

**PROPOSED
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
ROCK RIVER TOWNSHIP
JULY 19, 2022**

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dawn Keskimaki-Krysiak, Trevor Case, Janet Braun, Rowan Bunce, Teri Grout

MEMBERS ABSENT:

GUESTS: Jim Seppanen, Mick Rondeau, Jim Rondeau, Tara Rondeau, Bryce Burge, Tim Swajanen, Brandon Maki, Maria Strand, Ron LeJeune, Jenny LeJeune, Cecil Martin

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public Comment heard.

MINUTES: Motion to approve board minutes of 6-21-22 by Bunce, 2nd Case. MCU

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

PAY BILLS: Motion to pay bills (\$10,536.53) with debits/checks #17953-17978 by Case, 2nd Bunce. MCU

ASSESSOR REPORT: 1.) None **2.)** Two applicants for the assessor position; Mark Maki and Cameron Fuess. Teri and Trevor will form the hiring committee and schedule interviews with both candidates.

CEMETERY REPORT: 1.) Report received; 1 burial, 1 cremation **2.) Mowing bids:** Received 2 bids for the mowing of Pine Grove Cemetery, town hall, fire hall and Centennial Park. One from UP Scapes and one from Tyler Sanderson. Both bids were comparable in price. After discussion, the board decided to go with UP Scapes for the rest of this season as they already have liability insurance. Motion Case, 2nd Braun to accept UP Scapes mowing bid.

Roll Call Vote: Braun: aye Keskimaki-Krysiak: aye Case: aye Bunce: aye Grout: aye Nays: none
Supervisor declared the motion carried.

Motion to cancel mower from Bergdahl's by Case, 2nd Bunce. MCU

FIRE DEPT: 1.) One rescue call to Laughing Whitefish Falls this past month. Jim wants to make sure we move forward quickly with the purchase of a fire truck, before the prices go up again.

PLANNING COMMISSION: 1.) July 11, 2022 meeting: approved Blackburn Conditional Use Permit. Reviewed progress of Master Plan. Removal of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Policy from Master Plan due to redundancy. July 16, 2022 meeting: Approved site plan for Wilderness Canyon LLC.

SKI HILL: 1.) Closed for season.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: 1.) Report received.

CORRESPONDENCE: 1.) State of MI Public Notice

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: 1.) ARPA Funds: Teri, Rowan and Jim had a meeting regarding ARPA money. Items discussed included: signs for cemetery and town hall, scaled down plan for paving the parking lot between townhall and firehall, tree removal at cemetery, new road signs, groomer for ski hill, dropped plans for streetlights. Teri attended the County ARPA meeting and requested \$20,000.00 for the electrical update at the fairgrounds. The committee is using the Citizen Surveys from last year to guide them in their decisions.

NEW BUSINESS: 1.) Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Statement: This statement was not accepted by the Planning Commission with a vote of 3-2. Rowan submitted it to the board to be added to the Master Plan. Board discussed. Tabled until next month. Supervisor will get an attorney's opinion.

2.) Library Card Policy: Jennifer Wood submitted a policy to the board regarding library cards; patrons must at least provide their full name, a working phone number and/or email address. Board discussed. Motion Case, 2nd Bunce to accept Library Card Policy as presented. MCU

OTHER BOARD BUSINESS OR PUBLIC COMMENT: 1.) Trevor brought up the idea of capping the number of short term rentals that would be allowed in Rock River Twp. Something for the PC to look into. Public Comment heard.

Motion Case, 2nd Bunce to adjourn meeting. MCU Meeting adjourned at 8:18.

Dawn Keskimaki-Krysiak, Clerk

Teresa Grout, Supervisor

proposed minutes, subject to approval

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING, AUGUST 16, 2022 AT 7PM AT THE TWP. HALL

