

**PROPOSED  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
ROCK RIVER TOWNSHIP  
AUGUST 16, 2022**

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dawn Keskimaki-Krysiak, Trevor Case, Janet Braun, Rowan Bunce, Teri Grout

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**GUESTS:** Jim Seppanen, Dawn Rondeau, Brandon Maki, Maria Strand, Ron LeJeune, Jenny LeJeune, Cecil Martin, Don Johnson, Lorraine Runsat, Richard Runsat, Mary Jo O'Halloran Torongo, Cecil Martin, David Lamere, Jim Verbrigghe, Jeanne Verbrigghe, William Hood, Deborah Molitor, Jeff VanBremen, Cindy Kallio, Dan Johnson, Kathy LaRock, Mel Last  
(There were a few names on the list that I could not make out. If your name is not included and you wish it to be, please leave a message at 439-5360.)

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Public Comment regarding the Diversity Equity and Inclusion Policy heard.

Dave Lamere wishes his letter be on record. It is attached to the minutes.

Dawn Rondeau wants to be on record as stating that she opposes paying fees to an attorney to look at the DEI...scrap it!

**MINUTES:** Motion to approve board minutes of 7-20-22 by Bunce, 2<sup>nd</sup> Braun. MCU

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

**PAY BILLS:** Motion to pay bills (\$8440.52) with debits/checks #17979-18007 by Case, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bunce. MCU

**ASSESSOR REPORT:** 1.) Report received. 2.) Two applicants for the assessor position; Mark Maki and Cameron Fuess. The hiring committee interviewed both candidates; they recommend hiring Cameron Fuess. Board discussed. Motion Bunce, 2nd Case to hire Cameron Fuess, beginning October 1, 2022.

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

Supervisor declared the motion carried.

Supervisor will contact both candidates.

**CEMETERY REPORT:** 1.) Report received.

2.) **Burial Rates:** Jim LaChance, our burial hole digger, has requested to increase his pricing from 400.00 to 425.00 weekday rates and 500.00 to 525.00 for weekend rates. Board discussed. Motion Case, 2nd Bunce to increase pricing as requested. MCU  
As a result the township also needs to increase our burial rates to reflect the increase. Motion Case, 2nd Bunce to increase burial rates from 425.00 to 450.00 for weekdays and from 525.00 to 550.00 for weekends. MCU  
Board will look into having the funeral home pay Jim directly.

3.) **Cemetery Trees:** Board discussed having potentially dangerous trees removed from Pine Grove Cemetery by Potter Tree Removal Service, using ARPA funds. Motion Bunce, 2nd Case to remove trees as discussed. MCU

**FIRE DEPT:** 1.) 2 calls this past month. Assisted in the recovery of a body South of Rumely. Search for 2 missing children. (who were found)

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** 1.) Blackburn Conditional Use Permit: Neighboring property did not receive the notice. Will need to be re-addressed.

**SKI HILL:** 1.) Closed for season. 2.) Maria Strand submitted her letter of resignation from the Assistant Ski Hill Manager position. Clerk will post for Assistant Ski Hill Manager position.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:** 1.) None: Supervisor will talk to ZA about sending a report.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** 1.) Letters regarding the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Policy 2.) Dept. of Treasury

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** 1.) **Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Statement:** tabled until we hire a new attorney to look at it.

**NEW BUSINESS:** 1.) **Hire Attorney:** Received letters of Interest from Roger Zappa and Steven Tinti. Board discussed. Motion Case, 2nd Keskimaki-Krysiak to hire Roger Zappa.

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

Supervisor declared the motion carried.

Supervisor will inform both candidates of the decision.

2.) **Fire Truck Loan Approval:** Motion to enter into an installment loan agreement with Peoples State Bank at 3.75%, to borrow money necessary to purchase a 2022 Rosenbauer Pumper for \$353,251.00 by Bunce, 2nd Case. The Township will borrow the money for 8 years and re-pay loan with fire truck purchase millage in annual installments.

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

Supervisor declared the motion carried.

3.) Fire Truck Purchase Resolution:

RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE FIRE TRUCK

WHEREAS, the residents of Rock River Township at the August Primary voted and passed a millage to allow for the purchase of a new fire truck for fire protection within the Township of Rock River.

