

**ROSE TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 8, 2020**

The Rose Township Board held their regular meeting June 8, 2020. Meeting was opened by Supervisor Aaron Gemmill with the pledge to the flag at 7:00 pm.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:** Present: Kelli Collins, Aaron Gemmill, April Kangas, Shelley Maleski.  
Absent: Carol Hanus.

**MINUTES:** Minutes of the last regular meeting were read by Collins. **Motion by Maleski to approve the minutes as read. Second Kangas. Motion voted and carried.**

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Glenn Gutierrez asked for support as a candidate for Ogemaw County Sheriff.  
Dean Coleman offered his services as Blight Officer for the Township. Services would be contractual at \$40 per inspection and \$10-\$15 for letters of violation. Our Blight Ordinance would need updated along with creating a Civil Infraction Ordinance. **Motion by Collins to proceed with updating the Blight Ordinance and contract with Dean Coleman as enforcement officer. Second Maleski. Motion voted and carried.** Walter Arnaiz expressed his disappointment that brining was done so late after Memorial Day. Mr. Inman also stated many roads were not brined at all. Mr. Arnaiz and others expressed concern over the Gypsy Moth invasion this year. Complaints are mostly in the Island Lake area but have been noted near Rose City also. Gemmill explained it is too late to spray this year due to new policies by the contractor which required signatures from all property owners prior to spraying. Some residents have contacted an exterminator who will spray their property from the ground at their expense.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Cemetery – Nothing.

Collection Center – Maleski stated it has been extremely busy this year. One weekend they had to shut down a day early due to the bins being full.

Township Hall – Kangas asked who is responsible for mowing the horseshoe area. It was not mowed by the contractor so she and Tom mowed it. Kangas will reach out to the horseshoe club and see who is responsible. Kangas stated the mulch areas are in need of work. They have removed all the mulch from the front of the hall and would like to replace it with stones as the cost is the same. After discussion the board agreed to replace this area with stone now. They also removed the split rail fence in the outdoor area. She will get a bid on removing the mulch from the outdoor seating area and replacing that with stone.

Fire Department – Maleski advised training has resumed but masks are required.

MTA – Collins contacted MTA for clarification of additional salary for clerk during election years.

Litter and Zoning – Nothing.

Roads – Gemmill visited a few residents on Oak Road and asked what they need done with their road as we have money in the account. Ogemaw Road was also discussed and an increase in taxes is needed as there is not enough money to fund their maintenance. Gemmill said the board has the authority to raise the tax without approval from the residents. This will be addressed at the July meeting.

Library – Nothing.

County Commissioner – Nothing.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

General Fund - \$201,510.66

Road Fund - \$238,244.62

Fire Fund - \$396,075.20

Moth - \$5,052.37

Oak Road - \$9,375.50

Ogemaw Road - \$26.42

Tot. Bal. - \$850,284.77

Tot. CD's - \$241,180.13

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Collins advised she contacted MTA. Catherine Mullhaupt advised the clerk can receive additional compensation recognizing increased requirements for election administration that have occurred in the law in recent years. This is accomplished by adopting the clerk salary resolution listing the amount in addition to annual salary. This can be done any time during the year including more than once. **Motion by Maleski to increase the Clerk salary by \$500 per election each election. Second Kangas. Motion voted and carried.**

**Ayes: Gemmill, Collins, Kangas, Maleski**

**Nays: None.**

**Absent: Hanus**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Collins presented the 2020 Tax Rate Request. **Motion Collins to accept the 2020 Tax Rate Request as presented. Second Maleski. Motion voted and carried.**

Collins advised MML applied a \$70 dividend credit to our renewal premium for 2020 for workers compensation.

Collins informed that the Lions are not doing the 4<sup>th</sup> July fireworks this year due to COVID19. The City of Rose City has volunteered to do them at the Lagoon so people can watch from their cars. Rose City is asking for a contractual contribution. Gemmill stated Cummings Township has challenged all townships to contract \$1,000 each to support the fireworks. **Motion by Gemmill to contract \$1,000 for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks. Second Maleski. Motion voted and carried.**

Collins informed the board Public Accuracy Testing is mandatory prior to all elections. In the past Election Source from Grand Rapids has been providing this service. The cost for the March election was \$950 dollars due to 3 ballot types. Cindy Rosebrugh has offered her services at \$200 for the August election. After discussion it was agreed to try Ms. Rosebrugh for the August and November elections.

Gemmill stated he has been making sneeze guards for the upcoming elections. He has supplies to make 6 of them.

**BILLS:**

Bills were read in the amount of \$22,165.87 beginning with voucher number #30768 through voucher number #30790. **Motion by Kangas to pay all bills as read. Second Maleski. Motion voted and carried.**

**Motion by Kangas to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm. Second Maleski. Motion voted and carried.**

Respectfully Submitted, Kelli Collins, Clerk