

CORWITH TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
8170 MILL STREET, VANDERBILT, MI
MARCH 6, 2024

The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Board present were Pat Coultres, Lori Bush, Vern Kassuba, Tom Kellogg and Debbie Whitman.

Others present were Jon Turnbull, Sandy Turnbull, Fred Gonchoroff

The Budget Hearing was opened at 7:01 p.m.

Treasurer's Report given by Bush showing balances for the month of February as follows: general fund \$494,202.19 and tax collection \$102,590.02. Motion by Whitman, with support by Bush, to approve the minutes (regular and workshop), bills (including early voting payroll) and acknowledge the Treasurer's report. Roll call vote: Coultres – yes, Bush – yes, Kassuba – yes, Whitman – yes, Kellogg – yes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Fred Gonchoroff asked if anyone questioned the constitutionality of property taxes at State level. Commissioner Turnbull reported it is being questioned at State level and per Rep. Borton, it will be on the November ballot.

REPORT FROM COUNTY COMMISSIONER: Commissioner Turnbull reported that Ironton Springs will be a priority for spring work, i.e. work on the artesian well and replace broken boards in walkway and signs, cutting trees down. Would like Township's support to keep Commissioner position. Over \$500,000 received by County for marijuana tax. Tried to get Health Dept meetings to rotate over the 4 counties served but this was voted down. Discussed Early Voting. Septic issues – fiscally and physically impossible for DHD4 to police septic issues. Still in committee for review.

ZONING/ASSESSING: Resolution to allow local residents to protest to Board of Review in writing presented. Motion by Whitman, with support by Kassuba to adopt. Motion carried, 5-0. 2024 Poverty Exemption Guideline Resolution presented. Motion by Bush, with support by Coultres to adopt. Motion carried, 5-0. Personal Property Canvass and Record Maintenance Policy presented. Motion by Whitman, with support by Kassuba to adopt. Motion carried, 5-0. Exempt Property Determination Policy presented. Motion by Whitman, with support by Coultres to adopt. Motion carried, 5-0. Assessment Records Access Policy presented. Motion by Bush, with support by Kassuba to adopt. Motion carried, 5-0.

CEMETERY: Nothing to report.

TWP PROPERTY: Nothing to report.

WASTE TRANSFER: A copy of Clean Up day flyer to Soil Conservation.

FIRE/RESCUE: Nothing to report.

PLANNING COMMISSION/PARKS & REC: Kellogg reviewed the minutes of the Planning Commission where road maintenance was discussed as well as housing and climate change. 4/17 9 am Coffee/chat workshop with area businesses, interested people, and board members will be held at Corwith Hall on April 17, 2024 at 9 am. Lisa McComb facilitating the event.

ROADS: Nothing further to report on.

Motion by Kassuba, with support by Whitman to close the budget hearing at 8:03 p.m. Motion carried, 5-0.

NEW BUDGET MOTIONS:

Resolution to Establish Township Supervisors Salary: Motion to adopt by Bush, seconded by Coultres. Roll call vote: Bush- yes, Coules – yes, Kellogg – yes, Kassuba – yes, Whitman - yes.

Resolution to Establish Township Treasurer's Salary: Motion to adopt by Coultres, seconded by Kellogg. Roll call vote: Coultres – yes, Kellogg – yes, Kassuba – yes, Whitman – yes, Bush – yes.

Resolution to Establish Township Clerk's Salary: Motion to adopt by Bush, seconded by Coultres. Roll call vote: Bush – yes, Coultres – yes, Kellogg – yes, Kassuba, - yes, Whitman – yes.

General Appropriation Resolution: General Appropriation Resolution with revenues of \$796,794.00 (includes fund balance transfer of \$470,576.00) and expenditures of \$796,794.00, Motion to adopt by Whitman, supported by Kassuba. Roll call vote: Kellogg - yes, Kassuba - yes, Whitman - yes, Coultres - yes, Bush – yes.

Fiscal Year 2024-25 Sheet: Motion to adopt by Kassuba, seconded by Bush. Roll call vote: Coultres - yes, Whitman – yes, Kellogg - yes, Bush- yes, Kassuba – yes.

2024-25 Budget:

Motion by Coultres, to approve line 101-101-702 @ \$6,500.00 to be \$238.00 per diem with the total of the category (101-101) including the above at \$64,921.97, sec. by Kassuba. Roll call vote: Bush – yes, Kassuba – yes, Coultres - yes, Kellogg - yes, Whitman – yes.

