

**CORWITH TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
8170 MILL STREET, VANDERBILT, MI  
OCTOBER 4, 2023**

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

Others present were Kris Powell, Judi ~~Yarack~~YURACK, Cassie Johnson, Janelle Dreffs, Raymond Dreffs, Keith Bogue, Olivia Smith, Frederick Ryznar, Pam Ryznar, Robert Walter, Tina Sayles, Annamarie Deeter

Treasurer's Report given by Bush showing balances for the month of September as follows: general fund \$443,785.85 and tax collection \$93,490.58. Motion by Coultes, with support by Bush, to pay the bills and acknowledge the Treasurer's Report. Roll call vote: Coultes – yes, Bush – yes, Kellogg – yes, Kassuba – yes, Whitman – yes.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Tina Sayles, Village of Vanderbilt President, advised that the adjoining property owner with the Fire Hall is opposing the fence that was put up this LAST summer. Side lot has an 8 foot set back or signature of adjoining owner to put on lot line. Kassuba will look into for resolution of this issue. Janelle Dreffs read a list of concerns from property owners with the proposed campground on Alexander Road. Discussion and comments heard on the proposed campground. Also reported that lack of natural buffer should be addressed, especially on the north side of the proposed campground. It was also suggested that evergreens be planted on the west side to better buffer from the view of adjoining owners. Areas requested to be addressed are concerns if this will be run on honor system or if owners will be on site, privacy fence installation in site of adjacent owners homes, maintenance of fire rings so that garbage doesn't attract animals, camp fires during dry season, use of fireworks, use of ATV's. A letter will be sent to Zoning by the Township, addressing the additional concerns presented by adjoining property owners.

Motion by Coultes, with support by Bush, to approve the minutes of September 6, 2023. Motion carried, 5-0.

**REPORT FROM COUNTY COMMISSIONER:** Commissioner Turnbull not present.

**ZONING/ASSESSING:** nothing

**CEMETERY:** nothing

**TWP PROPERTY:** nothing

**WASTE TRANSFER:** Tire Limit is currently set up as year round up to 4 per weekend. Had issue with someone bringing over limit in – Kassuba will contact this person. Spent limit on tires this year. Motion by Kassuba, seconded by Bush, beginning 10/14/23, up to 22inch tires only \$5.00, semi and tractor tires \$20.00, to be in effect until March 31, 2024. 5-0. Clean up day tire limit/cost to be decided later.

**FIRE/RESCUE:** Nothing

**SCHOOL:** Approved Support Staff Contract

**PLANNING COMMISSION/PARKS & REC:** Lisa McComb at Harvest Festival. Community Visioning survey results presented. 3000 vehicles go through Vanderbilt every day – 360 or so toward Pigeon River area. (lots of trucks)

**ROADS:** Kassuba reported that a nice job on was done on McGregor Road.

**QUARTERLY REPORT:** No action required

ELECTIONS: Agreement for Election Services with Otsego County: Motion by Kassuba, with support by Kellogg, to authorize Debbie Whitman to sign the Election Services agreement with Otsego County. Motion carried, 5-0

CREDIT CARD USE RESOLUTION: Motion by Coultres, with support by Kassuba, to adopt the Corwith Township Credit Card Resolution. Roll call vote: Kellogg – yes, Bush – yes, Coultres, - yes, Kassuba – yes, Whitman –yes. A limit of \$10,000.00 was recommended.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Debbie Whitman  
Corwith Township Clerk