

**PROPOSED  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
ROCK RIVER TOWNSHIP  
OCTOBER 17TH, 2023**

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Rowan Bunce, Teri Grout, Maria Strand, Janet Braun

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Trevor Case

**GUESTS:** Jenny LeJeune, Ronald LeJeune, Sandra Girard, Wilma Hill, Nathaniel Wood, Jennifer Wood, Dan Johnson, James Seppanen, Jana Hytinen

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Public Comment heard.

**MINUTES:** Motion to approve board September minutes by Bunce, seconded Strand. MCU

**TREASURER'S FINANCIAL REPORT:** Report unavailable due to technical issues. Will review at November's meeting

**PAY BILLS:** Motion to pay bills by Bunce, seconded Braun.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR:** Report

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** Next meeting is on Monday October 23rd, 7:00PM

**ASSESSOR REPORT:** Report

**FIRE DEPT:** Fire Truck Chassis has arrived. 1 Fire Assist - 1 Fire Prevention and Safety Day - Ladder Test Complete - Breathing Air Compressor Test Complete - Pump Testing Complete - Parking Lot Paving should begin soon.

**CEMETERY REPORT:** Sexton Resignation - Clerk will repost for new sexton. Bunce motions to appoint Maria Strand as Interim Sexton, Braun Second.

**LIBRARY:** If anyone has a gently used couch for the library please let us know. Continuing : Book Club every 3rd Wednesday 10am / Walking Group on Wednesday mornings / Saturday Crafts / October 14th was the first local author talk.

**SKI HILL:** Work Bee Sunday October 29th, 1-5PM

**CORRESPONDENCE:** 1.) Operation Green Light : November 6-12th, 2023 - Light your porch with a green light to show your support for veterans. (Green bulbs will be available at the Chatham Co-op soon) Bunce Motions, Strand Seconds to support operation green light in the township.

2.) Thank you note for Janet from an individual that received help with taxes.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** 1.) Rental Ordinance - Tabled

**NEW BUSINESS:** 1.) **EMS Building Proposal** - Wilma Hill - States new fire truck will cause parking issues with the EMS truck, and proposes, with the help of John Swanberg and volunteers, to build a pole building next to the fire station. Given an estimate of approximately \$35,000 to build an 28x30 Commercial Pole Barn, with 2 garage doors. The project will not be requesting township monies at this point, and will try to fundraise as much money as possible if more is required to finish the project. There have been 2 anonymous donations along with the Alger County Sheriff's Office offering a \$10,000 grant for the project with the condition that one bay be used for EMS services. This project could be done by January when the new fire truck arrives. \*\* Bunce motions to approve the proposal for Wilma Hill to begin the permit process with zoning applications and receiving a certificate for zoning approval from village, to build a pole building on the Townships property next to the Fire Hall per the terms of half of the building being utilized for EMS and the other for the Fire departments use. Motion seconded by Strand.

Roll Call Vote - Janet Braun, Aye - Maria Strand, Aye - Teri Grout, Aye - Rowan Bunce, Aye - Trevor Case, Absent - MC

2.) Resolution for Early Voting to Take Place in Munising - Tabled until November

3.) Motion to make Fire Truck Chassis payment by Rowan Bunce, Janet Braun Second.

Roll Call Vote - Janet Braun, Aye - Maria Strand, Aye - Teri Grout, Aye - Rowan Bunce, Aye - Trevor Case, Absent - MC

4.) 2024 Alger County Road Commission Proposal - Grade lift and graveling on Nykanen and East Slapneck Road - total estimated cost of \$24,800 - Township pays \$12,400 for Nykanen and \$11,900 for Slapneck through the Millage. - Bunce motions to approve 2024 ACRC road improvements proposal, Strand seconds. - MC

**OTHER BOARD BUSINESS OR PUBLIC COMMENT: 1.)** Public Comment heard.

1.) Halloween Pumpkin Painting & Pizza Party on Saturday October 28th, 2-4pm for kids (birth to 3rd grade) & Caregivers at the Townhall. RSVP Family Liaison Katey: [khost@greatstartma.org](mailto:khost@greatstartma.org) , come see what the coalition is all about.

2.) Ski Hill work bee Sunday Oct 29th, 1-5pm : wood cutting / splitting, mowing / weed whacking, cross country trail cleanup / marking.

3.) Harvest Festival at the Townhall November 4th, 3-6pm. Roast pork provided. Bring a dish to pass.

4.) Agripalooza discovered invasive himalayan balsam next to centennial park, agreement through SISMA to find and eradicate.

Motion Bunce, seconded Braun to adjourn meeting. MCU Meeting adjourned at 8:08.

*Maria Strand, Clerk*

*Teresa Grout, Supervisor*

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*proposed minutes, subject to approval*

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**NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING, NOVEMBER 21st, 2023, AT 7PM AT THE TWP. HALL**