

PROPOSED
REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA
ROCK RIVER TOWNSHIP
July 20, 2021

Meeting called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance @ 6:58

Members Present: Janet, Teri, Maria, Rowan, Trevor

Members Absent: Dawn

Guests: Jim Seppanen, Nate Kayser, Karrie Posio, Tammy Barrows

1. Public Comment *: Jim Seppanen voiced concerns over caretaking of centennial park. Looking to bid out mowing of Centennial Park for 2022 and on. Karen Posio and Tammy Barrows gave an update on December 18th Christmas Parade will run through Chatham at 3pm. Considering craft fair day, bizarre at the fairgrounds, possible ice rink, along with the Grinch. Looking for further vendors.
2. Approve minutes of 6/15/21 board meeting. Motion by Trevor 2nd by Rowan MCU
3. Treasurer's financial report. Review and place on file for audit.
4. Approve bill payments totaling \$ 14,336.44 with debits/checks #17686 thru #17703 (see attached):
Motion by Trevor 2nd by Rowan MCU
5. **Monthly Reports:**
 - A. **Assessor:** 1.) Report No Report
 - B. **Cemetery:** 1.) Report 2.) No report, month consisted of landscaping, 1 burial.
 - C. **Fire Dept:** 1.) Report 2.) Two Calls, Grease Fire at Pub, Car Accident on ET Road.
 - D. **Planning Commission:** 1.) Master Plan update : PC Met and has Digitized 2005 version of Master Plan. Surveys are coming back in good numbers. Surveys will be finished compiling at the October PC Meeting. January 2022 Meeting is the deadline for a fully compiled Master Plan to be finished and then will be presented to the board. There was a request by Dave Kronk and affiliates for Wind Turbines in the Sundell area, it will require a permit for 500 ft tall turbines.
 - E. **Ski Hill:** 1.) Report - Updating of Lights will be started in August. Cleanup Day will be in Fall. Replacing of chalet roof will happen this fall.
 - F. **Zoning Administrator:** 1.) Report 2.) ZA position Teri and Trevor completed a meeting to compile position duties and requirements. Documentation of all meetings and correspondence will now be required,. Continuing education will be required. Monthly position pay will be increased. Revised version of the ZA Job Description will be adopted and will be posted for hiring. ***Motion to adopt new responsibility list and new pay of \$350 per month motioned by Rowan, 2nd by Janet. MCU
- Many calls have come in regarding the MJ ordinance. These callers must contact the State before proceeding to contact township authority. One building application is in process for Samuelson Road. Dust control was completed, Single Strip down Rumely, Double Strip on North Eben Road, \$2000 / mile is cost for dust control. Completed at \$2000 under budget. Will continue May 2022. Dust control was METRO funded.
6. **Correspondence:** 1.) Letter regarding wolf hunt : Michigan United Conservation Clubs sent letters and would like the township to write letters to the State to adopt a wolf hunt. No action needed or taken. 2.) State of Michigan : Upper Michigan Energy Waste Reduction Plan, Information is available if someone would like to make a comment during the webinar

7. **Unfinished Business:** 1.) Blight Complaint -- Nate Kayser, came for an update on a blight complaint on McAlpine property on M-94. 16 cars have been removed, 1 RV removed, 4 dump trucks of metal removed. Individuals are dropping new metal disposal on property unauthorized and stealing property. Police have been involved and have taken action on those who are dumping additional garbage. -- No update on Darling Property.

8. **New Business:** 1.) ARPA money update : Deadline of the 27th to file and attempt to accept monies. 75% of 2019 Budget may be available. Need to supply more information such as DUNS number and completed forms. Can be used to makeup any shortcomings due to COVID-19, these numbers are compared to 2019 budget. Money coming in will not have to be allocated until 2024, and not needed to be used until 2026. Can include: Road Repairs / Emergency Services / Township Services / Township Improvements - Motion to apply for ARPA 1st Rowan, 2nd Trevor. MCU

2.) Alger County foreclosed property : Letter received by the County disclosing foreclosed properties on M-94 between Chatham and Rumely and the township having the 1st right of refusal. Township shows no interest in purchasing said properties. Motion by Teri to not bid on property, Trevor 1st, Rowan 2nd. MCU

9. **Any Other Board Business or Public Comment:** Tammy Borrows continued discussion of mowing township properties (Centennial Park, Fair Grounds, Cemetery, Fire Hall) possibly being contracted out in future.

10. Meeting adjourned @ 8:21

Dawn Leppanen, Clerk

Teresa Grout, Supervisor

proposed minutes, subject to approval

Next regular board meeting: August 17, 2021 @ 7pm @ the Twp. Hall