

**PROPOSED  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
ROCK RIVER TOWNSHIP  
JANUARY 17TH, 2023**

Meeting called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:01pm.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Teresa Grout, Rowan Bunce, Maria Strand, Trevor Case, Janet Braun

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**GUESTS:** Kathy Takkinen Larock, Cindy Kallio, Jeanne Verbrigghe, Jon Verbrigghe, Renee MLaughlin, Dawn Rondeau, Dan Johnson, Heidi Swajanen, Scott Bunce, Elise Bunce, Tammy Shega, Chris Lindquist, Jon Lindquist, Ron LeJeune, Jenny LeJeune, Don Johnson, Robin Maki, Jennine Mallory, Sally Richard, Brice Burge - Munising Beacon

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Public Comment heard.

**MINUTES:** Motion to approve board minutes of December 20th, by Bunce, sended by Case. MCU

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

**PAY BILLS:** Motion to pay bills (\$13,592.29) with debits/checks #18135-18157 by Case, seconded by Bunce. MCU - Budget Review - Case Motion to make changes to the budget, Bunce seconded. Roll Call Vote Braun, Case, Grout, Strand, Bunce, MCU

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: 1.)** Report

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** Last meeting included discussion on dates for upcoming PC Regular Meetings for the remainder of 2023, which are April 10th, July 10th, October 9th, and January 8th 2024. There will be a Special Public Hearing on February 6th at 7PM. Special meeting to include Johnson Conditional Use Vacation Rental permit. Special meeting is also to include public discussion on removal of Vacation "Rentals/Tourist Cabins" for zone RP10, as well as discussion on caps of VRBO's. There was a letter of support for removal of Vacation Rentals from RP10. There was also discussion at the regular meeting about how to handle non-compliance zoning issues and fee updates. The issue of DEI policy inclusion in the Master Plan was dropped. Bunce motioned to reappoint Ron LeJeune to PC, no second. Case made a motion to appoint Renee McLaughlin to the planning commission, Strand Second. Roll Call Vote Braun, Case, Grout, Strand, In Favor, Bunce Opposed. Motion carried.

**ASSESSOR REPORT:** Bunce motions to accept KCI printing proposal with assessors report and township newsletter included. Strand made a motion to reaffirm Board of Review position for Mary Kramer-Rabine, motion seconded by Bunce, MCU. Case motioned to appoint Jennifer Wood, past alternate, to regular Board of Review position, motion seconded Braun, MCU. The board is still looking for two Board of Review alternates.

**FIRE DEPT:** 1 Call - Faulty smoke alarm

**CEMETERY REPORT:** Sold 1 plot.

**SKI HILL:** Chili Cookoff Fundraiser February 4th, 5-7:30pm at the Townhall see more details on Facebook or rockrivertownship.org looking for help with setup and cleanup. A very generous monetary donation was received from AC3 to be used for multiple Free Ski Days and supplies, see the Friends of Chatham Ski Hill Facebook page or township website for updates. Generous equipment donation was received from The Compound in Marquette.

**CORRESPONDENCE: 1.)** Monica Weis Letter with concern on VRBO's in the township, in support of caps on VRBO's **2.)** EGLE, Johnson Creek Temporary Bridge Update

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: 1.)** MARESA TAX - Bunce made a motion to accept the MARESA TAX changes where \$2.50 per parcel will be collected in the summer taxes rather than winter taxes. Case seconded the motion. MCU

**NEW BUSINESS: 1.)** Proposal for Zoning Ordinance Review & Update from Zoning Administrator. Board is looking for more information on the proposal in details of revisions, budgets, changes necessary. Also requiring more than one quote, possibly a second quote from CUPPAD, our past update company. Case made a motion to table the proposal until further information is available, Bunce seconded the motion.

**2.)** Township Cleanup Days - Friday June 2nd and Saturday June 3rd, 2023

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

Motion Bunce, 2nd Case to adjourn meeting. MCU Meeting adjourned at 8:27pm.

Maria Strand, Clerk

Teresa Grout, Supervisor

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*proposed minutes, subject to approval*

**NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING, FEBRUARY 20TH, 2023, AT 7PM AT THE TWP. HALL**