

**October 12, 2022 – REGULAR MEETING
ROSE TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

DATE: Wednesday, October 12, 2022
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: 9080 Mason St, Holly, MI 48442

PRESENT: Paul Gambka, Treasurer Patricia Walls, Trustee
 Debbie Miller, Clerk Dianne Scheib-Snider, Supervisor
 Glen Noble, Trustee

OTHER (S) PRESENT: Renee Kraft, Recording Secretary

OTHERS: Paul Englehart, Chris Sorgatz, Kathleen L. Martin, Jacqueline Stenzel, Marilee Carstens, Charles Flake, Rochelle Flake, Dan Johnson, Gisela Lendle King, Linda Watson-Call, Laura Nicholson, Stephen Nicholson, Mike McCoy, Joe Durocher, Franz Schmelzer

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Scheib-Snider called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

1. Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Trustee Noble to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Trustee Walls.

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

2. Approval of Consent Agenda:

Bills to be moved to New Business E.

Motion by Treasurer Gambka to approve the Consent Agenda minus bills. Seconded by Walls.

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

3. Presentation:

None

4. Brief Public Comments – Unfinished and new Agenda items only: (limit comments to 3 minutes)

Julius Stern: Addressed the board. Board wants the attention on the buzzer while they spend money on other agenda items. Not happy they want to spend money on a generator for the old hall. Stated for two years he asked the supervisor to get a smoke detector,

burglar alarm, heat detector alarm, in the old hall and she still hasn't done that. Claimed the building manager is not doing his job because there are no working smoke detectors in the old hall.

Dan Johnson: Addressed the board. Zoning Board Commissioner should be on the agenda under unfinished business. Why would we waste \$15,000-\$25,000 for a generator on the old hall that is not ADA compliant? The Old Township Hall must be inspected every year by a professional, which is not done. Has the board considered the cost of running the generator? Since we rarely use the old hall, who will turn it off when necessary? Questioned what the large timer will do that the supervisor's cell phone can't do. Stated it is a waste of public funds.

5. Public Hearing:

None

6. Unfinished Business:

None

7. New Business:

Resolution Opposing Proposed Oakland County Public Transit Millage:

Supervisor is opposing the Oakland County public Transit Millage. Mailed out a mailer to residents to inform them. Twenty-one municipalities are joining her in this resolution. Clerk Miller stated it is a tax-grab for northern Oakland County communities because the southern Oakland County communities are in favor of it. Supervisor Scheib-Snider stated some communities receiving the service are not in favor of it.

Motion by Trustee Noble to approve the resolution and be submitted to the Oakland County Board of Commissioners in opposition to this override of .95 mills per year for which we receive no benefit whatsoever. Seconded by Trustee Walls.

ROSE TOWNSHIP RESOLUTION 2022-13
OPPOSING PROPOSED OAKLAND COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSIT MILLAGE

WHEREAS, on Wednesday, August 10, 2022 the Oakland County Board of Commissioners voted to approve a proposed public transportation millage for the General Election on Tuesday, November 8, 2022; and

WHEREAS, as proposed, the millage would be 0.95 mill per year, for a period of ten (10) years beginning in 2022 and ending in 2031; and

WHEREAS, as proposed, the millage would generate approximately \$66 million dollars in tax revenue County-wide in the first year; and

WHEREAS, as proposed, the millage would generate approximately \$310,569 in tax revenue from the Township in the first year; and

WHEREAS, as proposed, the revenue from the millage would be distributed to Oakland County, the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART), the North Oakland Transportation Authority (NOTA), the Older Persons' Commission (OPC) and the Western Oakland Transportation Authority (WOTA); and

WHEREAS, the Township has not been provided with any plan showing what transportation services, if any, would be offered in Rose Township and the rest of Northern Oakland County if the millage is approved; and

WHEREAS, the proposed millage would replace an expiring millage levied by the Oakland County Public Transportation Authority (OCPTA), which allowed communities in the County (including the Township) to opt out; and

WHEREAS, the proposed millage will not allow the Township or any other community in Oakland County to opt out; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board supports a community-based transit system matched to the specific needs of its taxpayers, rather than a more costly regional system that will not meet the needs of the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Rose Township of Oakland County, Michigan, hereby adopts this resolution to express its opposition to the proposed Oakland County Public Transit Millage, and to respectfully request that County leaders thoughtfully and responsibly prepare a plan for public transit in collaboration with all Oakland County communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Rose Township/Clerk forward a copy of this Resolution to the Oakland County Executive and the Oakland County Board of Commissioners.

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

B. Consider Purchasing an Emergency Standby Generator for the Old Hall:

Supervisor Scheib-Snider would like to use the Old Hall as an emergency center, if one was ever needed. This will come from American Rescue Plan money since the Old Hall will be used for an emergency nature. Clerk Miller questioned when the board will receive the plans for the Old Town Hall. Supervisor Scheib-Snider stated once she signs the contract for them to bid it all out.

Motion by Trustee Noble to authorize the Supervisor to sign Architecture Design contract (H2A) to include a standby generator in the design and bidding documents. As an "alternative add" for the Old Hall Restoration (ADA, structure and fire egress). Also increase the construction budget cost by \$30,000 for the Old Hall Restoration (ADA, structure, fire egress) with ARPA funding. Seconded by Trustee Walls.

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

C. Discussion – Purchasing a large timer for meeting room:

Supervisor Scheib-Snyder would like to purchase a large timer so everyone in the room can see how much time the speaker has left.

