

**March 13, 2024 – REGULAR MEETING  
ROSE TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**DATE:** Wednesday, March 13, 2024  
**TIME:** 7:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** 9080 Mason St, Holly, MI 48442

**PRESENT:** Paul Gambka, Treasurer                      Patricia Walls, Trustee  
                  Agnes Miesch, Trustee                      Dianne Scheib-Snyder, Supervisor  
                  Debbie Miller, Clerk

**ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Angie Guillen, Recording Secretary.

**OTHERS:** Matt Weil, Debra Bourdeau, Paul Englehart, Mike Maher, Brad Stilwell, Sharon Stilwell, Scott Woodcox, Julius Stern.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Supervisor Scheib-Snyder called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**1. Approval of Agenda:**

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

**VOTE: YES:** Miesch, Miller, Walls, Gambka, Scheib-Snyder  
**NO:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

**2. Approval of Consent Agenda:**

Motion by Clerk Miller to approve the consent agenda as presented with an amendment to remove the HAYA & Treasurer’s report. Second by Treasurer Gambka.

**VOTE: YES:** Miller, Walls, Gambka, Miesch, Scheib-Snyder  
**NO:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

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

There was no public comment.

**5. Unfinished Business:**

**A. American Towers/Cell Tower Contract Proposed Amendments**

Supervisor Scheib-Snider indicated she reached out to American Tower as directed by the Board from the last meeting. She stated she had a response back and the correspondence is included in the Board packet. She read aloud the negotiations from the contract agreement. She indicated Clerk Miller gave additional information from the last meeting as well.

Motion by Supervisor Scheib-Snider to discuss the proposed contract agreement with American Towers.  
Second by Trustee Miller.

**VOTE: YES:** Walls, Gambka, Miller, Miesch, Scheib-Snider  
**NO:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

Clerk Miller indicated she read the agreement and proposed negotiations and suggested using an outside company who is an expert in cell tower contract negotiations.

Motion by Clerk Miller to postpone the decision until April 10, 2024, Board Meeting to review and check into it further. Second by Treasurer Gambka.

**VOTE: YES:** Gambka, Miesch, Miller, Walls, Scheib-Snider  
**NO:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

**B. Township Policy – Consider Attorney J. Mulvihill for Policy**

Supervisor Scheib-Snider indicated the Township Attorney wrote a letter asking for consideration to use him for the Township manual policy update. He was on vacation and did not get a chance to look at the agenda. He is asking the Board to reconsider its decision and to let his office complete the update. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Supervisor Scheib-Snider to let John Mulvihill our Township Attorney complete and update the administrative policies. Second by Walls.

**VOTE: YES:** Miesch, Walls, Gambka, Scheib-Snider  
**NO:** Miller  
**ABSENT:** None

**C. SAFE built Michigan LLC Contract**

Supervisor Scheib-Snider indicated she attended the Planning Commission Meeting, and we should receive communication from them soon. She stated there is no need for discussion at this time because she hasn't heard back from them.

**6. New Business:**

**A. Resolution Oakland County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan**

Supervisor Scheib-Snider explained the mitigation plan is a strategy plan that has to do with flooding, hazards, storms and active shooter. Assistant Chief Weil stated this deals with Public Act 390 which gives municipalities the authority in disaster situations. When things go awry, we have the entire County

available at our disposal in their emergency operations center. This is nothing out of the ordinary, if we were a larger municipality we would be a 390 municipality and handle our own, but we are not.

Motion by Supervisor Scheib-Snyder to approve the Resolution authorizing the adoption of the Oakland County Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan. Second by Walls.

**VOTE: YES:** Walls, Gambka, Miller, Miesch, Scheib-Snyder  
**NO:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

**B. Resolution to Appoint G. Kullis to the Western Oakland Transportation Authority Board**

Supervisor Scheib-Snyder indicated receiving a Resolution of Intent to Recommend Appointment of George A. Kullis to the Western Oakland Transportation Authority.

Motion by Supervisor Scheib-Snyder to approve the resolution to recommend George A. Kullis to the Western Oakland Transportation Authority Board. Second by Miller. Discussion ensued.

