

**PROPOSED
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
ROCK RIVER TOWNSHIP
MARCH 15, 2022**

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:

GUESTS: Jim Seppanen, Brice Burge, Jennifer Wood, Ryan Wood, Heidi Swajanen, Tim Swajanen, Jason McCarthy, Rich Allender, Cecil Martin

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jennifer Wood explained what she is doing with the books that are being weeded out of the library. Some are up for sale (by donation) if anyone is interested. Her son would like to try and sell the very old and worn out books on Ebay/Etsy. A percentage would go back to the library and the rest Ryan would keep for his time and effort. Board discussed. Motion by case, 2nd Bunce to allow Ryan Wood to sell books with a 50/50 split in profit after expenses. MCU Jennifer Wood also asked for a new line item to be added to the budget, specifically for library funds. Clerk will set this up.

MINUTES: Motion to approve board minutes of 2-15-22 by Bunce, 2nd Case. MCU

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

PAY BILLS: Motion to pay bills (\$10,697.45) with debits/checks #17867-17887 by Case, 2nd Bunce. MCU

ASSESSOR REPORT: 1.) None 2.) Approve Assessor posting: Kim will be done as of September 30, 2022. Motion Bunce, 2nd Case to approve the Assessor job posting. MCU Clerk will post and publish the notice.

CEMETERY REPORT: 1.) None

FIRE DEPT: 1.) Two calls this past month: one snowmobile accident and one call to the Eben Ice Caves. Jim wants to make sure we get the millage language ready to be approved at next month's meeting. Jim is getting cost quotes for fire trucks from a couple other places. Board discussed Fire Chief Seppanen's salary. Board feels that the time and effort that Jim puts into his duties is not fairly compensated. Motion by Case, 2nd Bunce to increase Fire Chief Seppanen's salary to \$600.00 per month.

Roll Call Vote: Braun: aye Keskimaki-Krysiak: aye Case: aye Bunce: aye Grout: aye

Nays: None

Supervisor declares the motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION: 1.) None; next meeting is April 11, 2022.

SKI HILL: 1.) Ski hill is open. Attendance is down, because of the cold weather and not having the chalet open this year. Ski hill inspection was done. Ski hill passed. New tow rope will be needed for next winter's ski season. Trevor found a place that will sell us the amount of rope we need.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: 1.) Report: No zoning applications this past month. Trevor had a couple of inquiries. Trevor has organized all the ZA material and passed it on to Jason McCarthy, who is our new Zoning Administrator.

CORRESPONDENCE: 1.) CUPPAD: bill for yearly dues, even though it was addressed to the Supervisor. Since we already approved the bills, motion by Case, 2nd Bunce to add \$198.00 in CUPPAD dues to bills list. MCU

2.) Alger Conservation Annual Meeting flyer

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: 1.) None

NEW BUSINESS: 1.) Set Annual Meeting Dates for Fiscal Year 2022-2023: Third Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm.

APRIL 19	JULY 19	OCT 18	JAN 17, 2023
MAY 17	AUG 16	NOV 15	FEB 21, 2023
JUNE 21	SEPT 20	DEC 20	MAR 21, 2023

Motion Bunce, 2nd Braun to approve the annual meeting dates as proposed. MCU

2.) General Fund Budget and Fire Fund Budget Final 4th Quarter Review: Board reviewed the General and Fire Funds.

General Fund:

Subtract 721.20 from Town Hall Gas (DTE)

Add 257.09 to Twp. Board Membership Dues

Add 321.67 to Twp. Board Computer

Add 142.44 to Twp. Board Other

Fire Fund: Reviewed and no amendments necessary.

Motion by Keskimaki-Krysiak, 2nd case to approve the budget amendments.

Roll Call Vote: Braun: aye Keskimaki-Krysiak: aye Case: aye Bunce: aye Grout: aye

Nays: None

The Supervisor declared the motion carried.

3.) COVID Policy Revision: The Rock River Township Board is revising our COVID policy based on new CDC recommendations. Ski Chalet will remain closed this winter, but hopefully open for the next ski season. Motion by Bunce, 2nd Keskimaki-Krysiak to approve the revised Rock River Township COVID-19 Preparedness & Response Plan. MCU

4.) ARPA Funds Committee: Board discussed creating a committee to research and plan for ways to spend our ARPA money. Jim Seppanen, Teri Grout and Rowan Bunce will form the committee.

ANY OTHER BOARD BUSINESS OR PUBLIC COMMENT: **1.)** Joe Zimmerman will schedule the ZBA organizational meeting in a couple of weeks when the other member comes back to the area. **2.)** Bob Lindbeck could not make it to this month’s meeting, we are hoping for next month. He did send us an update of what the Road Commission is planning regarding Frey Rd. The project to improve Frey Road East to the treeline will cost \$60,000.00. Half will be covered by the County Road Commission and half to be paid for by the Rondeau’s. Tim and Heidi Swajanen mentioned that they now own more acreage adjoining their current property. they would be willing to sell or possibly even donate some land to the township for Eben ice caves parking. Teri will look into grants for this purpose. **3.)** Brice Burge’s comments: County Commissioner’s stress for public officials to attend intergovernmental meetings to discuss ARPA money. Village of Chatham is using their ARPA money to purchase new water meters. Munising is sending out surveys asking citizens how they would like to see the money spent.

Motion Bunce, 2nd Case to adjourn meeting. MCU

Meeting adjourned at 8:23.

Budget Public Hearing to follow.

Dawn Keskimaki-Krysiak, Clerk

Teresa Grout, Supervisor

proposed minutes, subject to approval

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING, APRIL 19, 2022 AT 7PM AT THE TWP. HALL

