

**CORWITH TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**8170 MILL STREET, VANDERBILT, MI**  
**DECEMBER 6, 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, Jon Turnbull, and Steve Williams.

Treasurer's Report given by Bush showing balances for the month of November as follows: general fund \$422,309.13 and tax collection \$12,879.31. Motion by Coultres, with support by Kellogg, 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:** No comments offered.

**REPORT FROM COUNTY COMMISSIONER:** Commissioner Turnbull reported that the County is working hard to find a new location for Alpine Center offices. Voted to spend up to \$3.5 million from ARPA funds for a new court building. ORV ordinance – proposed to open every road in county – ordinance change was voted down by County Commissioners. Constitutional County Resolution (2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment) – voted down by Commissioners. Commissioners back to meeting at the Library (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor). Budget passed for 2024. Two reduction in mills – recycling and bus system. Talked with Otsego County Road Commission – said Sturgeon Valley Road is top priority for spring. Kassuba asked about reducing Road Commission board from 5 members to 3 members. Jon will bring up to Personnel Committee in January. Kassuba asked Jon to look into the well at Irontone Springs as the fountain is in disrepair. He also feels a plaque should be put up there to note that it was a historical well used for watering horses along Old 27.

**ZONING/ASSESSING:** Land Division 042-019-100-015-04. Kassuba recommended approval. Motion by Whitman, with support by Bush, to recommend approval of this land division. Motion carried, 5-0. Board of Review coming in December.

**CEMETERY:** Cemetery deeds have now been computerized.

**TWP PROPERTY:** Maintenance will be charging \$10 for extra mowing since new fence was put up at Township Hall. Firehall has shingles coming off and north door needs attention. Tom Kellogg presented his notes concerning fences and determination from Village Zoning Administrator.

**WASTE TRANSFER:** PAC Annual Clean Up Day contract for April 20, 2024.

Motion by Whitman, with support by Coultres, to approve the contract with PAC for signature by the Supervisor. Motion carried, 5-0.

**FIRE/RESCUE:** Nothing further presented.

**SCHOOL:** Audit report to be presented this month.

**PLANNING COMMISSION/PARKS & REC:** Spoke with Lisa McComb about economic development opportunities in Vanderbilt. Working on pulling data together for Master Plan. Music open mic and potluck on Dec. 16, 2023 at the Township. Most open mic winter dates have been switched to third Saturday of the month. Otsego County Planning Commission has approved the special use permit for the Knoellinger property on Alexander Road with three conditions – 1) if phase 2 not started by 5 years, will require re-approval 2) north privacy fence to be 180 feet long 3) west privacy fence

placed to provide adequate screening to adjacent residents. .gov domains are no longer costly and are available for free. Kellogg will persue.

ROADS: Kassuba reported that the Road Commission still has not provided a signed contract for work planned from last spring. He will check on it.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY REQUEST: Motion by Coultres, with support by Whitman, to approve the payment of \$100 for storage of artifacts. Motion carried, 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Debbie Whitman  
Corwith Township Clerk