Motion by Whitman to approve line 101-171-702 @ \$11,442.00, 101-171-703 @ \$3,800.00 with the total of the category (101-171) including the above at \$15,242.00, sec. by Coultres. Roll call vote: Kassuba - yes , Bush - yes, Whitman - yes, Coultres - yes, Kellogg - yes.

Motion by Bush to approve line 101-209-702 @ \$23,712.00, and balance of category (101-209) including the above at \$33,224.00.00, sec. by Coultres. Roll call vote: Coultres - yes, Kellogg- yes, Kassuba - yes, Whitman - yes, Bush - yes.

Motion by Kellogg to approve line 101-215-702 @ \$22,260.00, 101-215-703 @ \$4,800.00 and balance of category (101-215) including the above at \$27,854.00, Sec. by Kassuba. Roll call vote: Kellogg - yes, Coultres - yes, Whitman - yes, Bush - yes, Kassuba - yes. ,

Motion by Coultres to approve line 101-253-702 @ \$20,2200.00, 101-253-703 @ \$5,000.00 and balance of category (101-253) including the above at \$26,014.00. Sec. by Whitman. Roll call vote: Coultres - yes, Kellogg - yes, Bush- yes, Kassuba -yes, Whitman-yes.

Motion by Bush to approve line 101-262-702 @ \$12,000.00 and balance of category (101-262) including the above at \$19,155.00, sec. by Coultres. Roll call vote: Whitman - yes, Kassuba - yes, Kellogg - yes, Bush - yes, Coultres – yes.

Motion by Kassuba, to approve line 101-265-702 @ \$13,000.00, line 101-265-752 @ \$2,184.00, and balance of category (101-265) including the above at \$139,332.00. Sec. by Whitman. Roll call vote: Kassuba - yes, Bush - yes, Whitman - yes, Kellogg -yes, Coultres –yes.

Motion by Coultres to approve category 101-267 Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Expenditures with a total of \$93,022.00. Sec. by Bush. Roll call vote: Bush-yes, Kassuba-yes, Coultres- yes, Kellogg-yes, Whitman-yes.

Motion by Bush to approve line 101-276-702 @ \$11,676.00, line 101-276-752 @ \$2,184.00 and balance of category (101-276) including the above at \$41,654.00. Sec. by Coultres. Roll call vote: Kellogg - yes, Bush-yes, Kassuba -yes, Coultres-yes, Whitman-yes.

Motion by Whitman to approve category 101-370 @\$43,200.00. Sec by Bush.
Roll call vote: Bush – yes, Kellogg –yes, Whitman-yes, Kassuba -yes, Coultres –yes.

Motion by Kassuba, to approve line 101-375-702 @ \$4,800.00 and the balance of the category (101-375) including the above at \$9,650.00. Sec. by Coultres. Roll call vote: Coultres -yes, Bush-yes, Kassuba-yes, Whitman-yes, Kellogg –yes.

Motion by Coultres to approve line 101-526-702 @ \$7,000.00 and balance of category (101-526) including the above at \$40,754.00, Sec.by Kassuba. Roll call vote: Kassuba-yes, Coultres –yes, Kellogg-yes, Whitman-yes, Bush-yes.

Motion by Coultres to approve category 101-536 @ \$9,200.00. Sec.by Kassuba. Roll call vote: Coultres –yes, Kassuba –yes, Bush – yes, Kellogg –yes, Whitman-yes.

Motion by Whitman, to approve category 101-750 @18,000.00. Sec. by Kassuba. Roll call vote: Bush - yes, Whitman –yes, Coultres –yes, Kassuba – yes, Kellogg – yes.

Motion by Coultres to approve the General Expenses category @ \$215,571.00 including Board of Review wages at \$160.00 per full day and \$80.00 per half day. Sec. by Bush. Roll call vote: Coultres-yes , Whitman-yes, Bush-yes, Kassuba-yes, Kellogg-yes.

Meeting Date and Time: Motion by Kassuba, with support by Whitman, to set the meeting dates as the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Dates will be Wednesday, April 3, 2024, Wednesday, May 1, 2024; Wednesday, June 5, 2024; Monday, July 1, 2024 @ 6 pm; Wednesday, August 7, 2024; Wednesday, September 4, 2024; Wednesday, October 2, 2024; Wednesday, November 6, 2024; Wednesday, December 4, 2024, Thursday, January 2, 2025; Wednesday, February 5, 2025; and Wednesday, March 5, 2025. Motion carried, 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Debbie Whitman
Corwith Township Clerk