

**ROSE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING
August 14, 2013**

The following residents and guests signed in as present:

Rana Emmons	Matt Weil	Darlyne Stanczyk	Jim Weil
Donna Bosnell	Lawrence Bannerman	Frieda Bannerman	Ron Stachura
Tom Willwerth	Larry Rivington	Mark Bolan	Marilee Carstens
Dior Rushton	Pat Hefferan	Theresa Lynn	Kurt Jung
Maura Jung	Jose Rodriguez	Tom Wirth	Emile Bair
Katherine Bair	Robert Fehlberg	Les Pulver	Carl Johnson
Pam Hill	John Mulvihill, Esq.		

Other(s) present: Susan Weaver (recording secretary), John Mulvihill, Esq. (Township Attorney)

Supervisor Gambka called the regular meeting of the Rose Township Board of Trustees to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Rose Township Hall, 9080 Mason Street, Rose Township, Michigan and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present: Miller, Kemp, Scheib-Snider, Gambka

Board Members Absent: Trevethan

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A. Approval of Proposed Agenda for August 14, 2013

Moved by Kemp, seconded by Scheib-Snider, motion carried to approve the Agenda as submitted.

Voting Yes: Scheib-Snider, Miller, Kemp, Gambka

Voting No: None

Absent: Trevethan

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Approval of Minutes of July 10, 2013

B. Receipt of Monthly Reports

- Building Department
- Constable
- NOCFA
- HAYA
- Financial Reports (Revenue and Expense Reports/Balance Sheets by Fund)

C. Payment of Bills

Moved by Scheib-Snider, seconded by Miller, motion carried to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted.

Voting Yes: Kemp, Scheib-Snider, Miller, Gambka

Voting No: None
Absent: Trevethan

PRESENTATIONS:

A. John Mulvihill, PLLC – Township Attorney, Conflict of Interest Report

Attorney Mulvihill states under the Township policies and procedures manual, appointed officials must complete a conflict of interest form (indicating possible conflicts of interest with regard to representation of Township). Attorney Mulvihill has received all completed forms from Board members with the exception of Bruce Proper (forthcoming) and no conflicts have been found.

B. Certified Public Accountant – Rana M. Emmons, CPA, PSLZ, LLP

Ms. Emmons states the Board has received her proposal and states the firm has been in business for over 50 years, is familiar with government bodies, client list available. Ms. Emmons states she is a partner and it would handle audits with an associate. Ms. Emmons is available year around, not just for audits. Ms. Emmons states she takes a practical approach for small businesses.

C. Certified Public Account – Leslie J. Pulver, CPA, Plante Moran

Partners introduce themselves and state much of their time is spent with governmental agencies. Provides the Board with information. Plante Moran is unique due to its large size and vast experience with governmental auditing. The Township would always have someone at their disposal at its convenience. All audit work done on-site, frequent contact(s), policy to be in touch with its clients monthly. Plante Moran is also available for calls regarding running reports, BS&A questions, etc. at no charge. While Plante Moran is not the lowest priced firm, you get what you pay for, different firm, no contracts. Miller states Plante Moran handled bank reconciliations when previous Treasurer was injured and they did a wonderful job.

D. Jim Porter, Resident – Salary Survey

Mr. Porter thanks the Board for their assistance with the survey and this is Board members and deputies only. If there is not an annual meeting, at the end of fiscal year the Board will adopt salaries for upcoming year and residents are present. Electors can discuss the salaries without a vote. Electors then have the option, if they disagree, to obtain signatures (10% registered votes) and trigger special election. However, a special election would cost at least \$15,000.00 in tax dollars. If Annual Meeting were to be held, Board adopts the salaries, votes in resolution, next meeting electors can discuss/vote to adjust salary but cannot reduce salaries. Mr. Porter states in 2010 Trustees had benefits removed and compensation added as cash in lieu of health benefits. June, 2012 data reveals Rose Township comparable on average with other surrounding communities. Many communities have part-time employees, but they are also run differently, not apples to apples. Rose Township is not out of line with other communities. Copies of report on file with the Rose Township Clerk.

BRIEF PUBLIC COMMENTS - AGENDA ITEMS ONLY (limit comments to 3 minutes each item):

Tom Willwerth, Resident – states he visits Township Offices almost daily, had to ask Clerk Miller to take on an extra job, only two (2) people do their jobs on a daily basis. There is a clique mentality in the Township, many changes necessary.

Theresa Lynn, Resident thanks Mr. Porter for his efforts with survey. Resident states we are now

looking at commercial entities existing within other Townships.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. New RFP for Removal of Ramp, Retrofit Ramp and Tree Removal

Supervisor Gambka states we need more than one (1) bid and decide if we are going to remove or fix and complete before winter. Miller would like the ramp fixed so that the elderly and/or residents with strollers can utilize. Elevator/lift is slow/cumbersome, people have to hold down a button to make it work and they are afraid of it. Supervisor Gambka states there will be bids/drawings in the next packet, compliant with ADA standards.

Moved by Gambka, seconded by Kemp, motion carried to have an RFP for removal/repair of ramp.

Voting Yes: Kemp, Scheib-Snider, Miller, Gambka

Voting No: None

Absent: Trevethan

Supervisor Gambka states we need RFP's for tree removal: an Oak Tree at the cemetery, cherry tree at Township Offices (neighbor will pay ½ costs), tree at ball park. Scheib-Snider states there is also a tree in the parking area of Dearborn Park that needing removal.

