

**PROPOSED
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
ROCK RIVER TOWNSHIP
NOVEMBER 17, 2020**

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

GUESTS: Jim Seppanen, Brice Burge, Don Johnson

PUBLIC COMMENT: 1.) Brice stated that he is no longer on the Village Council.

MINUTES: Motion to approve board minutes of 10-20-20 by Bunce, 2nd Case. MCU

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

PAY BILLS: Motion to pay bills (11,139.91) with debits/checks #17464-17491 by Case, 2nd Bunce. MCU

ASSESSOR REPORT: 1.) Report received and placed in file. 2.) **BOR date:** Motion by Bunce, 2nd Case to change the BOR date from Tuesday, December 15th, to Monday, December 14th.

Roll Call Vote:

Braun: aye, Leppanen: aye, Case: aye, Bunce: aye Grout: aye nays: none

Supervisor declared the motion carried.

3.) Three BOR terms are up in December. Clerk will post and contact current members to inquire if they want to stay on.

CEMETERY REPORT: 1.) None

FIRE DEPT: 1.) Four calls this past month. Two calls regarding downed power lines. One mutual aid call with Mathias Twp. involving a car accident. One car accident in RR Twp. The fire department extracted the victim from their vehicle. Need to replace another heater at the fire hall. Alger Emergency Management provided the fire department with PPE, including masks, gloves and face shields. There will be no fire fighter meetings for the next month at least, due to COVID-19. Records are being kept by Jim for contact tracing. They are stored at the fire hall.

2.) **Communications Tower:** Board discussed payment of new communications tower. Our share is \$15,000.00. Board agreed to take out a 3 year loan for 15,000.00 with 5000.00 + interest pmt. per year. This year's payment has already been approved in the 2019/2020 RR Twp. budget.

PLANNING COMMISSION: 1.) **Appoint PC member:** Don Johnson has agreed to stay on the Planning Commission. Motion by Case, 2nd Bunce to appoint Don Johnson to the PC. MCU

Don Johnson will research bylaws of Planning Commission and inquire if PC member is interested in staying on the PC.

SKI HILL: 1.) Closed for season. Trevor would prefer to not have the chalet open this year. Ski hill will not be opening until after next month's meeting.

2.) **Ski Hill Operations/Maintenance & Safety Plan:** No changes. Motion by Leppanen, 2nd Bunce to approve the Ski Hill Operations/Maintenance & Safety Plan as presented. MCU

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: 1.) **Report:** One application for conditional use was not filled out properly. Waiting for revised application.

CORRESPONDENCE: 1.) **Blight Complaint:** Received a blight complaint from Maria Strand against Dan McAlpine property. Supervisor will look into it. 2.) Brochure from MTA regarding various upcoming training opportunities.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: 1.) **Blight Complaint:** Supervisor has received the lien release from the Credit Union. Douglas Darling wants Paul Whitmarsh to do the clean-up of his property, so Supervisor will let Paul know that he can get started on that.

NEW BUSINESS: 1.) **Approve Audit:** Motion by Rowan, 2nd Case to approve the 2019/2020 audit. MCU

2.) **Recycling:** North Country is discontinuing their recycling program. GAD does accept recycling at their Wetmore facility. Paul Whitmarsh also accepts recycling here in Chatham. He does accept recycling from other townships. Supervisor Grout informed the board that Chris Case is getting a committee together to address the recycling situation in Alger County. Teri will represent the board in this matter.

3.) **CISMA:** Lake 2 Lake Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area: Discussion by board to join this organization. By joining we can receive assistance from grants to do clean up of invasive species at the ski hill, Centennial Park etc...at no cost to the township. Motion by Case, 2nd Bunce to become a member of CISMA. MCU

4.) Revised COVID-19 Plan: Discussion by board concerning the Ski Hill. The chalet will be closed for the upcoming season except for emergencies. There will be an outside burn barrel for warmth. The ski hill may be closed at any time at the discretion of the ski hill manager in the event of a spike in COVID-19 cases in our area or below zero temperatures. Trevor will keep track of names/contact info. for COVID contact tracing.
Clerk will edit the Townhall Rental agreement to include a line indicating that the rentee will adhere to current COVID-19 rules.
Motion to accept the Revised RR Twp. COVID-19 Plan by Leppanen, 2nd Case. MCU

ANY OTHER BOARD BUSINESS OR PUBLIC COMMENT: Marijuana Ordinance: Motion by Bunce, 2nd Case to add line in ordinance to indicate that either spelling of marijuana/marihuana is acceptable. MCU
Motion by Case, 2nd Bunce to remove Section 6.3 to 6.321 from ordinance and replace with “Permit holders shall at all times maintain a security system that meets all state requirements.” MCU
Public Hearing for the Marijuana Ordinance will be held at the December 15, 2020 Regular Board Meeting at 7:00. This will be a teleconference meeting due to COVID-19.

Motion Case, 2nd Leppanen to adjourn meeting. MCU
Meeting adjourned at 7:59pm.

Dawn Leppanen, Clerk

Teresa Grout, Supervisor

proposed minutes, subject to approval

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING, DECEMBER 15, 2020 AT 7PM AT THE TWP. HALL

