

**PROPOSED
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
ROCK RIVER TOWNSHIP
FEBRUARY 18, 2020**

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bunce

GUESTS: Jim Seppanen, Maria Strand, Andy Reichert, Jennifer Wood, Joe Newman, Bob Jackson, Mike Tietjen, Ron LeJeune, Jenny LeJeune, UnderSheriff Steve Blank, Sheriff Todd Brock

PUBLIC COMMENT: 1.) Ron LeJeune asked if the public could comment on issues on the agenda. Supervisor replied only during public comment or if invited. 2.) Joe Newman submitted a letter of interest for the Planning Commission. 3.) Jennifer Wood introduced herself as the fill-in librarian, while Kathy is gone. Board thanked her for all the new programs she is implementing.

MINUTES: Motion to approve board minutes of 1-21-20 by Case, 2nd Braun. MCU

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

PAY BILLS: Motion to pay bills (13,991.10) with debits/checks #17243-17267 by Case, 2nd Braun. MCU

ASSESSOR REPORT: Report received and placed in file. Upcoming Board of Review dates: March 3rd, March 9th & 10th

CEMETERY REPORT: 1.) Reports of snowmobiles riding around the cemetery.

FIRE DEPT: 1.) Three rescue calls to the Eben Ice Caves, one vehicle unlocking. 2.) Batteries needed replacing. 3.) LEPC is working on a countywide hazard mitigation plan.

PLANNING COMMISSION: 1.) **Appoint a PC Member:** The board addressed a letter from Ron LeJeune expressing his concerns regarding the Veterans Preference Act and the manner in which he was appointed to the PC. Supervisor Grout addressed these concerns with a response noting that all procedures were correctly followed, in a letter of her own, which she read aloud at the meeting. Both of these letters are available for review at the townhall. Andy Reichert was then asked if he wanted to be appointed to the Planning Commission. He replied that he would like to think about it. That being the case a motion was made by Case, 2nd Braun to appoint Joe Newman to the Planning Commission. MCU Jenny LeJeune had also expressed an interest in being on the PC. Supervisor stated if Andy and Jenny both decided they would want to be on the PC, we could bump up the number of members on the PC from 5 to 7.

CUPPAD Maps: There will be a Public Hearing regarding the new zoning maps from CUPPAD at the March 17th meeting.

SKI HILL: 1.) Day pass sales are up this year. No injuries. Forest Service license is in place. Snowmobile is running well.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: 1.) Report 2.) Approved one conditional use permit for Heidi Paquette. 3.) Discussion about adding a question regarding occupancy levels to the permit application.

CORRESPONDENCE: 1.) Letter from Ron LeJeune (which we addressed under Planning Commission) 2.) Tri-Media pamphlet

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: 1.) **Alger County Sheriff's Department-Ambulance Millage:** We had Sheriff Brock speak earlier in the meeting as they had other business to attend to. Sheriff Brock gave a presentation of the importance of passing the ambulance millage coming up on the March 10th ballot. The millage is asking for a .85 increase. There are copies of the presentation at the townhall, but the bottom line of the presentation was: Without the successful passing of the millage, the Advanced Life Support Service in Alger County will not be able to continue at the current level of care.

2.) **Marijuana Ordinance:** The Village would like to enact the same ordinance as the township. We are giving them a month to have their attorney look it over. Supervisor went over the ordinance and corrected a few grammatical errors. Motion to submit ordinance with corrections to the public by Case, 2nd Leppanen. MCU

3.) **Budget Work Session Date :** Board discussed possible work session dates. Motion by Case, 2nd Braun to have the budget work session on Sunday, March 8th at 10:00a.m. Clerk will post for the Budget Work Session which will be a special meeting on March 8, 2020 and will post and publish for the Budget Public Hearing as required, which will be a special meeting after the regular meeting on March 17, 2020.

4.) Open New Account for Road Millage Money: Per Barry Gaudette's (our auditor) advice, we will open a separate account for the road millage money. Motion by Case, 2nd Leppanen to open a new checking account for the road millage money, with Janet Braun and Dawn Leppanen as signers.

Roll Call Vote:

Case: aye
Leppanen: aye
Braun: aye
Grout: aye

Supervisor declared the motion carried.

5.) Budget Review: Board reviewed the General and Fire budgets. Motion by Leppanen, 2nd Case to approve the following budget amendments:

General Fund:

Subtract \$2699.94 from Uncategorized Expenses. Add \$25.54 to Township Board Computer
Add \$2674.40 to Town Hall Repairs/Maintenance

Roll Call Vote:

Case: aye
Leppanen: aye
Braun: aye
Grout: aye

Supervisor declared the motion carried.

Fire Fund: No amendments were necessary.

ANY OTHER BOARD BUSINESS OR PUBLIC COMMENT: 1.) Jennifer Wood requested funds for the programs she has initiated at the library. Supervisor asked her to submit a budget request and we will look at it, at the upcoming budget work session.

2.) Public comment heard.

Motion Case, 2nd Leppanen to adjourn the meeting. MCU

Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm

Election Commission Meeting to follow regular meeting.

Dawn Leppanen, Clerk

Teresa Grout, Supervisor

proposed minutes, subject to approval

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING MARCH 17, 2020 AT 7PM AT THE TWP. HALL

