Rita Goul, Supervisor

 Carol Coyle, Clerk

Wendy Faber, Trustee

Daniel Mieske, Trustee

Chuck Hudler, Treasurer

**Visitors:** *List with Clerk’s copy*

**TOWNSHIP MEETING CALL TO ORDER:**

Township meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Supervisor, Rita Goul.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:** Dan Mieske Present, Wendy Faber, Present, Chuck Hudler, Present, Rita Goul, Present, Carol Coyle, Present.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda, with one addition for the Supervisor, was made by Rita and supported by Chuck. No additional discussion. All in favor 5, Opposed 0. Motion carried.

**SUPERVISOR’S COMMENTS:**

1. February Birthdays – Two February birthdays were reported.
2. Blight Update – Rita stated the original court date was cancelled and has been rescheduled for February, 24th at 2:30.
3. Pay Vouchers – Rita reminded everyone to fill out pay vouchers/mileage expense reports and turn them into Carol for payment.
4. Letter of Intent to Consumers Energy. Rita had received some information from Consumers Energy on a program Consumers in offering that may help with the restoration of the woods at the park. If the “letter of intent” is accepted by Consumers Energy, Rita will need to submit a formal grant request by March 6th. Rita requested the Board to approve the hiring of Catherin Sias to assist with the process. The cost would be $250.00. A motion was made by Chuck and supported by Wendy to approve the $250.00 for the assistance to write the grant. Discussion after the motion included question as to where the funds will come from to pay for the grant writer. Chuck said the money is available from the General Fund and not the Park budget. In addition, a question about ongoing maintenance was asked and Rita said part of the grant would include the purchase of equipment to help long term maintenance in the Park. Roll Call: *Dan*, **YES**, *Wendy* **YES**, *Chuck*, **YES,** *Carol,* **YES**, and *Rita*, **YES**. Motion carried.

**CLERK’S MINUTES:** The Board packets were distributed to all board members on Monday, February 11th, 2025. A motion to approve the minutes from the January Board meeting was made by Rita and supported by Dan. No additional discussion. All in favor 5 Opposed 0. Motion carried.

**TREASURER’S FINANCIAL REPORT:**

1. Treasurer’s Report – Chuck presented the Treasurer’s report as of January 31st, 2025. The ending balances were reconciled to the Bank Statements and reviewed by Rita. The outstanding check from the last few months, has been cashed.
2. Chuck noted as taxes are coming in, he did a transfer of money in the amount of $55,000.00 from the Road Fund, $40,000.00 from the Fire Fund and $100,000 from the water fund to Michigan CLASS was made to capture a better interest rate. A motion to **accept and file the Treasurer’s report** was made by Rita and supported by Dan. No additional discussion. Roll Call: *Dan*, **YES**, *Wendy* **YES**, *Chuck*, **YES,** *Carol,* **YES**, and *Rita*, **YES**. Motion carried.
3. Point-n-Pay – There were 5 Point-n-Pay for January. There has been a slight increase in the number of taxes being paid by credit card. Chuck anticipates credit card payment will continue to rise after changing to BS & A as the cost will be less to the tax payer. At the end of the tax season, Chuck will transfer the money from the Lakeshore Water Fund to the Fire Department to pay off the loan. In addition, that money will then be placed in the MI Class account for the Fire Department. Brian asked about the interest earned and how that is calculated. Chuck explained the interest is earned monthly.

**OUTSTANDING BILLS:**

1. Payment of Bills - In the Board packet was a copy of the bills from the General Fund, Fire Fund, Road Fund, Tax Fund, Solid Waste Fund, Water Fund and Lakeshore Fund. Carol noted checks to Midland County for the early vote contract and to the attorney for legal fees as “out of the routine bills”. A motion to pay the bills was made by Rita and supported by Chuck. No additional discussion. Roll Call: *Dan*, **YES**, *Wendy* **YES**, *Chuck*, **YES,** *Carol,* **YES**, and *Rita*, **YES**. Motion carried.
2. Budget vs. Expense report was provided to all members. The budget was reviewed with recommended changes noted. (A copy is on file in the Clerk’s office). Resolution 2025-2-11-B was read aloud. A motion to amend the budget, with the recommended changes, was made by Rita and supported by Dan. No additional discussion. Roll Call: *Dan*, **YES**, *Wendy*, **YES**, C*huck*, **YES**, *Carol,* **YES**, and *Rita*, **YES**. Motion carried.
3. Payroll Summary and Liability reports were provided. No questions from the Board.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Brian said there were 7 calls for January. Brian brought up he is looking at the new changes for sick leave/vacation time and how it will affect the Fire Department. At this time, the Board members and their deputies are exempt. Still trying to clarify the Fire personnel.

