

**PROPOSED  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
ROCK RIVER TOWNSHIP  
JANUARY 21, 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:** None

**GUESTS:** Jim Seppanen, Don Johnson, Rowan Bunce, Maria Strand, Bob Jackson, Steve Norman, Nathan Williams, Ron LeJuene, Jenny LeJuene

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Added Nathan Williams from the Census Bureau to the agenda. Motion by Case, 2nd Leppanen to approve the amended agenda. MCU

**MINUTES:** Motion to approve board minutes of 12-17-19 by Case, 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 (14,485.98) with debits/checks #17194-17242 by Braun, 2<sup>nd</sup> Case. MCU

**ASSESSOR REPORT:** Report received and placed in file.

**CEMETERY REPORT:** 1.) None

**FIRE DEPT:** 1.) One car accident this month. 2.) Trucks needed some repairs this past month. 3.) **LEPC:** Jim gave a summary of the latest LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) meeting. They are touring different facilities each month to see what resources are available. Board will stay copied in on agendas and minutes for the meetings and will attend when an item is on the agenda that requires the boards input.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** 1.) PC discussed new zoning maps and the Marijuana Ordinance. The Board will review the ordinance. Copies of the ordinance are available at the town hall and on the township website. We will be scheduling a Public Hearing for this matter in the future. It will be posted. PC presented the new zoning maps from CUPPAD. They still have one small error. We will schedule a Public Hearing regarding the zoning maps as soon as the corrections are made. This Public Hearing will be posted as well. 2.) Dean Richard is resigning from the Planning Commission. He will stay on until we find someone to replace him.

**SKI HILL:** 1.) Open for business. 2.) Trevor and Maria had to do a lot of work to clear the xc ski trails. Also, a fence needs to be repaired at the hill.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:** 1.) Report

**CORRESPONDENCE:** 1.) UPSET donation request. We will look at this when we do next year's budget.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** 1.) **Appoint New Trustee:** We received 3 letters of interest for the Trustee position. Rowan Bunce, Ron LeJuene and Andy Reichert. Board reviewed and discussed the candidates. Trustee Case made the point that Rowan Bunce has already been serving on the PC. He also stated that Rowan's contribution in creating the Marijuana Ordinance will be a benefit in the future. Supervisor Grout agreed that Rowan's previous experience on the Planning Commission is beneficial as well as his knowledge regarding the Marijuana Ordinance, as that will be an ongoing issue. Motion by Case, 2nd Braun to appoint Rowan Bunce as Rock River Township Trustee. MCU

This brought up the issue of needing people for the Planning Commission. Ron LeJuene agreed to take the place of Rowan Bunce on the PC. Motion by Case, 2nd Braun to appoint Ron LeJuene to the Planning Commission. MCU

2.) **Census Bureau:** Nathan Williams gave a presentation on the importance of the Census. He made the point that the Census results are the backbone for funding. He encouraged the board and the public to participate in the Census. People can respond by phone, the internet or mail. They are hiring Census takers for April thru August 2020 for going door to door to get responses from households that have not replied.

3.) **Budget Review:** Board reviewed the General and Fire budgets. No amendments were necessary at this time.

**ANY OTHER BOARD BUSINESS OR PUBLIC COMMENT: 1.)** Don Johnson presented the map from Tri-Media to the board, so they can continue with their surveying. **2.)** Public comment was heard from Bob Jackson regarding a noise ordinance (Rock River Twp. does not have one) and Ron LeJuene regarding snowmobile noise. **3.)** Jenny LeJuene inquired if she could do BOR training online as she is not able to attend the in-person training this year. Clerk will look into it. **4.)** Steve Norman inquired if the Marijuana Ordinance will be published in the Munising News. It will not. As mentioned previously in the minutes, it will be available for viewing on the township website and at the town hall itself. **5.)** Thanks to Trevor for fixing the door and hanging the new library sign. Old sign was given to Violet Maki.

Motion Case, 2nd Braun to adjourn the meeting. MCU  
Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Dawn Leppanen, Clerk

Teresa Grout, Supervisor

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*proposed minutes, subject to approval*

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**NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 18, 2020 AT 7PM AT THE TWP. HALL**