

**PROPOSED  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
ROCK RIVER TOWNSHIP  
APRIL 20, 2021**

Meeting called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00pm.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Teri Grout, Dawn Leppanen, Trevor Case, Janet Braun, Rowan Bunce

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**GUESTS:** Jim Seppanen, Maria Strand, Andy Reichert, Ron LeJeune, Brice Burge

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** 1.) None

**MINUTES:** Motion to approve board minutes of 3-16-21 by Case, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bunce.

**TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT:** Report presented, reviewed and placed in file for audit.

**PAY BILLS:** Motion to pay bills (12,386.21) with debits/checks #17620-17642 by Case, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bunce.

**ASSESSOR REPORT:** 1.) One land division.

**CEMETERY REPORT:** 1.) Spring Clean-up done. Has sold a few plots. Would like to paint inside of building and possibly the outside. Need to have forester look over pine trees.

**FIRE DEPT:** 1.) Two calls this month. One over heated stove in Sundell. One outbuilding fire. Supervisor inquired about possible maintenance issues. Jim mentioned the garage doors and painting the outside of the building.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** 1.) Met April 19th. There was a Public Hearing for a Conditional Use Permit for Andy Reichert for a long term rental. The PC recommends the board approve the permit with the stipulation that it must be a 12 month lease term.

Motion by Case, 2nd Bunce to approve Andy Reichert's Conditional Use Permit with the 12 month lease term. MCU

2.) PC discussed the Master Plan. 3.) Rowan presented the board with the completed RR Twp Citizen Survey. Board discussed. Motion to approve the survey by Bunce, 2nd Case. MCU

**SKI HILL:** 1.) Ski hill is closed for the season. Supervisor inquired about possible maintenance issues. Trevor mentioned the chalet roof, which we do have a \$1000.00 donation that will cover some of the cost. Also, need to repair 3 lights and replace 3 more lights and the outhouse could use some work.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:** Conditional Use Permit and 2 other permits.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** 1.) State of Michigan Notice of Public Hearing (2)

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** 1.) **Blight Complaint:** Supervisor sent a certified letter to the McAlpines. Has not received a reply, nor the return receipt. Paul is working on the Darling property.

**NEW BUSINESS:** 1.) **American Rescue Plan Money:** Rock River Township is eligible for pandemic relief money. Board discussed. May possibly have a joint meeting with other townships. Not sure what we can or cannot spend the money on yet. More information will be coming.

**Communications Strategy:** We need to come up with better ways to communicate with the community, now that the Munising News is closed and we can no longer post at the Chatham Post Office. Discussed having a Community Board and posting at more businesses. Brice Burge suggested having a press release through Roam Media. Andy Reichert mentioned that out west they would have a newsletter mailed four times a year. Discussed putting more on the website and taking advantage of tax mailings. Ron LeJeune suggested that we cross check between tax bills and voter registration, so people who don't own property can be reached.

**Maintenance Needs:** Board discussed maintenance needs of the township. List includes...power washing the town hall, painting the firehall, new posts and shrubs for the cemetery, Centennial Park sign needs some stabilizing, floor in town hall needs to be waxed, gate on Cold Springs property.

Trevor also mentioned that he is still working on the road sign project. He is up to 42 signs.

**Ordinance Language:** Board discussed Blight Ordinance Language. Proposed changes include Farm Products definition and kennel definition. Also, need to look at Section 1005 Zoning Administrator. The PC will look into these changes and have a Public Hearing if needed.

**ANY OTHER BOARD BUSINESS OR PUBLIC COMMENT:** Board discussed dumpster days. We will decide on dates at next month's meeting.

Andy Reichert mentioned that as part of the Alger County Brownfield Development, they are always looking for properties to clean-up. They have all kinds of grant sources.

Motion Case, 2nd Bunce to adjourn meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31pm.

Election Commission meeting to follow.

*Dawn Leppanen, Clerk*

*Teresa Grout, Supervisor*

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**NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING, MAY 18, 2021 AT 7PM AT THE TWP. HALL**