

**PROPOSED  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
ROCK RIVER TOWNSHIP  
APRIL 19, 2022**

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:**

**GUESTS:** Jim Seppanen, Jennifer Wood, Nathaniel Wood, Don Johnson, Jim Rondeau, Mick Rondeau, Jenn Hill

**PUBLIC COMMENT: 1.)** Jenn Hill introduced herself as a candidate for State Representative in the 109th District and outlined her campaign platform.

**2.)** Nathaniel Wood let the board know that signs on Tunteri Rd. and E.T. Rd. need to be replaced.

**MINUTES:** Motion to approve board minutes of 3-15-22 by Bunce, 2<sup>nd</sup> Case. MCU

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

**PAY BILLS:** Motion to pay bills (\$12,341.83) with debits/checks #17889-17912 by Case, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bunce. MCU

**ASSESSOR REPORT: 1.) Report**

**CEMETERY REPORT: 1.) None 2.)** Teri will be meeting with tree removal companies to get quotes.

**FIRE DEPT: 1.)** One call this past month: a pickup truck fire.

**PLANNING COMMISSION: 1.)** Rowan presented the Master Plan draft for the board to look over. PC will finalize it at their July 11th meeting and present it to the board.

**SKI HILL: 1.)** Ski hill is closed for the season. Bob Beauchaine will be coming to convert the last of the lights to LED.

**2.) Ski Hill Financial Report:** Motion Case, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bunce to approve the Ski Hill Financial Report as presented. MCU

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: 1.) Report**

**CORRESPONDENCE: 1.)** SOM Public Notice **2.)** UPPCO Public Notice

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: 1.) ARPA Funds:** ARPA Funds Committee (Teri, Jim, Rowan) met to discuss possible ways to spend our ARPA funds, which will total around \$95,000.00. Ideas include: Replacing street lights with LEDS, reinstalling street light in Sundell, upgrading the electrical system at the fairgrounds, removing trees at the cemetery, purchasing a groomer for the ski hill, trenching around the front of the town hall to prevent more flooding, paving town hall/fire hall parking lot, informational sign at town hall. This is all in the very beginning stages. We have until the end of 2024 to allocate the funds and until the end of 2026 to spend them. Public Comment heard.

**NEW BUSINESS: 1.)Resolution to Adopt Fire Millage Renewal Language:** The fire millage will expire this year. Board discussed the need for fire protection equipment purchases. Jim would like the millage to run for 8 years because of rising prices for fire trucks. Motion Bunce, 2<sup>nd</sup> Keskimaki-Krysiak to adopt resolution #2022-04-19.

Fire Department Millage Renewal Proposition

Proposition to renew the increase of the tax rate limitation of one mill for the purpose of purchasing a fire truck to provide fire protection within the Township of Rock River.

Shall the expired previous voted increase in tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of Michigan Constitution in Rock River Township, of 1 mill (\$1.00 per \$1000 of taxable value) reduced to 0.9645 mills (\$0.9645 per \$1000 of taxable value) by the required millage rollbacks, be renewed at and increased up to the original voted 1 mill (\$1.00 per \$1000 of taxable value) and levied for 8 (eight) years, 2022 through 2029 inclusive, for the purchase of a fire truck; raising an estimated \$44,327.70 in the first year the millage is levied.

Roll Call Vote: Braun: aye      Keskimaki-Krysiak: aye      Case: aye      Bunce: aye      Grout: aye  
Nays: None

Upon roll call vote the Supervisor declared the Resolution duly adopted by unanimous vote and effective immediately.

**2.) Mowing Bids:** Board discussed posting for mowing bids for the town hall, fire hall and Centennial Park. Trevor also suggested that we bid out the cemetery to see if it is more cost effective to have someone else mow it or buy/maintain a new lawnmower. Clerk will post for bids.

**ANY OTHER BOARD BUSINESS OR PUBLIC COMMENT: 1.)** Teri met with Jon Rondeau and talked to Bob Lindbeck and Charlie Marsh. She will be setting up a meeting between the Rondeau's, Swajanen's, Bob Lindbeck and a board representative to discuss the Eben Ice Caves road and parking lot project being implemented by the Rondeau's. Public Comment heard. Jenn Hill talked about legal avenues to dispute UPPCO rates. Motion Bunce, 2nd Case to adjourn meeting. MCU Meeting adjourned at 8:01.

Dawn Keskimaki-Krysiak, Clerk

Teresa Grout, Supervisor

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*proposed minutes, subject to approval*

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**NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING, MAY 17, 2022 AT 7PM AT THE TWP. HALL**