

**CORWITH TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**8170 MILL STREET, VANDERBILT, MI**  
**MAY 3, 2023**

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 Kris Powell, Pam Ryznar, Fritz Ryznar, Tim Kickey, Adrienne Hickey, Raymond Dreffs, Janelle Dreffs, Keith Bogue, Charles Koehler, Laura Walter and Robert Walter.

Treasurer's Report given by Bush showing balances for the month of January as follows: general fund \$529,722.89 (\$128,523.50 ARPA funds) and tax collection \$11,474.09. Motion by Coultres, with support by Whitman, to approve the minutes, bills and acknowledge the Treasurer's report. Roll call vote: Coultres – yes, Bush – yes, Kassuba – yes, Whitman – yes, Kellogg – yes.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Pam Ryznar (Bogue Trail) wants the Township Board to be aware that neighbors on Bogue Trail (25 acres) are starting to put in a campground (20 fire rings, building picnic tables). Surveyor and developer involved. They have spoken with Land Use. Ask if Township could give guidance. They are worried about devaluation of property, theft, noise, traffic, no supervision, length of stay. Keith Bogue – confirmed a primitive campground in development at this time. Contactd EGLE and with Health Department. Extremely opposed. Kassuba stated that a special use permit would be required and suggested they get points enforceable in the special use permit and that the Township is only a recommending body.

George Koehler reported that he is working with a state archeological professional as Corwith Township has historical item in this township – 9 miles of a 15 mile indian migration trail. Last used in 1835. Originally surveyed in 1840.

**REPORT FROM COUNTY COMMISSIONER:** Not present

**ZONING/ASSESSING:** Proposed Language for “guest house” and “dwellings”. Request extension for recommendation.

**CEMETERY:** New mower delivered. Old mower to go to Fire Department. Kassuba would like the vegetation and small trees out of perimeter and suggested one pass 2-3 times per summer around inside perimeter of fence. Edge of road and around hydrant and up to the gate that goes to the generator also to be cut. Will talk to Allen about it. North end fence – Kassuba will check on again.

**TWP PROPERTY:** Coultres reported that the fridge has a whacky temperature fluctuation.

**WASTE TRANSFER:** Clean up Day cost from PAC of \$12,523.00. Discussed tires on clean up day. Discussed limit to 10. Able to bring 4 on normal transfer days, discussed price for over 10. Will discuss further in future.

**FIRE/RESCUE:** Coultres reported that the Department has no issues at this time.

**SCHOOL:** Preschool being worked on again, already obtained several grants to help with setup. Bus driver has been hired. Vape prevention presentations are being held. In discussion with Gaylord Community School for CTE program attendance by VAS students. Possible summer events being discussed.

**PLANNING COMMISSION/PARKS & REC:** Draft minutes from 4/24/23 meeting reviewed. Kassuba will call on the drinking fountain install. Roll up curtains still need to be ordered. Village asked if Township would earmark \$20,000 of the ARPA funds for

possible playground upgrades. Jan Kellogg updated a summary of the history of Corwith Township.

ROADS: Project cost share agreement – Discussion on what getting for the cost share they are asking. Better percentage rate and more bang for the buck. VK wants intersections added.

VK would like to get Township Mastercard or Visa card. Lori will follow up on \$5,000 limit.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Debbie Whitman  
Corwith Township Clerk