

**SURREY TOWNSHIP
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
UNAPPROVED MINUTES
JUNE 13, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Supervisor Russ Hamilton leading the Pledge to the Flag. Members present: Supervisor Russ Hamilton, Clerk Glenna Bradbury, Treasurer Stacy Delong, Trustee Ken Pitchford and Trustee Rod Williams. Also, in attendance: Fire Chief Dave Williams.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Agenda

The meeting agenda for June 13, 2023 was reviewed. R Williams added to new business item #9 BS&A new software. R Williams made the motion to approve the agenda with the addition, seconded by K Pitchford. All ayes. Motion carried.

Minutes

The motion to approve the minutes from the May 9, 2023 Regular Meeting was made by K Pitchford, supported by S Delong. All ayes. Motion carried.

Bills

•General Fund bills: (check #s 38815-38818, 38829-38834, 38854-38862, 38875-38885) for a total of \$29,575.25 •the Fire Fund bills (check #s 15986-15991, 15997-16011) for a total of \$12,776.71 •and the Transfer Facility bills (check #s 1619-1622) a total of \$3,877.04. K Pitchford made the motion to pay the bills plus the credit card totals of: General \$622.31 and Fire \$1,483.14, supported by R Williams. Roll Call Vote: K Pitchford-yes, R Williams-yes, S Delong-yes, R Hamilton-yes and G Bradbury-yes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

The report was presented by S Delong. The report will be kept on file.

REPORTS

Fire Department Report

D Williams reported: •Ladder testing was completed June 12. •All truck maintenance has been done. •Bought new clutch fan for #274 and batteries for #278.

Zoning Report:

Rod Williams reported 13 zoning permits YTD and 2 additional at his desk.

Planning Commission:

The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 5 at 6 p.m.

Commissioner

None

OTHERS:

•None

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

•K Jankowski asked about getting money back on taxes regarding Trans.Facility card. R Hamilton stated that would be worked on at the budget workshop. •Asked about the brush for Trans.Facility. R Hamilton stated that they were working on an adaptor.

•N Butera asked about burn permits. D Williams stated no burn permits are issued unless there is snow on the ground, but you can have a recreational fire in a fire ring. No burn barrels. Burn ordinance is on the Surrey Twp. website. Burn permit phone: 989-588-6914 ext. 210.

- L Decker has property on Half Moon Trail in Hill Haven. Has complaint about neighbor's piled high garbage, motorhome was in front yard now in back, dumping questionable liquid in between the homes, etc. R Hamilton explained the process, procedures and the time involved.
- B Hendricks from Harding asked about brining. R Hamilton mentioned we had looked for a bringing company through the paper, no replies. He called a few companies. Asked about the millings job done on Harding and why it ended where it did. R Hamilton stated that was all we could afford to do at that time. He said the Township has tried in the past to have a road millage, but it has always been voted down.
- P Leyva asked about Federal money for a project. R Hamilton said Federal funds are only available for Interstate or connector roads.
- V Gajda wanted it noted that there is no Hill Haven Property Owners Association, it has dissolved, there is only a Bear Lake Association.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Building Dept.: D Williams needs his license renewed for \$719, it can be done online. R Williams made the motion to approved \$719 to renew license, seconded by S Delong. Roll call vote: R Williams-yes, S Delong-yes, K Pitchford-yes, R Hamilton-yes and G Bradbury-yes. Motion carried.
- Reviewed GFL brining quote: \$0.38 per gallon includes the fuel surcharge. R Williams made the motion to approve GFL to brine for \$0.38 per gallon, seconded by K Pitchford. Roll call vote: R Williams-yes, K Pitchford-yes, R Hamilton-yes, G Bradbury-yes and S Delong-yes. Motion carried.
- Reviewed the Village email pertaining to repairing Maple Grove between Old State and North Rd/Superior. R Hamilton reported cost of the project is \$50,000, with the Road Comm. committing to \$25,000 and the Village and Township portion would be \$12,500 each, not to exceed \$13,750. R Williams asked what budget would it be in, R Hamilton answered 2023-24. R Williams made the motion to approve the project, not to exceed \$13,750, seconded by G Bradbury. Roll call vote: R Williams-yes-, G Bradbury-yes, K Pitchford-yes, S Delong-yes and R Hamilton-yes. Motion carried.
- K Pitchford asked about the past Washington Rd. project and whether that was going to be split with the Village. R Hamilton said yes, but that the agreed price has been cut in half.
- Reviewed MTA membership dues invoice. G Bradbury made the motion to approve payment of the MTA invoice for \$2,313.58, seconded by K Pitchford. Roll call vote: G Bradbury-yes, K Pitchford-yes, R Williams-yes, R Hamilton-yes and S Delong-yes. Motion carried.
- Reviewed I-Deal Asphalt quote. K Pitchford inquired about the quote for the Trans.Facility, that would now be GFL's decision to make. K Pitchford made the motion to accept the Township Hall quote for \$2,004, seconded by R Williams. Roll call vote: K Pitchford-yes, R Williams-yes, S Delong-yes, R Hamilton-yes and G Bradbury-yes. R Williams made of motion to accept the Township Cemetery quote for \$10,210, seconded by S Delong. Roll call vote: R Williams-yes, S Delong-yes, R Hamilton-yes, K Pitchford-yes and G Bradbury-yes. Motion carried.
- Reviewed Foreclosure email from Clare County Treasurer. R Williams made the motion to exercise the first right of refusal on the properties, seconded by K Pitchford. Roll call vote: R Williams-yes, K Pitchford-yes, R Hamilton-yes, S Delong-yes and G Bradbury-yes. Motion carried. R Hamilton mentioned that none of these properties are owned by Seckler. R Williams stated that Seckler can no longer buy any properties in Surrey Township.
- Reviewed the election intergovernmental agreement from Clare County. G Bradbury explained that circumstances discussed earlier in the year have changed. The State and Bureau of Elections have not yet decided on all procedures, laws and rules for conducting an election plus the County has decided that they will not be charging the Townships for the mandatory 9 days prior to an election in the 2024 election year. G Bradbury made the motion to accept the intergovernmental agreement with the County, for the time

