August 14, 2024 – REGULAR MEETING ROSE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Wednesday, August 14, 2024

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: 9080 Mason St, Holly, MI 48442

PRESENT: Paul Gambka, Treasurer Patricia Walls, Trustee

Dianne Scheib-Snider, Supervisor Debbie Miller, Clerk

ABSENT: Miesch

Motion by Supervisor Scheib-Snider to excuse Trustee Miesch from tonight's meeting. Second by Walls. Motion carried.

OTHERS PRESENT: Angie Guillen, Recording Secretary, Fire Chief Matt Weil.

OTHERS: Kevin Kenny, Dan LaRou, Danny Fallscheer, Cythia Baker, Gary Miotke, Brian Eells, Brady Lennon, Paul & Diana Hobbs, Eric Visser, Richard Gee, Pat Williamson, Donna Boshell, Mike Maher, Bill Jobes, Vance King, Betty Scheen, Sung Basham, Mike Scheen, Mike Hassett, Luanne & Daniel Johnson, Kathleen Martin, Dan Emmitt, Scott & Autumn Woodcox, Willie Maday, Sharon Reisenauer, Linda Watson-Call, Gisela Lendle King and Julius Stern.

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Scheib-Snider called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

1. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Supervisor Scheib-Snider to approve the agenda with amendments as presented. Second by Treasurer Gambka.

VOTE: YES: Gambka, Miller, Walls, Scheib-Snider

NO: None ABSENT: Miesch

2. Approval of Consent Agenda:

Motion by Treasurer Gambka to approve the consent agenda as presented. Second by Trustee Walls.

VOTE: YES: Walls, Miller, Gambka, Scheib-Snider

NO: None ABSENT: Miesch

Brief Public Comments on items appearing on the agenda under unfinished business & new agenda items only: (limit comments to 3 minutes)

Mike Maher addressed the Board regarding the approved 2024 Budget Meeting in which the recording secretary wages were approved. He attended the budget meeting where everything was discussed in detail, and the Township Board Recording Secretary wages were included in the proposed budget that was approved. He looked at the current year's wages and they were unchanged for the proposed budget year. It is unusual that just one person's wages, after they were approved at a detailed formal Budget Meeting, are back out in front of us again. It's unusual, nobody else's wages are up for discussion, and feels pointed out or specific after a formal meeting where the Budget was approved, and the Recording Secretary wages were, and they are the same dollar amount the meeting is still being recorded and transcribed. This is an unusual thing to see after a formal job on the budget.

Julius Stern addressed the Board regarding the citations he has received and congratulated the Right For Rose Candidates for winning the election.

Dan Johnson addressed the Board regarding the Old, New Business B, what was it and why was it removed. Someone felt it was necessary to put it on the agenda, so he doesn't understand why it was removed without any discussion at all.

A resident addressed the Board regarding the comment that was made by Clerk Miller that something was coming tomorrow and the Supervisor stated that it was in September. Can you clarify what that was pertaining to?

3. Public Hearing:

A. Public Hearing for Eveline Drive Special Assessment District

Supervisor Scheib-Snider indicated the first public hearing is for Eveline Drive Special Assessment District for routine maintenance of a private road. She stated the purpose of the hearing is to hear objections to the special assessment roll for the creation of a special assessment district for routine maintenance of the private road known as Eveline Drive. The Public Hearing was opened at 7:15 p.m.

Kathleen Martin addressed the Board regarding how to go about getting a private road assessment on the private road she lives on.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:17 p.m.

B. Public Hearing for Fish Lake Aquatic Weed Control Special Assessment District

Supervisor Scheib-Snider indicated the second public hearing is for Fish Lake Aquatic Weed Control Special Assessment District to hear objections to the project and petition. The purpose of the hearing is to hear objections to the project and petition for the creation of a special assessment district for the purpose of controlling aquatic weed in Fish Lake. The Public Hearing was opened at 7:18 p.m.

Mike Scheen addressed the Board regarding whether there is a homeowner's association for Fish Lake Road and how he would go about getting out of the assessment as he never signed up to be included in the assessment.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:22 p.m.

C. Public Hearing for Big Trail, Frushour, Field Drive Special Assessment District

Supervisor Scheib-Snider indicated the third public hearing is for Big Trail, Frushour, Field Drive Special Assessment District to hear objections to the petition submitted for the creation of a special assessment district for the maintenance of Big Trail, Frushour, Field Drive. The Public Hearing was opened at 7:23 p.m.

There was no public comment.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:24 p.m.

4. Unfinished Business:

A. Township Board Recording Secretary Wages

Supervisor Scheib-Snider indicated yes, we do have a budget, and we do follow a budget when we are paying people, and it is approved by the Township Board. Treasurer Gambka indicated that the recording secretary is being paid for six (6) meetings and there has been eighteen hundred dollars paid to the recording secretary.