**VOTE: YES:** Miller  
**NO:** Gambka, Miesch, Walls, Scheib-Snyder  
**ABSENT:** None

Motion by Supervisor Scheib-Snyder to ask WOTA to consider increasing to a 9-member Board so Rose Township and Groveland Township can have representation as well. Second by Gambka.

**VOTE: YES:** Miesch, Walls, Gambka, Scheib-Snyder  
**NO:** Miller  
**ABSENT:** None

**C. Eveline Drive Special Assessment District Resolution**

Motion by Walls to set a public hearing on April 10, 2024, at 7pm 9080 Mason Street for scheduling a hearing on assessment roll for Eveline Drive Road Maintenance Special Assessment District #9. Motion fails as there was "NO" Second.

Motion by Supervisor Scheib-Snyder to postpone the Eveline Drive Special Assessment District #9 until we have the proper Resolution that it states that there is an intent to create a Special Assessment District with the language that we are creating a Special Assessment District for Eveline Drive for the purpose permitted under State Law MCL A 41.722 (2)(1)(M) for the maintenance of a private road in pursuant to MCL 41.724(2) terms at a hearing on objections to the petition be scheduled at (future date) The Rose Township Offices. Second by Walls.

**VOTE: YES:** Walls, Gambka, Miesch, Scheib-Snyder  
**NO:** Miller  
**ABSENT:** None

**D. Use of Township Facilities and the Campaign Finance Act Compliance**

Supervisor Scheib-Snyder explained the information was provided to you including an opinion from the Township Attorney Mulvihill, MTA findings, and the Clerk provided information that the Township Board can approve it but that it has never been approved for years.

Motion by Scheib-Snider to acknowledge that the Rose Township Board has not allowed Township facilities or grounds to be used by policy to any candidates, campaign committees including incumbents. We have never allowed this, and a board can't make in kind contributions from a public entity and does not allow the use of the Township facilities for campaigning or candidates campaigning. This should be included in the policy going forward. Second by Gambka. Discussion ensued.

**VOTE: YES:** Walls, Gambka, Miesch, Scheib-Snider  
**NO:** Miller  
**ABSENT:** None

**E. Approval for The Rose Township Proposed Clean-Up Day May 4, 2024**

Supervisor Scheib-Snider indicated that the Rose Township Clean-Up day is May 4, 2024.

Motion by Supervisor Scheib-Snider to approve clean up day to be May 4, 2024, from 8am to 4pm. Second by Miesch. Clerk Miller stated she has never had to have clean-up day be approved and she is the project manager. It is in the budget from June when it's approved. Discussion ensued.

**VOTE: YES:** Gambka, Miesch, Miller, Walls, Scheib-Snider  
**NO:** None  
**ABSENT:** None

**7. Announcements:**

**A. Planning Commission Meeting:** April 4, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

**B. Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting:** April 2, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

**C. N.O.C.F.A. Board Meeting:** March 18, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. N.O.C.F.A. Station #1

**D. Assessing Office:** M-F, 9:00am - 5:00pm, Rob Doyle, 248-858-2179, [doyle@oakgov.com](mailto:doyle@oakgov.com)

**E. Township Board Regular Meeting:** April 10, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

**F. NoHaz,** Saturday April 27, 2024. Oakland County Service Center Campus, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac, Mi. 48341 from 8am – 2pm

**G. Rose Township Clean-Up Day.** May 4, 2024, from 8:00am – 4:00pm

**8. Miscellaneous Reports:**

**A. Clerk Report:** Clerk Miller indicated we just finished the Presidential Primary. We mailed out 1,020 Absentee Ballots and 891 were returned. The percentage of 87.35 ballots were returned. On election day Precinct 1 had 169 voters, Precinct 2 had 237 votes, Precinct 3 had 233 voters. Early Voting, which includes 3 municipalities had 240 voters turn out of which Rose Township had 63 voters, Holly Township had 48, Springfield Township had 129 voters. It was a great election and there were no issues. The next election will be August 6, 2024. Discussion ensued.

