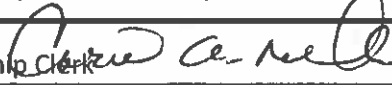
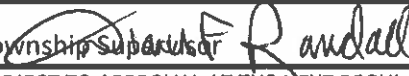


ROSCOMMON TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES	
8555 Knapp Road, Houghton Lake, MI 48629	3275
October 10, 2023	
Supervisor Randall called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and Fire Chief Joe Williams lead the Pledge of Allegiance.	Call to Order
Board Present: Randall-Supervisor, Milburn-Clerk, Hose-Treasurer, Christian-Trustee. Absent: None	Roll Call
	AMENDMENT
Supervisor asked to move 6585 W. Houghton Lake Drive demolition bid opening prior to correspondence and stated the Board will not be awarding any bids at this time to allow more time to review each bid received. Motion by Hose, second by Milburn, to move Unfinished Business 1.a. 6585 W. Houghton Lake Drive to prior to Correspondence. All ayes, Motion carried.	6585 W. Houghton Lake Drive
	CONSENT AGENDA
Motion by Hose, second by Christian, to approve the items on the Consent Agenda with the additional bills. All ayes, Motion carried.	Approved
	PUBLIC COMMENT
None at this time.	None
	DANGEROUS BUILDING
Supervisor advised six sealed bids were received by the Friday, September 29, 2023 deadline for for Project Identification 2023 Demolition of 6585 W. Houghton Lake Drive, Houghton Lake, MI and read each company and bid amount, as follows: Bierlein Companies, Inc - \$67,700.00; MBS Construction and Development, LLC - \$45,712.00; 3:Sixteen Construction, LLC - \$41,500.00; Miller Contracting, LLC - \$66,500.00; Schepke Consulting, LLC - \$118,000.00; and Dore & Associates, Inc - \$54,600.00. Board will review each bid at a Special Meeting.	Project Identification 2023 Demolition of 6585 W. Houghton Lake Drive, Houghton Lake, MI
	CORRESPONDENCE
Backus Township Notice of Intent to Prepare a Master Plan Amendment was presented.	Backus Township
Correspondence from Denton Township Zoning and Assessing Administrator regarding stormwater class/discussion was reviewed.	Stormwater Class
Houghton Lake Area Tourism Bureau Executive Director's letter regarding M55 "Coast to Coast MI 55" Recreational Heritage Route was considered by the Board. Motion by Milburn, second by Christian, to adopt Resolution #2023-10-10, Resolution of Support "Coast to Coast on MI 55" Recreational Pure Michigan Byway Designation. Manistee, Wexford, Missaukee, Roscommon, Ogemaw and Iosco Counties. Cities of Manistee, Cadillac, Lake City, Houghton Lake, Prudenville, West Branch, Tawas City and East Tawas. WHEREAS the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Pure Michigan Byways Program, pursuant P.A. 69 of 1993 and P.A. 445 of 2014 amendment, is empowered to designate scenic, recreational and historic highways in the state, and WHEREAS the public highway known as M-55 extending from Manistee to Tawas exhibits exceptional recreational quality and passes through an area of significant regional importance, and WHEREAS a study has been undertaken by Coast to Coast on MI 55 which assesses the quality of and documents the character and features of the M-55 highway corridor, and WHEREAS it is intended that the study be forwarded to MDOT to nominate Coast to Coast on MI 55 as a Pure Michigan Byway. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Roscommon Township Board enthusiastically supports the nomination of M-55 as a Pure Michigan Byway and authorizes including this resolution with the nomination documents, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Roscommon Township Board hereby requests and encourages MDOT to quickly designate M-55 as a Pure Michigan Byway, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Roscommon Township Board hereby commits itself to enforce within its jurisdiction the management plan part of this nomination. All ayes, Resolution adopted.	Resolution #2023-10-10 Coast to Coast MI 55 Recreational Pure Michigan Byway
Village of Roscommon Housing Task Force letter regarding financial support for housing study was presented. Supervisor will reach out to Chairperson and ask him to attend the November meeting.	Village of Roscommon
