

**PROPOSED
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
ROCK RIVER TOWNSHIP
MAY 18, 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: Maria Strand, Brice Burge, Don Johnson, Mickey Rondeau, Jim Rondeau, Jon Rondeau, Kathy Kallio

PUBLIC COMMENT: 1.) None

MINUTES: Motion to approve board minutes of 4-12-21 by Case, 2nd Bunce. MCU

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

PAY BILLS: Motion to pay bills (23,077.24) with debits/checks #17643-17665 by Case, 2nd Bunce. MCU

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

CEMETERY REPORT: 1.) Maria has started mowing. Sold 3 plots. The Alger Conservation District forester looked over the pine trees and marked the ones that will need to be taken down in the next few years. Teri couldn't get the Juniper bushes this year, due to COVID and lack of inventory. 2.) Will have a work bee this coming Sunday to scrape and paint posts.

FIRE DEPT: 1.) None-Jim was on a fire call.

PLANNING COMMISSION: 1.) Waiting to get the Master Plan survey completed. ZA would like to have a special PC meeting to look at some of the language and definitions in the Blight and Zoning Ordinances.

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

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: Three compliance permits in the works. Trevor would like to revise the ZA job description and compensation and then post for the position.

CORRESPONDENCE: 1.) State of Michigan Notice of Public Hearing 2.) Letter from Marquette County with link to their Master Plan 3.) Dept. of Treasury 4.) Alger County Commissioners letter 5.) UPSET asking for funding 6.) Blight complaint from Rolls regarding the McAlpine property.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: 1.) **Blight Complaint:** Motion Case, 2nd Bunce to respond to newest blight complaint. MCU Supervisor received a response from the daughter of Daniel McAlpine. She has hired two locals to start on the clean-up of the property. Paul is still working on the Darling property.

2.) **Clean Up Days:** Dumpsters will be at the Townhall on June 19th and 20th, from 9:00am to 3:00pm each day. Besides the dumpsters, Paul Whitmarsh will be available for recycling. There will be a place to drop off scrap metal. We are also participating in an Eagle Tire Grant. We can accept 10 tires from each household. Passenger size (car/truck) tires only.

NEW BUSINESS: 1.) **Emergency Services Center and Land Bank Swap:** Supervisor informed the board of a conversation she had with Steve Webber. The county is looking for a place to build a facility to train firefighters. This would service the entire U.P. Inquiring about a possible land swap with R.R. Township. It is very ground level and exploratory. Steve will be coming out in a few months to give us more information.

2.) **Jim (Mick, Jon) Rondeau/Eben Ice Caves:** Rondeau's proposed extending the road to the Eben Ice Caves 0.2 miles to a 40 acre plot of land they own east of Frey Rd. They would like to put a parking lot on the property to keep people who visit the Ice Caves from parking along the road. This would also aid Emergency Services when they have a call to the Ice Caves. They have met with Bob Lindbeck of the Alger County Road Commission to inquire if they could get the road extended to their property. They have also met with Lyme Great Lakes Timberlands and the Forest Service. They are asking the Township to pay for the upgrade to the road. The Township does not have the funds to do this, but there may be grants that could be applied for. The next step is to meet with the Alger County Road Commission. Supervisor Grout will be attending the next ACRC meeting, which is June 7th at 4:00.

ANY OTHER BOARD BUSINESS OR PUBLIC COMMENT: 1.)Regarding the UPSET request for funding, Mick mentioned that crime is up 45%, mainly due to meth. Bryce added that nothing on the current court docket is from RR Twp. **2.)** Kathy Kallio asked if she still needed people to fill out the COVID forms and take temperatures. Supervisor responded that as of right now, she will still need to do that. Also mentioned that the board needs to be informed of any events that are going on in the town hall. **3.)** Teri is getting extra wildflowers for Centennial Park and 4-H kids are going to do some sprucing up there. Discussed putting a garbage can in a non-visual area at the park. Jennifer & Nathaniel Wood have offered to purchase one. **4.)** Bryce mentioned that he is interested in the ZA position. (still need to post though)
Motion Case, 2nd Bunce to adjourn meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Dawn Leppanen, Clerk

Teresa Grout, Supervisor

proposed minutes, subject to approval

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