Motion by Supervisor Scheib-Snyder to approve the timer for under what I can approve on my own for under \$2,000. Seconded by Trustee Walls.

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

D. Proclamation to Declare November Family Court Awareness Month:

Motion by Trustee Walls to proclaim to declare November Family Court Awareness Month as a Rose Township board. Seconded by Treasurer Gambka. All said Aye.

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

E. Bills:

Clerk Miller thought the retirees received a pay increase along with the rest of the staff and elected officials and paid them accordingly. The increase in the line item did not specify that it was for the stipend plus dental and optical and the board approved the budget. Discussion on how to handle the matter. Clerk Miller apologized for her mistake and stated this is what the board approved. Supervisor Scheib-Snyder stated that since the board did not approve any increase for the retirees and they should only be paid the current rate of \$575.

~~1st – Motion by Trustee Noble for the Board to approve the retiree monthly payment of \$654.17 to continue, which is an increase from \$575 original issue and that premiums for the individual insurance continues under the standard account. Seconded by Clerk Miller.~~

2nd - Motion by Trustee Noble that we continue with the retiree monthly payments of \$654.17, which is an increase from the previous \$575 per month. Also continue with the insurance premium separate for the vision and optical insurance that was incurred in the past. **Seconded by Clerk Miller.**

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

Motion by Supervisor Scheib-Snider to approve the bills as presented. Seconded by Treasurer Gambka.

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

NO: None

ABSENT: None

8. Announcements:

- A. Planning Commission Meeting:** November 3, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
- B. Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting:** November 1, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
- C. N.O.C.F.A. Board Meeting:** October 17, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at Rose Township Offices.
- D. Assessing Office:** M-F, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. 248-858-2179, doyler@oakgov.com
- E. Township Board Regular Meeting:** November 9, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
- F.** The Rose Township Park and Recreation Survey is online at rosetownship.com. The survey will be available until October 24, 2022.

9. Miscellaneous Reports:

- A. N.O.C.F.A.:** Treasurer Gambka stated that he expects the union contract to be approved at the next Holly Township board meeting. Trustee Noble stated that NOCFA received the two new ambulances but they still need exterior paint.
- B. Planning Commission:** Trustee Noble stated the commission is awaiting the results of the park survey. Regarding the solar panel installation: the applicant didn't show.
- C. HAYA:** Trustee Walls stated there is a new secretary, Samantha Valcum and a new case worker, Tasha Hansen. They are launching their website soon. Jacobson-Quinn toy project is underway. Euchre tournament for a fundraiser this weekend.
- D. Cemetery Committee:** Clerk Miller stated signs are being made.
- E. Elections:** Clerk Miller stated over 1,200 absentee ballots have gone out and about 100 returned for the general election on November 8, 2022. People are discussing and questioning the confusing proposals.
- F. Zoning Board of Appeals:** Treasurer Gambka stated it was cancelled.
- G. Parks and Recreation:** Supervisor Scheib-Snider stated they are helping the Planning Commissioners with the survey. About 116 people have participated in the survey. Dumpster left at civic park, but no one in the office ordered it, so she is looking into it.
- H. Heritage Committee:** Supervisor Scheib-Snider stated there is an essay on Rose Township at roseheritage.org.
- I. Supervisor Report:** Supervisor Scheib-Snider stated she did a mailer to inform people about the Oakland County Public Transportation millage proposal. She mailed about 1,000 today and will

mail out more this week. All the communities that participate in the NoHaz event are ok with the increase. About 20 people from Rose Township participated.

10. Brief Public Comments: (limit comments to 3 minutes)

Julius Stern: Addressed the board. There was no discussion about spending \$30,000 on a generator, but an in-depth discussion for \$300 for retiree health insurance. The survey is supposed to help her know where to spend the money, but she still hasn't put up the swings. The survey is not capped at how many times you can take it, so one person can take it many times and sway the outcome. Township Hall needs alternates- the architect decides the way it should be done. A reputable company would have voluntary alternates.

Merilee Carstens: Addressed the board. Proposal 2-elections, does away with voter ID and extends voting for 9 days. Suggested to vote no. Proposal 3-abortion: abortion on-demand up to 9 months. Suggested to vote no.

Kathy Martin: Addressed the board. Resolution to oppose .95 millage: Questioned why they voted to oppose it. Questioned why they voted on the proclamation? Supervisor Scheib-Snyder responded that it is to let them know the board opposes it.

Laura Nicholson: Addressed the board. Selling a house at Buckhorn and Rose Center. Zoned R-1, but a woman wants to purchase it and put a horse farm there and asked to change it to AG, but Zoning Administrator Plewes said it probably wouldn't get rezoned.

Franz Schmelzer: Addressed the board. Hasn't been to a meeting for several years, but came for the entertainment. Suggested using Roberts Rules of Order and when a motion comes on the floor, make it so the people can understand it.

Dan Johnson: Addressed the board. The ACLU stated he can petition on sidewalks and parks that are open to the public. The ACLU will sue if he is stopped from petitioning. He asked the treasurer to provide the insured value of the Old Township Hall at the last board meeting but hasn't seen anything. Treasurer was given a cease-and-desist last month. Needed letter within 30 days that he will refrain from further actions that could be deemed as harassment, or a lawsuit could be filed. Today is day 28 and he needs an answer. The ACLU will reply.

11. Adjournment: 8:13pm



Debbie Miller, MMC, MiPMC II
Rose Township Clerk

Approved/Corrected