**PARK COMMISSION**: The Park is currently closed. No comments from the Park.

**PLANNING:** Nothing new to announce. The next meeting will be March 5th at 6:00 pm.

**CHAPEL/CEMETERY:** Floyd shared things are quiet at the cemetery. The flagpole was damaged in the wind from the previous week. Dan fixed the pole at no charge and Floyd will purchase a new flag. Floyd noted how much he appreciates all the work Chuck has done with the investments for the Township. He said it is great to see how much interest is being earned because of Chuck and all he has done to invest in Mi Class.

**TOWNSHIP CODE AUTHORITY:** There was only 1 Mechanical Permit in January.

**WIXOM LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD:**  Bob Kelley reported there is still cutting/mowing being done. The next meeting will be February 25th, 6:00pm at the Billings Township Hall.

**ROAD ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** Dan noted the work to be done on the overpass at US 10 and M-30. Work to start in March and will take until November to complete. A resident asked about Baker Road that leads to the Old Hope Cemetery. There is logging being done and wants to be sure the road is taken care of when the project is completed. In addition, there is an area on E. Baker just of M-30 where the road side is collapsing by a drain. Dan has been in contact with the MCRC and they will take a look at it in the spring.

**UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:** The laptop for the Supervisor’s office has been ordered and will be installed on March 11th. No update from the Sheriff’s department on the trash dumping in the cemetery.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Poverty Guideline Resolution – the Poverty Guideline Resolution was read aloud by Rita. These are the guidelines the Board of Review will be using for the next tax year. Motion to approve the resolution was made by Rita and supported by Chuck. No additional discussion. All in favor 5, Opposed 0. Motion carried.
2. Water Hook-Up Resolution – This resolution would be between Hope Township and Mills Township. There are three addresses in Mills Township that would be eligible to hook up to city water. In order to do so, there needs to be an agreement between Mills and Hope. There was discussion about allowing this to take place. The resident would have to pay the benefit fee to Hope Township. This will be presented at the April meeting for approval.
3. ATT Metro Act – Carol presented the Metro Act contract that comes up for renewal in May. This is a five-year agreement between ATT and Hope Township. A motion was made by Rita and supported by Dan to approve the agreement. No additional discussion. All in favor 5, Opposed 0. Motion carried.
4. MCTOA meeting – The MCTOA meeting will be March 6th at Ingersoll Township Hall. RSVP by March 3rd if anyone is planning on attending.
5. Review Applicants for the Park Commissioner openings – There were 5 applicants for the 3 vacancies. All 5 applications had been received on time. A copy was given to all Board members on January 28th. The Board members discussed the applicants and narrowed it to 3 people. Each candidate was asked if they were still interested. All 3 confirmed their desire to serve as a Woodside Park Commissioner. A motion to appoint Cathie Kisser was made by Carol and supported by Rita. No additional discussion. All in favor 5, Opposed 0. Motion carried. A motion to appoint Bob Kelley was made by Rita Goul and supported by Chuck. No additional discussion. All in favor 5, Opposed 0. Motion carried. A motion to appoint Jay Brown was made by Rita and supported by Wendy Faber. No additional discussion. All in favor 5, Opposed 0. Motion carried. A warm welcome was made to everyone and noted to thank all that expressed in interest in being on the Park Commission. Everyone was encouraged to continue to volunteer and get involved in the future. Carol reminded everyone this is a 2-year appointment and anyone interested in serving the remaining 2 years would have to run for election in 2026.

**BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:** None

1. Motion to adjourn at 6:58 pm was made by Rita and supported by Chuck. No additional discussion. All in favor 5, Opposed 0. Motion carried.

Adjourned at 6:58 pm

Respectfully submitted.

Carol Coyle, Clerk