

**PROPOSED
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
ROCK RIVER TOWNSHIP
SEPTEMBER 21, 2021**

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Jim Seppanen, Kathy Kallio

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MINUTES: Motion to approve board minutes of 8-17-21 by Bunce, 2nd Case. MCU

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

PAY BILLS: Motion to pay bills (12,267.05) with debits/checks #17723-17743 by Bunce, 2nd Case. MCU

ASSESSOR REPORT: 1.) None

CEMETERY REPORT: 1.) Report received.

FIRE DEPT: 1.) Three calls this past month. One car fire, one for helicopter landing pad preparation and one structure fire.

PLANNING COMMISSION: 1.) Deadline for returning surveys is October 11th, which is the Planning Commission's next meeting date.

SKI HILL: Work day to be scheduled in October.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: 1.) Four zoning applications, one more expected. **2.) ZA position salary:** Board discussed when the new pay rate starts for the ZA position. Consensus: It started back in July when the position was posted. Motion Bunce, 2nd Braun to backdate the ZA salary increase to July 20, 2021. MCU Leppanen recused herself; was not at the July meeting. Case recused himself as he is the current ZA. Board also discussed having an interview committee for ZA candidates. Consensus to appoint Case (current ZA) and Bunce (PC representative) to the Zoning Administrator interview committee.

CORRESPONDENCE: 1.) SOM public hearing notice: UPPCO requesting rate increase. **2.)** FOIA request: Tru North Law Firm requesting information from 2016, 2018 and 2020 elections. **3.)** Skandia Twp Master Plan: gave to PC to review

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: 1.) Blight Complaint: Received an email from Tabitha McAlpine stating what has been done on the property. This property is cleaned up to the Board's satisfaction. As for the Darling property, the board discussed what our next move should be. Douglas Darling specifically asked for Paul Whitmarsh to clean it up, but not much has been done. Motion Case, 2nd Bunce for Supervisor Grout to send a letter to Paul Whitmarsh requesting action or refusal. MCU

NEW BUSINESS: 1.) Audit: Barry Gaudette has completed our annual review. Board will review and look to approve at October's meeting. **2.) Alger County Road Commission 5-year Plan:** Supervisor will invite Bob Lindbeck to next month's meeting to hear his recommendations.

ANY OTHER BOARD BUSINESS OR PUBLIC COMMENT: 1.) Jim notified the board of a possible bill going through the State Legislature that could require new Fire Chiefs to be certified as Fire Service Instructors. This could be a problem as there are no classes or instructors in the UP. The Board will look into it.

Motion Case, 2nd Leppanen to adjourn meeting. MCU

Meeting adjourned at 8:24.

Dawn Leppanen, Clerk

Teresa Grout, Supervisor

proposed minutes, subject to approval

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING, OCTOBER 19, 2021 AT 7PM AT THE TWP. HALL