WHEREAS, PA 99 of 1933 (Purchase of Lands and Property for Public Purposes) allows the township to enter into an installment loan agreement for the purpose of purchasing a fire truck.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Board of Rock River will enter into an installment loan agreement with Peoples State Bank at 3.75% to borrow the money necessary to purchase a Rosenbauer Pumper for \$353,251.00. The Township Board will use anticipated revenue from the fire truck millage so that this installment loan is repaid within the eight year life span of the fire truck millage. The Board also authorizes the Clerk and Treasurer to sign the necessary loan documents.

Motion Bunce, 2nd Case to approve the foregoing Fire Truck Resolution.

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

Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

4.) Budget Review: Board reviewed the General and Fire Budgets. No adjustments are necessary.

OTHER BOARD BUSINESS OR PUBLIC COMMENT: 1.) Public Comment heard.

Motion Case, 2nd Braun to adjourn meeting. MCU Meeting adjourned at 8:25.

Dawn Keskimaki-Krysiak, Clerk  
*Dawn Keskimaki-Krysiak*  
*proposed minutes, subject to approval*

Teresa Grout, Supervisor  
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NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING, SEPTEMBER 20, 2022 AT 7PM AT THE TWP. HALL

## Redress of Grievance DEI Policy

We, the people of the State of Michigan, grateful to Almighty God for the blessings of freedom, and earnestly desiring to secure these blessings undiminished to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this constitution. (Preamble of Michigan Constitution)

You have been sworn in and taken an oath to protect (we the people) constitutional rights. So therefore no government agent may violate those rights without constitutional authority. (Article 1 Section 23 Of the MSC, 9th Amendment USC)

The Constitution protects our God given rights.  
(Mcl 15.151)

The burden of proof is on the Government agents to uphold our constitutional rights under (color of law)  
(Title 18 section 242)

You are a member of an organization of employees of the Government that whoever violates the provision of (section 7311 of title 5) that an individual may not accept or hold a position in the Government of the United states.  
If you advocate the overthrow of our Constitutional Republic form of government. You shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than one year and a day, or both.  
(Title 18 U.S. Code 1918)

Diversity Equity and Inclusion is another Name for "Affirmative Action"

- Affirmative action is Illegal under the Equal Protection Clause (First Section of the 14th Amendment). This is because individuals who do not fall into favored groups., due to a quota system or other method to restrict participation in benefits or opportunities, is prohibited by the Constitution of the United States, and many states' constitutions.
- University of California v. Bakke, DECIDED ON JUNE 26, 1978. The Supreme Court ruled that the racial quota system used by the University violated the Civil Rights Act.

The government's job is to ensure equal protection of the law.  
(14th Amendment section1)

No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

(14 Amendment USC)

Attention Elected (by the people, not the MTA) Officials Of The Rock River Township Board. You will be violating our individual rights if you continue to accept and enforce any DEI Policies from the Michigan Townships Association.

You as a government agent have no authority to pass down policy enforcement to the people from the Michigan Townships Association.

Your constitutional duty is to ensure the peoples rights, you do not give us our rights.

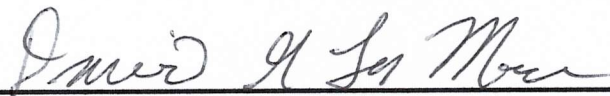
(Article 1 Section 5)

Consider this letter to be concurrent evidence with filing for your bonds if you are not willing to reverse course immediately, or I will respond appropriately to protect our individual rights.

Consider this as your Letter of Bond Request for a redress of grievances to file for your bonds for any of the board members who wish to vote in favor to pass any resolutions like DEI policies or any other policies that are now in effect that violate our individual constitutional rights. We the people elected you to represent us and protect us from invasion of government overreach. The MTA has no jurisdiction or voice in how we the people would like to operate in our township.

Respectfully,

David G. LaMere  
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Rumely, MI 49826



Aug 16, 2022

Precinct Delegate, Rock River Twp  
Chairman, Alger County Republican Party

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