

VILLAGE OF COPEMISH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 13, 2024

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: by President Shannon Saunders at 7:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Shannon (P) Elaine (P) Jan (P) Clifford (P) Mary (P)

VISITORS: Mike Longo, Dave Myers, Clark Scarbrough, Christina Scarbrough/Jones

AMEND/SET AGENDA: No approval motion made.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: ***Dave Myers** (1) Jan.19th. United Way Feeding America Food Truck results: Served 378 homes, 1046 people, 323 kids, 254 seniors, 46 Veterans. Best turnout ever! (2) Proposed Township Park project update: Manistee County Revenue Sharing application is completed, asking for \$12,100. Should get approved by the Township Board tomorrow night (Feb. 14). Goal is to get the Revenue Sharing money and have EGLE get us an answer by this summer. (3) Received a playground equipment catalog, available for the Village to look at if interested. ***Mike Longo**. Would like permission to tap maple trees within the Village for making maple syrup this spring. No objection from the Council as Mike has been doing this for many years, permission granted.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- **MINUTES FROM LAST COUNCIL MEETING (Jan. 9):** No discussion.
- **PAYMENT OF THE BILLS:** No questions.
- **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Shannon indicated recent revenue sharing funds have been received, but is not shown in the General Fund yet. Shannon read off all fund balances. No questions.
- Motion by Clifford, seconded by Jan to approve the consent agenda. AIF.

STREET ADMIN. REPORT: ***Street signs.** Clifford would like to buy two more street signs: In front of the Post Office, tow away zone. Motion to approve sign purchase (\$40) made by Mary, 2nd by Jan, AIF. Shannon recommends we get a designated towing service and make sure we follow the proper procedure. ***Drains.** Clifford handed out additional information on the Anaconda scope system that was discussed last month. Shannon recommends we purchase this and will budget accordingly for the new fiscal year (March 1).

PLANNING COMMISSION AND ZONING REPORT: ***Frank Gillis:** Clark was given a Land Use application from Frank. Did not come with a site drawing. John McCall will contact Frank to request site drawings. Next Planning Commission meeting will be next month, March.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: ***Emergency response plan:** Working with the Red Cross. Shannon ordered a bunch of thermal blankets. We need to coordinate with the Township and County. ***Budgets:** Working on (See below). ***Grant update:** Plugging away. We can get a grant to have somebody do a Parks & Recreation five-year plan. May be better to hire a grant writer. ***Park improvements:** If new playground equipment, have in the shape of a train. ***Memorial Garden:** Still working on. May not put it by the old railroad grade. May put it behind the Village Hall. Would like to make the train.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: ***Elaine:** Shannon indicated Elaine Gibbs is going to resign. Elaine stated she thinks it's about time. Elaine stated she has too many things wrong with her health wise. She wants to go work at a day care. Shannon said Elaine plans to stay on for a little bit. Shannon is appointing Christina Scarbrough/Jones to replace Elaine. Shannon has known Christina for many years and speaks very highly of her business and personal skills. Elaine had Christina sworn in as in new Village Clerk. ***Tony:** Elaine indicated Tony said he has several things that need to be taken care of; mostly machinery stuff, Hall issues, furnace. Shannon indicated when Tony needs something, he should contact Clifford and Clifford will contact Shannon if needed. ***Budgets:** Raises. Shannon feels Trustees and the Clerk (\$1,000/month) need an increase. Need to check with surrounding Villages to see what they're paid. Shannon will research.

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENTS: ***Clark:** Asked how it's going getting Board members email addresses? Shannon said she is working on it.

FINAL COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS: ***Jan:** What's the status of all the ordinance violation letters that were sent out? Shannon indicated the Planning/Zoning Commission is handling. ***Shannon:** Still would like to do one more newsletter, asking if people would like to be linked in by email. This could eliminate having to go door-to-door with handouts.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Clifford, 2nd by Jan, AIF. Meeting adjourned at 7:48pm.

Respectfully submitted by Elaine Gibbs, Village of Copemish Clerk, with recorded support from Dave Myers.