**B. Cemetery Committee:** Clerk Miller indicated the meeting was scheduled for March 11, 2024, and it was cancelled.

**C. N.O.C.F.A.:** Clerk Miller stated the N.O.C.F.A. meeting is scheduled for Monday night and the agenda was just received today and she has not had time to send it out yet. Supervisor Scheib-Snider indicated that there has been a lot of discussion about the Oakland County Dispatch Agreement for Fire, and it is going up a considerable amount. She asked to have that put on the agenda. Also, the Fire Chief is resigning, and he made suggestions on who to put into his position and suggested making an administrative position for him as well. The meeting may not be

recorded because there have been issues with the recording equipment and amid the complaints received by the Supervisor, she suggested residents attend the meeting.

- D. Planning Commission:** Trustee Miesch indicated there was an election of officers. She discussed ordinance updates regarding animal sanctuaries, flood plain changes with State and Federal changes and State law changes with the wind/solar energy ordinances.
- E. HAYA:** Trustee Walls indicated there was no report.
- F. Treasurer Report:** The Treasurer indicated 98-99% of taxes were collected and the balance was turned over to Oakland County and it was a very successful tax season. He stated the IRS has extended the date for filing your income tax. It is normally April 15, and is now June 15, 2024, you can file and pay your taxes on June 15, 2024, without penalty. This was done due to the storms that hit Michigan last year and the President announced that he was giving a break and the IRS agreed. The State of Michigan and Federal income taxes are, if you live in Oakland County, there are about 8 counties that this applies to, and Oakland County is one he looked at. In Oakland County you can file your income taxes on June 15, 2024, and pay them on June 15, 2024, you can file your State of Michigan returns on June 15, 2024, and pay them June 15, 2024, without penalty. Clerk Miller inquired about Flagstar bank being bought out. The Treasurer indicated he has moved most of our money from Flagstar and kept balances down. We have most of our money invested in CD'S and all the CDs are under \$250,000.00. Discussion ensued.
- G. Zoning Board of Appeals:** Treasurer Gambka indicated there was an election of officers. We had one petitioner, and he withdrew.
- H. Parks and Recreation:** Supervisor Scheib-Snider indicated they are planning to do a clean-up of the paths at Rose Ponds. There were some trees removed that fell into the parking lot and they were removed last year. There are existing paths that have trip hazards that will be removed towards the end of April but there has been no date set.
- I. Heritage Committee:** Supervisor Scheib-Snider indicated the Heritage Committee is working on essays for the website and are planning events for the year for the community and residents to come out and enjoy.
- J. Supervisor Report:** Supervisor Scheib-Snider indicated they were in court most of last week with the case Rose Township vs. Kreiner. We are waiting for transcripts to compose a brief. The judge wants us to sight actual statements from the transcripts once the brief is submitted. The Attorney ordered those immediately this week. The West Nile Training is coming up soon and she will participate in that so we will receive our mosquito repellent for residents. She signed up to attend that training which must be completed every year to receive reimbursement grant money. NoHaz dates have been received but we have not received the brochures yet. NoHaz dates are on the website and is free for Township residents. You can check the website for items that are accepted. There are going to be four events this year with the first one being Saturday, April 7, 2024. Discussion ensued.

#### **10. Brief Public Comments – Comments only, limit comments to 3 minutes**

Mike Maher addressed the Board regarding restrictions for the use of the public Township Hall.

Debra Bourdeau addressed the Board regarding restrictions for the use of the public Township Hall and she feels like decisions are being made from fear and this is not right for Rose.

Brad Stilwell addressed the Board regarding the financial report for the Old Town Hall. He referenced the N.O.C.F.A. budget and how it is disclosed and stated he would like the same thing disclosed as this is our second biggest expenditure and there is no reason that we shouldn't have a financial report on it. Not having one tends to make residents think something is not right. He stated he agrees with the last two statements made by Mr. Maher and Mrs. Bourdeau. He explained he had the pleasure of working on the February 27, 2024, Presidential Primary Election and he wanted to commend Clerk Miller and Deputy Clerk Guillen on a successful Presidential Primary Election.

**11. Adjournment: 8:11 p.m.**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debbie Miller". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a thin horizontal line.

Debbie Miller, MMC, MIPMC II  
Rose Township Clerk