Letter from residents regarding stopping commercial truck traffic on Nestel Road was read. Letter from residents supporting commercial truck traffic on W. Nestel Road was read. Supervisor opened the meeting for public comment. 11 residents shared observations, history, support for gravel business and drivers and some expressed concern with speed of traffic on W. Nestle Road.	W. Nestel Road

	UNFINISHED BUSINESS
818 Federal Avenue Dangerous Building update was given. Houghton Lake Building Agency Building Inspector agreed to move forward with the Dangerous Building Hearing.	Dangerous Building 818 Federal Avenue
601 Nicolet Trail Dangerous Building update was given Houghton Lake Building Agency Building Inspector agreed to move forward with the Dangerous Building Hearing.	Dangerous Building 601 Nicolet Trail
120 Forestville Dangerous Building update was given. Houghton Lake Building Agency Building Inspector recommends not moving forward with Dangerous Building Hearing. Supervisor stated the owner has passed away but the children have corrected deficiencies enough to not be considered dangerous at this time. Motion by Christian, second by Hose, to remove 120 Forestville from the Dangerous Building Hearings due to property owner efforts and repairs. All ayes, Motion carried.	Dangerous Building 120 Forestville
Trustee/Ordinance Administrator Christian updated board on Denton and Roscommon Township Joint Master Plan timeline.	Joint Master Plan
Roscommon Township Hall water coolers with bottle fill stations was discussed. Board tabled the matter for consideration of outside stations in conjunction with inside the Hall.	Water Bottle Fill Stations
Supervisor recognized VFW and United States Marine Corp for their donations toward two new benches at the Township Veterans Wall and inquired about purchasing plaques acknowledging each organization for their donations.	Veteran Benches
	NEW BUSINESS
Board reviewed list of Board Meetings and Holidays. Motion by Milburn, second by Christian, to adopt Resolution #2023-10-10a, to adopt the 2024 Roscommon Township Board Meetings and Holidays as presented. All ayes, Motion carried.	Resolution #2023-10-10a 2024 Meetings and Holidays
Houghton Lake Improvement Board Special Assessment Rate for 2023 winter taxes was reviewed. Supervisor acknowledged the reduction from last year's assessment, the HLIB board for their work through the years and also thanked John Hines on his dedication to the board as an alternate.	HLIB Assessment
Maintenance Lead list of Township Parks seasonal maintenance costs was presented. Motion by Randall, second by Milburn, to acknowledge the cost of seasonal maintenance park items as presented, from budget line item 101-698-777-50. All ayes, Motion carried.	Township Parks Seasonal Maintenance
Correspondence and quote from Roscommon County Road Commission Manager regarding right-of-way markers was discussed. Motion by Hose, second by Milburn, to authorize the Roscommon County Road Commission quote for eleven markers posts for the right-of-way of Woodlawn and Lakeside in the amount of \$1,000.00 which includes labor, equipment and materials for said project, from budget line item 101-812-775-00. All ayes. Motion carried.	Right-Of-Way Markers
Board considered a Resolution on Townships position on Consumers Energy Houghton Lake Project. Motion by Christian, second by Hose, to adopt Resolution #2023-10-10b, WHEREAS, Roscommon Township acknowledges the importance of Consumers Energy replacing the outdated Houghton Heights Substation to provide for the capacity and reliability of our electric distribution system in the Houghton Lake community, and WHEREAS, the property owners that are within the route of the new High Voltage Distribution lines have voiced valid concerns on the quality of life and potential decline in property values of these parcels within Roscommon Township, Roscommon County, and WHEREAS, Roscommon Township respectfully requests that Consumers Energy take a proactive approach to moving the proposed route of the 138,000-volt line to vacant State of Michigan property to the south. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Roscommon Township Board respectfully stands with its citizens and their requests that a safe, yet less intrusive route be considered for this	Resolution #2023-10-10b Consumers Energy Houghton Lake Project- High Voltage Distribution Lines