Moved by Scheib-Snider, seconded by Miller, motion carried to publish RFPs for the removal of four (4) trees within the Township.

Voting Yes: Miller, Kemp, Scheib-Snider, Gambka

Voting No: None

Absent: Trevethan

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Property Transfer Affidavit \$200 Penalty – Resident Berry Request to Waive Fee

B. Property Transfer Affidavit \$200 Penalty – Resident Leszcynski Request to Waive Fee

Moved by Gambka, seconded by Kemp, motion carried to waive the fees incurred by Residents Berry and Leszcynski.

Voting Yes: Scheib-Snider, Miller, Kemp, Gambka

Voting No: None.

Absent: Trevethan

C. Municipal Civil Infraction/Citation – Resident Dennis Formal Appeal Waive Fee

Mr. Dennis states he was issued a burn permit by the fire department on a very dry day; wind came up and started a wood pile on fire. Fire department responded and its report was incorrect. A citation was issued alleging an illegal burn. Resident states part of the blame lies with the fire department as they issued the permit. Supervisor Gambka would like to hear from the fire department suggests tabling this matter until then. Miller asks the fire department to provide her with burn permit requirements in order

to post on website.

Moved by Gambka, seconded by Kemp, motion carried to table this matter until more information is obtained.

Voting Yes: Kemp, Scheib-Snider, Miller, Gambka

Voting No: None.

Absent: Trevethan

D. Oakland County Treasurer's Office Foreclosed Parcels for Land Sale. Information Only.

Supervisor Gambka states a piece of property located on Davisburg Rd. up for auction with the County, approx. \$4,800.00.

E. Foreclosed Parcels with Incorrect Drain Assessments. Information Only.

Supervisor Gambka states there is property assessed by the Oakland County Drain Commission, in foreclosure, should not have been assessed. No longer being foreclosed, taken off the tax rolls.

F. Property 9080 Mason Street, Greg Prose Excavating. Information Only.

Supervisor Gambka states Greg Prose Excavating cleared area on Township Office property.

G. Upgrade Township Hall Mowing to Every Week. Information Only.

Supervisor Gambka states for approximately \$100.00 extra per month, mowing Township Hall weekly now.

H. Always Care Employee Dental and Vision Insurance Rate Increase. Information Only.

Supervisor Gambka states employee dental and vision insurances rates are increased by one (1%) percent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. Planning Commission Meeting – August 1, 2013 – 7:30 p.m. (Cancelled)**
- B. Zoning board of Appeals Meeting – August 6, 2013 – 7:30 p.m. (Cancelled)**
- C. NOCFA Meeting – August 19, 2013 – 7:00 p.m. – Rose Township Offices**
- D. Assessing Office – 2nd Tuesday of every month – 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**
- E. Next Township Board Meeting – September 11, 2013 – 7:30 p.m.**
- F. Cemetery Committee Meeting – TBD (August) – Rose Township Offices**
- G. 24/7 Rose Township Recycling/Rose Township Offices, 9080 Mason Street**

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS:

- A. NOCFA – None.**
- B. Planning Commission – None.**
- C. Holly Area Youth Assistance (HAYA) – Scheib-Snider, Spot Shooters, Grange Hall Rd., August 24th 10-4, residents can drop off school supply donations.**
- D. Cemetery Committee – Still working on rules and regulations.**
- E. Parks and Recreation – Signs to be posted soon.**

F. **Supervisor's Report** – Supervisor Gambka states Oakland County is gravelling roads, Taylor Lake Rd., Rattalee Lake Road coming up. Completed early-September. Special Meeting to be held to choose auditors or at September meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT (limit comments to 3 minutes each item):

Unidentified Resident asks what kind of material will be used in constructing the new ramp, should use a durable material. Miller responds wood or possibly composite. Supervisor Gambka states the ramp was installed when building functioned as a church, very old.

Unidentified Resident is looking for guidance concerning bon fires. Resident states a bon fire created a lot of smoke in his yard, could not use air conditioning, etc. Resident called State Police. Smoke inhalation caused him to incur medical bills.

Pat Hefferan, Resident asks if there are enough complaints, what is the procedure for creating an ordinance. Supervisor Gambka states coming to meetings and/or issuing complaints, refer to attorney, draft an ordinance. Legislating courtesy and common sense is difficult.

Unidentified Resident states a house on Tamryn is in horrible shape, treeing growing through roof. Owner refuses to repair. Supervisor Gambka visited the residence, tenant was not home. CES sent letter to new owner, removed homestead exemption, owner responded repairs would be made. Only made exterior inspection, cannot enter the residence. Resident complains about pot holes on Davisburg Rd.

Tom Wirth, Resident is proud of the NOCFA, we have a good fire department.


Tom Willwerth, Resident states the ad being placed for tree removal on cemetery, bids unnecessary due to cost. A lot of people/contractors do not want to deal with this Township. Resident states Dave Plewes is overpaid at \$31,000, unsure what his responsibilities are and what his function is? Where is the time study? Trustees do not work enough hours.

John Ley, Resident states the Lake Braemar/Tamryn house is an eyesore (neighbor). Asks if attorney can require the inside of house inspected. A lot of mold. Resident's house values are diminished as a result of the condition of the home.

Unidentified Resident speaks as to run down homes, eye sores.

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.


Debbie Miller, CMC
Rose Township Clerk

Approved/Corrected