

**PROPOSED
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
ROCK RIVER TOWNSHIP
JUNE 15, 2021**

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Teri Grout, Dawn Leppanen, Trevor Case, Janet Braun, Rowan Bunce

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Jim Seppanen, Maria Strand, Don Johnson,

PUBLIC COMMENT: 1.) None

MINUTES: Motion to approve board minutes of 5-18-21 by Bunce, 2nd Case. MCU

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

PAY BILLS: Motion to pay bills (10,771.25) with debits/checks #17666-17685 by Braun, 2nd Case. MCU

ASSESSOR REPORT: 1.) Report 2.) BOR date is July 19th.

CEMETERY REPORT: 1.) Andy Reichert asked for maps of the cemetery to make putting up flags easier. Carol Johnson has been in contact with Maria about donating a sign for the cemetery. We need to make sure it accommodates the plow trucks.

FIRE DEPT: 1.) One fire call - mutual aid with Mathias Township. Jim will need to order a new door for the fire hall garage.

PLANNING COMMISSION: 1.) Had a special meeting for reviewing and editing the zoning ordinance. 1.) Review of Section 202 Definitions; no changes proposed at this time. 2.) Changing the wording under Section 1005 Zoning Administrator Part A to allow for a board member to serve as the Zoning administrator in the interim between hires. Board discussed the proposed change. Motion Bunce, 2nd Leppanen to have a Public Hearing at next month's meeting regarding the proposed zoning ordinance change. Clerk will post and publish for the hearing.

3.) Dave Kronk contacted the board regarding wind turbines. The current Township zoning does not allow for structures over 100 feet, so turbines are not allowed. Mr. Kronk wondered if Rock River Township would support large wind turbines with zoning language. Board discussed. There is a question on the upcoming survey regarding renewable energy, so we can get some community input from that.

SKI HILL: 1.) Ski hill is closed for the season.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: 1.) Permit approved for deck on N. Samuelson Rd. 2.) Questions about building within wetlands were referred to Joe Cilc.

CORRESPONDENCE: 1.) MTA Election Ballot: Motion to vote for David Blake Thomas, Supervisor, Trout Lake Twp. to the Board of Directors for the Michigan Twp. Participating Plan by case, 2nd Rowen. MCU 2.) MTA Principles of Governance: Motion Leppanen, 2nd Bunce to adopt the MTA Principles of Governance. MCU

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: 1.) **Blight Complaint:** Received an email from Tabitha McAlpine stating what has been done on the property. Board discussed the possibility of a timeline for getting the property cleaned up. Motion Case, 2nd Bunce to give a 90 day deadline for getting both the McAlpine and the Darling properties Blight Ordinance compliant. MCU

ANY OTHER BOARD BUSINESS OR PUBLIC COMMENT: 1.) Teri spoke with Bob Lindbeck regarding dust control. Trying to coordinate grading the roads right before the dust control is put down. Trevor is waiting to hear from the dust control company as to when they can make it up here. Should be sometime in July.

Supervisor attended the Alger County Road Commission meeting. Charlie Marsh from USFS was not there, so we will have to wait to coordinate with him regarding the Rondeau/Ice Caves proposal. ACRC is looking into a quote for road improvements, so we have a figure to use when applying for grants. Need to assess the value of easements.

Supervisor attended the Treasury webinar regarding ARPA funding. Waiting for more clarification from the state on what we can spend it on.

Dawn Leppanen, Clerk

Teresa Grout, Supervisor

proposed minutes, subject to approval

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING, JULY 20, 2021 AT 7PM AT THE TWP. HALL

