

**PROPOSED
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
ROCK RIVER TOWNSHIP
FEBRUARY 15, 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, Don Johnson, Ron LeJeune, Jenny LeJeune, Bryce Burge, Jennifer Wood, Heidi Swajanen

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MINUTES: Motion to approve board minutes of 1-18-22 by Case, 2nd Braun. MCU

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

PAY BILLS: Motion to pay bills (12,506.24) with debits/checks #17822-17847 by Bunce, 2nd Case. MCU

ASSESSOR REPORT: 1.) None

CEMETERY REPORT: 1.) None

FIRE DEPT: 1.) Six calls this past month: one mutual aid with Mathias Twp. involving a car accident, two gas smells (false alarms), one chimney fire and two calls to the Eben Ice Caves. Trevor questioned the amount of resources being used for ice Cave rescues. Fire dept. has purchased specialized equipment such as ice cleats, gurney on skis, ropes etc...plus the firefighter wages and gas. Jim is waiting to hear from the Forest Service law enforcement (who happened to be at the last rescue) in regards to some assistance concerning ice cave rescues. Jim is meeting with a salesman to get price quotes on a new fire truck. He purchased the new turnout gear for the firefighters. The State has launched a First Responder Grant Program for Training and Recruitment. Teri and Jim applied for a grant to purchase new radios for the fire trucks. Jim is starting a Fire Cadet Explorer Program and needs a resolution from the board to proceed. This program is for 16 and 17 year olds who are interested in learning more about firefighters. Motion by Case, 2nd Bunce to approve the Resolution for the Fire Cadet Explorer Program.

Roll Call Vote: Braun: aye Keskimaki-Krysiak: aye Case: aye Bunce: aye Grout: aye

Nays: None

Supervisor declares the resolution adopted.

PLANNING COMMISSION: 1.) Rowan is working on the Master Plan. Don is working on having road names added to the zoning map.

SKI HILL: 1.) Ski hill is open. Attendance is down, possibly because of the cold weather and not having the chalet open this year. Snowmobile needs repairs. Trevor is looking for a burn barrel for the ski hill and donations of ski equipment (boots, skis, snowboards) for younger children. Sleds and tubes would be appreciated as well.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: 1.) Report: No zoning applications this past month. Trevor had some general inquiries.

2.) ZA Position: We had three applicants for the Zoning Administrator position. Ron LeJeune withdrew his application. The ZA Hiring Committee interviewed Jason McCarthy and Bryce Burge. The ZA Hiring Committee wishes it to be known that both candidates were well qualified and the committee felt either candidate would be an excellent choice. They chose Jason McCarthy for his experience as he is also the ZA for Marquette and Onota, AuTrain and Mathias townships. Motion Bunce, 2nd Keskimaki-Krysiak to accept the ZA hiring committee's recommendation to hire Jason McCarthy as the new Zoning Administrator for Rock River Township.

Roll Call Vote: Braun: aye Keskimaki-Krysiak: aye Case: aye Bunce: aye Grout: aye

Nays: None

The Supervisor declares the motion carried.

Trevor will organize the paperwork and hand over the position to Mr. McCarthy next month.

CORRESPONDENCE: 1.)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: 1.) None

NEW BUSINESS: 1.) Schedule Budget Work Session: Budget Work Session is scheduled for Sunday, March 6, 2022 at 9:00. Clerk will post and publish notices. **2.) Review Budget:** Board reviewed the General and Fire Funds.

General Fund:

Subtract: 57.84 from Townhall Repair and Maintenance

Add: 57.84 to Twp. Board Computer

Fire Fund: Reviewed and no amendments necessary.

Motion by Case, 2nd Bunce to approve the budget amendments.

Roll Call Vote: Braun: aye Keskimaki-Krysiak: aye Case: aye Bunce: aye Grout: aye

Nays: None

The Supervisor declares the motion carried.

ANY OTHER BOARD BUSINESS OR PUBLIC COMMENT: 1.) Trevor has been in contact with Bob Lindbeck regarding the Ice Caves Road. Heidi Swajanen informed the board that she and her family were not informed about the road, nor are they in favor of it. After much discussion the Supervisor decided to ask Bob Lindbeck to next month's meeting. **2.)** Bryce Burge thanked the board for being considered for the ZA position.

Motion Case, 2nd Bunce to adjourn meeting. MCU

Meeting adjourned at 8:10.

Dawn Keskimaki-Krysiak, Clerk

Teresa Grout, Supervisor

proposed minutes, subject to approval

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING, MARCH 15, 2022 AT 7PM AT THE TWP. HALL

