, and Federal grants available to help fund and address these issues. The Land Bank does not charge for their services. The Land Bank has successfully addressed several County issues. New changes within the Land Bank are making it even easier. Five people sit on the Board. The plan for the Village is to send out letters to blight offenders two weeks after the last cleanup event. This may have Land Bank implications. * Request to close the alley across from Mike and Debra Longo on Cleon Street. Resolution/motion to approve alley closure made by Clifford, 2nd by Mike. Shannon, Clifford, Mike, and Jan all yes. Resolution passed. Elaine to contact newspaper to get published.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Mike, 2nd by Jan. AIF. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm. Five-minute recess, separate budget meeting to follow.

Respectfully submitted by Elaine Gibbs, Village of Copemish Clerk.