Motion by Treasurer Gambka to have Rana, our independent CPA look into this to confirm whether his allegations are true. Second by Walls. Supervisor Scheib-Snider indicated we will have a professional investigate and give us her opinion.

VOTE: YES: Walls, Gambka, Scheib-Snider

NO: Miller ABSENT: Miesch

5. Unfinished Business:

A. Rose Township Employee Health Benefits Renewal, November 2025

Supervisor Scheib-Snider indicated the health benefits that take effect November 2025 includes a increase this year of 19.19%.

Motion by Supervisor Scheib-Snider to approve the health benefits with the increase of 19.19%. Second by Treasurer Gambka.

VOTE: YES: Gambka, Walls, Miller, Scheib-Snider

NO: None
ABSENT: Miesch

B. Eveline Drive Special Assessment District Resolutions

Supervisor Scheib-Snider indicated she is going to recuse herself from the conversation and the voting. She stated the Treasurer has been working with the Township Attorney on this. Treasurer Gambka indicated under MCL 1988 you can only accumulate so much money in a Special Assessment District. In the Eveline Special Assessment District, we have \$61,000.00. The account has been that way for several years. With the advice of the Attorney, we should refund any excess and be divided as \$9,600.00 plus 5%. Under the law \$51,000.000 should be returned to the residents. Which would work out to \$2,200.00 per

resident based on the SAD. He stated he was not aware of this and spoke with Attorney Mulvihill. This account is overfunded.

Michael Hassett addressed the Board regarding the Special Assessment balance, and he wants the Township to leave their money alone. He told the Treasurer he is not the assessor of their money; they are, he is only the collector of the money and is to pay the bills. Under Michigan Law you can't tell us what to do with our money. We are not doing anything wrong or illegal. This is a private road. You are not there to assess it. This is wrong for what you are trying to decide for us.

Brian Eells addressed the Board regarding that he agrees to leave the money where it is.

Eric Visser addressed the Board and mentioned the anticipated spending in the future for Eveline Drive.

Kevin Kenny addressed the Board regarding the drain on the road and the replacement costs if it was to fail.

Randy Jidas addressed the Board regarding leaving the funds where they are at. If there are future repairs the funds are there, and they all agreed to it.

Paul Hobbs addressed the Board to reiterate leaving the funds there for future needs and projects.

Dan Jones addressed the Board regarding leaving the funds right where they are at.

Treasurer Gambka stated he would like to table this until the next meeting because he wants to get legal advice and talk to the President of the Association.

Motion by Treasurer Gambka to table this discussion until a further future meeting. Second by Walls.

VOTE: YES: Miller, Gambka, Walls

NO: None ABSENT: Miesch

ABSTAIN: Scheib-Snider

5. Announcements:

- A. Planning Commission Meeting: September 5, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.
- **B. Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting:** September 3, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.
- C. N.O.C.F.A. Board Meeting: August 21, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. Rose Twp Offices
- D. Assessing Office: M-F, 9:00am 5:00pm, Rob Doyle, 248-858-2179, doyler@oakgov.com
- E. Township Board Regular Meeting: September 11, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.
- **F. NoHaz,** Saturday September 14, 2024. Oakland County Service Center Campus, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac, MI. 48341 from 8 a.m. 2 p.m.

6. Miscellaneous Reports:

A. Clerk Report: Clerk Miller reported on the successful August 6, 2024, Primary Election and gave the voter turnout numbers for in person voting and at the early voting center. She congratulated the incoming Supervisor Brad Stilwell, Treasurer Bill Jobes and Trustees Mike Maher and Debra Bourdeau. She thanked the current Board for their service. She further gave an update on maintenance on the nearby railroad tracks.

- **B.** Cemetery Committee: Clerk Miller updated the Board regarding the tree that came down at the cemetery.
- C. N.O.C.F.A.: Supervisor Scheib-Snider and Clerk Miller indicated there was nothing to report.
- **D. Planning Commission:** Supervisor Scheib-Snider indicated the meeting was cancelled.
- **E. HAYA:** Trustee Walls indicated there was no report.
- **F.** Treasurer Report: Treasurer Gambka indicated summer taxes are due on Monday, September 16, 2024. He explained if the tax payment is in the box on Monday and on Tuesday morning when the tax payments are removed, they will be counted as on time.
- **G. Zoning Board of Appeals:** Treasurer Gambka indicated there was no meeting.
- H. Parks and Recreation: Supervisor Scheib-Snider indicated there was nothing to report.
- **I.** Heritage Committee: Supervisor Scheib-Snider indicated they are working on a couple of events.
- **J. Supervisor Report:** Supervisor Scheib-Snider discussed the road closure and that it has been repaired multiple times in two years for the same track. She gave an update on the Old Town Hall.
- 7. Brief Public Comments Comments only, limit comments to 3 minutes

Julius Stern addressed the Board and gave a congratulations to the new incoming elected officials.

8. Adjournment: 7:53 p.m.

Debbie Miller, MMC, MiPMC II Rose Township Clerk