period of July 1, 2023 to December 31, 2024, seconded by S Delong. Roll call vote: G Bradbury-yes, S Delong-yes, K Pitchford-yes, R Hamilton-yes and R Williams-yes. Motion carried.

•Reviewed sealed bids for lawncare. •K Pitchford made the motion to accept C Schafer's bid for The Fire Dept. of \$65 per mow as needed and \$125 for spring and fall clean up, seconded by G Bradbury. Roll call vote: K Pitchford-yes, G Bradbury-yes, R Williams-yes, R Hamilton-yes and S Delong-yes. Motion carried. •K Pitchford made the motion to accept C Schafer's bid for the Township Hall of \$40 per mow as needed and \$225 for spring and fall clean up, seconded by R Williams. Roll call vote: K Pitchford-yes, R Williams-yes, S Delong-yes, R Hamilton-yes, G Bradbury-yes. Motion carried. • Motion made to accept K Pitchford's bid for the Landfill of \$900 per year by R Williams, seconded by S Delong. Roll call vote: R Williams-yes, S Delong-yes, R Hamilton-yes and G Bradbury-yes and K Pitchford-abstained. Motion carried.

•Discussed BS&A software. S Delong explained that BS&A.net is no longer sold as of a year ago. She just found this out recently. This will become obsolete and everything will go to the Cloud. This would include payroll, cemetery, building dept., etc. Everybody would upgrade and this would include everything for the past 10 years. The \$55,930 can be paid over 2 years. K Pitchford asked if that was a yearly cost. S Delong said no that is the set up and training, etc. The yearly cost would be \$12,800. G Bradbury thought the price was obscene. Her Cogitate software costs \$160 per month, a yearly total of \$1,920. S Delong stated the first payment would be \$21,125 and there is an 18-month waiting list. K Pitchford asked how much the yearly cost would be S Delong said \$12,800 per year. •R Williams made the motion to approve the BS&A software for \$55,930, seconded by K Pitchford. Roll call vote: R Williams-yes, K Pitchford-yes, S Delong-yes, R Hamilton-yes and G Bradbury-no. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

•R Williams reminded the people to get with their congressman to oppose the gravel House Bills 4526, 4527 and 4528.

•K Jankowski asked where would people be voting next year. G Bradbury stated that if anyone wanted to vote in the 9 days before election day, they would have to go to the County to vote. People can still vote an Absentee Ballot.

•D Decker has a home in Hill Haven. Complained about the landlord's garbage. R Williams and R Hamilton explained the process in dealing with irresponsible landlords. It is a long process that can last 9 months or more. There were several complaints regarding Seckler, his garbage, the terrible condition of his houses, the way he manages his renters and the actions of his renters. R Williams commented on how often he visits Hill Haven, takes pictures and deals with Seckler.

•P Leyva warned of a guy, wearing a construction vest, who is trying doors and looking for work. The Sheriff's office has been alerted.

•K O'Dell complained about the condition of the Trans.Facility. She has a small car and concerned about getting a flat tire and getting back to the compost file. R Hamilton explained of the plans for improvement with some concrete work. She can ask for assistant with any compost bags.

•J Simons & J Thacker complain about the condition of Rock and Hemlock Roads before and after a rain. R Hamilton advised them to contact the Road Comm. and asked a foreman to meet out to the area to explain the issues. They spoke about brining. R Hamilton will remind the company of Hemlock Rd.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm

