

**PROPOSED
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
ROCK RIVER TOWNSHIP
JANUARY 19, 2021**

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

This meeting was held by remote electronic access, in accordance with Michigan law and due to COVID-19 social distancing requirements and limitations on the number of individuals in a meeting hall. All motions will be roll call vote.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Teri Grout; Rock River Twp, Dawn Leppanen; Rock River Twp, Trevor Case; Rock River Twp, Janet Braun; Rock River Twp, Rowan Bunce; Rock River Twp

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Jim Seppanen, Jenny LeJeune

PUBLIC COMMENT: 1.) Jenny LeJeune asked about BOR training. Clerk will contact other BOR members and register all BOR members for training.

MINUTES: Motion to approve board minutes of 11-17-20 by Case, 2nd Bunce.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Case: aye Bunce: aye Braun: aye Leppanen: aye Grout: aye Nays: none
Supervisor declared the motion carried.

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

PAY BILLS: Motion to pay bills (11,828.16) with debits/checks #17549-17572 by Braun, 2nd Case.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Case: aye Bunce: aye Braun: aye Leppanen: aye Grout: aye Nays: none
Supervisor declared the motion carried.

ASSESSOR REPORT: 1.) None 2.) March meetings will be virtual.

CEMETERY REPORT: 1.) None 2.) Snowmobiles have been buzzing through the Memorial at the cemetery. Trevor reached out to local snowmobile club. They are providing him with signs that will give better direction to the snowmobilers. Thanks to Trevor for offering to put them up.

FIRE DEPT: 1.) No calls this month. 2.) **Fire Tower:** Loan is no longer needed. RR Twp First Responders offered to donate \$8000.00 towards the tower. (Because they park their vehicle in the Fire Dept. garage for free) We have \$5000.00 budgeted for it already in this year's budget. The Board feels confident that we can come up with the remaining \$2000.00. Big thanks to Wilma Hill and the First Responders for the donation.

PLANNING COMMISSION: 1.) Met January 11th. All members present. Worked on the Master Plan, specifically on a questionnaire for residents to fill out. Jenny LeJeune commented that a shorter form may get more results. Rowan thought we could get our questionnaire down to 3 pages, front and back. They also set the dates of future PC meetings: April 19th, July 12th, October 11th and January 10th, 2022. Rowan mentioned that marijuana application packets are at the library.

SKI HILL: 1.) Planning on opening on 1-20-21. Not opening chalet. There will be a burn barrel available to warm hands. Trevor would like to get someone else trained in on the ski hill operations, in case both he and Maria are quarantined. Rowan volunteered to do that.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: One long term rental conditional use application received from Andy Reichert.

CORRESPONDENCE: 1.) CUPPAD notice of Alger County Local Rural Task Force on January 26th. Rowan will sit in on this virtual meeting. 2.) MTA Training brochure

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: 1.) **Blight Complaint:** Supervisor has spoken with Paul Whitmarsh about clearing the cars away from the Darling property. No reply from McAlpines. Teri also mentioned that she is still waiting for Mickey Rondeau to get back to her with contact numbers for the Forest Service, so we can get started on a possible land trade.

NEW BUSINESS: 1.) **Interlocal Agreement:** Board discussed the Interlocal Agreement for Alger County to approve the Designated Assessor for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2026. Motion by Leppanen, 2nd Braun to approve agreement.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Case: aye Bunce: aye Braun: aye Leppanen: aye Grout: aye Nays: none
Supervisor declared the motion carried.

Millage Proposal: Upon further research this matter will be tabled until next year.

ANY OTHER BOARD BUSINESS OR PUBLIC COMMENT: 1.) Clerk let the board know that the LMAS Health Dept. was offering COVID vaccines to board members. 2.) Trevor mentioned that the library was closed for a couple days in Dec/Jan. Board discussed. Supervisor will let the librarian know to let the board know when the library will be closed and also to post it. 3.) Supervisor met with Hereks regarding gate installation at the Cold Springs property in the spring. She also mentioned there are some old, collapsed buildings that will need to be looked at. 4.) Supervisor attended the Alger County Recycling Meeting. They are putting together an info sheet for recycling options for Alger County residents. They include: Paul Whitmarsh, Recycle 906 and GAD. They are also looking into a grant for tire recycling.

Motion Braun, 2nd Case to adjourn meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Case: aye Bunce: aye Braun: aye Leppanen: aye Grout: aye Nays: none

Supervisor declared the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Dawn Leppanen, Clerk

Teresa Grout, Supervisor

proposed minutes, subject to approval

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING, FEBRUARY 15, 2021 AT 7PM AT THE TWP. HALL

