

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
ROCK RIVER TOWNSHIP
SEPTEMBER 15, 2020**

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rowan Bunce

GUESTS: Jim Seppanen, Steve Norman, Maria Strand, Brian Rahilly

PUBLIC COMMENT: 1.) Mr. Rahilly introduced himself and stated that he was running for 11th Circuit Judge in the November 3rd election.

MINUTES: Motion to approve board minutes of 8-18-20 by Case, 2nd Braun. MCU

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

PAY BILLS: Motion to pay bills (7979.50) with debits/checks #17420-17437 by Case, 2nd Bunce. MCU

ASSESSOR REPORT: 1.) None

CEMETERY REPORT: 1.) Cemetery report received and placed in file. One burial, one cremation.

FIRE DEPT: 1.) Four calls this past month. One auto accident. Two downed trees, one on a power line and another across a road. One mutual aid call with Mathias Twp. Testing coming up in the next few weeks.

PLANNING COMMISSION: 1.) Next meeting is in October.

SKI HILL: 1.) Closed for season. Work bee coming up. Ski hill received donation of a warming hut from Alger Community Recycling.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: 1.) Report: 2 permits this past month. One for Rauschl's to put up a barn. One denied for lack of information on the application; was returned to applicant.

CORRESPONDENCE: 1.) Notice for 2021 CUPPAD dues. 2.) Acceptance from MI Dept. of Treasury for our AMAR Correction Plan. 3.) Charter Franchise Agreement: Board will review and discuss at next month's meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: 1.) **Blight Complaint:** Supervisor has received a response from Douglas Darling and also from his sister, detailing what can or cannot be removed from property. Supervisor will be meeting with Good Ol Boys Recycling to look at property.

2.) **Cold Springs Road Property:** Supervisor Grout received a call from the Alger County Treasurer, cautioning us about a new law that may require a municipality to reimburse a landowner the full price of property even in a tax sale. Mr. Rahilly stated that he thinks it is actually a Michigan Supreme court ruling that states if there is excess funds from the sale it goes back to the landowner. Clearly more research needs to be done. For now, the board discussed pros and cons of buying property. Motion by Case, 2nd Braun to submit a letter of interest, contingent on the interpretation of the law/ruling, and only for the previously stated price of \$2051.57. MCU

NEW BUSINESS:

ANY OTHER BOARD BUSINESS OR PUBLIC COMMENT:

Motion Case, 2nd Leppanen to adjourn meeting. MCU

Meeting adjourned at 7:27pm.

Dawn Leppanen, Clerk

Teresa Grout, Supervisor

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING, OCTOBER 20, 2020 AT 7PM AT THE TWP. HALL