Houghton Lake Lions Club pole banner project was discussed. Board discussed concerns with costs, upkeep regarding the project and possible zoning ordinance violation. Consensus of the Board to table this matter for further information and to address zoning issues.	Houghton Lake Lions Club Banner Project
2023-2024 Budget Amendments was presented. Consensus to table amendments to for possible additional amendments.	2023-2024 Budget Amendments

<p>Board discussed increase amount of storage units in Township and amount of new units in the past few years. Motion by Christian, second by Milburn, to adopt Resolution #2023-10-10c, WHEREAS, storage units or mini storage units are currently permitted within the township subject to the Roscommon Township Ordinance #82 of 2021, which provides for the regulation of storage facilities through a Special Use Permit and Site Plan Review; and WHEREAS, there are currently more than 1,900 approved storage units within Roscommon Township, in which 530 have been approved within the past 18 months, equating to nearly one unit per every two persons based on the 2018 Roscommon Township population; and WHEREAS, approximately 96% of the facilities are located on M-55, the main corridor through Roscommon Township and Houghton Lake; and WHEREAS, 1,900 storage units are in addition to the current outside storage facilities currently permitted; and WHEREAS, the Roscommon Township Board wishes to amend Ordinance #82 of 2021, to provide for an appropriate regulatory approach for addressing the potential impacts of storage units and mini storage units while ensuring productive development of self-storage facilities within Roscommon Township, which may include a cap on the maximum number allowed, building materials required and location. THEREFORE, the Roscommon Township Board hereby temporarily prohibits the establishment of new storage units or mini storage units and the issuance of new permits for self-storage facilities, storage units and mini storage units pending further study by the Roscommon Township Planning Commission, attorney review and an amendment of the Roscommon Township Zoning Ordinance. All ayes. Resolution adopted.</p>	<p>Resolution #2023-10-10c Roscommon Township Temporary Moratorium for Storage Unit Buildings</p>
<p>Letter of interest from Chuck Flood was reviewed. Motion by Milburn, second by Christian, to appoint Chuck Flood to the Roscommon Township Planning Commission for a term to begin October 10, 2023 through October 10, 2026. All ayes, Motion carried.</p>	<p>Planning Commission Appointment</p>
<p>Roscommon Township Trustee applications/interview dates were discussed. Supervisor advised there were four applications received. Consensus of the Board to set interview dates for Thursday, October 12, 2023; Monday, October 16, 2023 and/or Wednesday, October 18, 2023.</p>	<p>Trustee Interviews</p>
<p>ANNOUNCEMENTS</p>	<p>ANNOUNCEMENTS</p>
<p>Supervisor advised a copy of a letter received from Central Michigan Health Department requiring a licensed pest control company to eradicate infestations regarding 6585 W. Houghton Lake Drive.</p>	<p>Exterminator</p>
<p>Clerk advised AV ballots are available for the November 7, 2023 Special Election and Early Voting will take place October 28 through November 5, 2023 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>November Election</p>
<p>Supervisor updated on recent MTA classes.</p>	<p>MTA Classes</p>
<p>PUBLIC COMMENT</p>	<p>PUBLIC COMMENT</p>
<p>Resident thanked Board for Resolution regarding the Consumers Energy Houghton Lake Project.</p>	<p>Emery Road</p>
<p>ADJOURN</p>	<p>ADJOURN</p>
<p>Motion by Hose, second by Milburn, to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. All ayes, Motion carried.</p>	<p>8:18 PM</p>
<p>Carie A. Milburn, Township Clerk  Date: 11/17/23</p>	
<p>Diane F. Randall, Township Supervisor  Date: 11/20/23</p>	<p>Minutes prepared by Deputy Clerk Stogiera</p>
<p>THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROSCOMMON TOWNSHIP BOARD</p>	

