

**Royalton Township Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting June 14, 2021
Royalton Township Hall**

The regular June 14, 2021 meeting of the Royalton Township Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Supervisor Robert Basselman.

Members Present: Robert Basselman, Supervisor; Rachel Bernard, Clerk; Michael Eisenhart, Treasurer; Jason Ackerman, Trustee; Julie Marsh, Trustee

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Steve Tilly, Township Manager; Bill Boyd, Building/Official Zoning Administrator Jessica Ishmael, Lincoln Township Library; Mary Nykamp, Wightman

Motion by Eisenhart to approve the agenda as written. Seconded by Ackerman.

Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart, Ackerman and Marsh

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain: (Motion carried 5-0)

Motion by Marsh to approve the May 10, 2021 board minutes as presented. Seconded by Ackerman.

Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart, Ackerman and Marsh

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain: (Motion carried 5-0)

Eisenhart presented the Treasurer's Report showing a fund balance of \$2,872,521.24 for May 2021.

Motion by Bernard to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Seconded by Marsh.

Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart, Ackerman and Marsh

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain: (Motion carried 5-0)

Motion by Eisenhart to approve the May 2021 bills totaling \$77,262.53. Seconded by Marsh.

Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart, Ackerman and Marsh

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain: (Motion carried 5-0)

Planning Commission Report: Did not meet

Library report presented by Jessica Ishmael. Summer Reading Kickoff was held today, and other Library events were presented. No action was taken.

Sheriff's report for May submitted prior to the board meeting

Old Business: None

New Business:

Motion by Ackerman to adopt the Resolution Opposing Michigan House Bill 4722 and Senate Bill 446, Regarding Short Term Rentals. Seconded by Eisenhart.

Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart, Ackerman and Marsh

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain:

(Motion carried 5-0)

Steve Tilly presented a bid from Gasvoda & Associates, Inc. for a Sithe Chopper Pump Upgrade which would replace the pumps currently installed. The current pumps were put in during Phase 1 of the subdivision, and when it's location in the neighborhood was moved during Phase 2 the pumps should have been upgraded but it cannot be found where that upgrade occurred. The current pumps keep jamming which causes the pumps to run more than they should, which is wearing them out faster. The proposed replacement would have more chopping/eviscerating capabilities, more Horsepower, VFD drives and a 3-inch discharge. The current pumps could then also be used as backups for other lift stations in the Township.

A motion was made by Eisenhart to purchase the Sithe Chopper Pump from Gasvoda & Associates, Inc. for 31,550.00. Seconded by Bernard.

Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart, Ackerman and Marsh

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain:

(Motion carried 5-0)

Recreation Plan: Mary Nykamp from Wightman discussed proposal for services to prepare an update to MDNR compliant 5-year community recreation plan for Royalton Township. No action was taken.

Steve Tilly presented a bid from Wightman to capture the zoning data in GIS. This would add another layer of zoning, with the water and sewer currently being ArcGIS already. With this new layer the zoning map and ordinance and assessing data would more readily be available to the Building Inspector, Assessor, Planning Commission as well as making it available to everyone through the current Township website.

Motion by Eisenhart to approve the bid from Wightman for the Royalton Township GIS Zoning Map for \$6,450.00. Seconded by Ackerman.

Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart, Ackerman and Marsh

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain:

(Motion carried 5-0)

Motion by Eisenhart to approve the hiring of 2 more full time Maintenance staff.

Seconded by Bernard.

Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart, Ackerman and Marsh

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain: (Motion carried 5-0)

Motion by Bernard to approve Bill Boyd being reimbursed for his new portion of health insurance cost as he is removing himself and wife from the Township insurance plan.

Seconded by Eisenhart.

Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart, Ackerman and Marsh

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain: (Motion carried 5-0)

Motion by Marsh to approve the purchase of a new desktop computer for the maintenance office for the Sewer Department that is capable of running the GIS programs for \$1,350.00. Seconded by Eisenhart.

Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart, Ackerman and Marsh

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain: (Motion carried 5-0)

Business from Audience: None

Items not on Agenda:

Basselmann discussed the Strategic Leadership Council's Countywide Trails Master Plan. A recommendation by Basselman was made for the Township to put \$1,000.00 towards their goals of the Master Plan. **Motion by Eisenhart to approve the contribution of \$1,000.00 to the Strategic Leadership Council's Countywide Trails Master Plan. Seconded by Marsh.**

Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart, Ackerman and Marsh

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain: (Motion carried 5-0)

Basselmann discussed looking into plaques for the Volunteer Fireman and Ladies Auxiliary Members interred in the Township Cemetery. Tilly will research information and cost for discussion at a future meeting.

The June 16th WSJOB meeting will be Basselman's last on that board. Tilly will be taking his place and Eisenhart will become the Alternate for Royalton Township.

Committee Reports:

Basselman (Fire Board) informed the Board that the fire truck with mechanical issues has been fixed. Tilly (Southwest Michigan Regional Sanitary Sewer & Water Authority) stated that the transmission lines throughout the three Township's that are 16-inch and larger will be discussed at the next meeting. Tilly, with a road update, stated that he will be contacting the Berrien County Road Department to inquire about the gravel on Rocky Weed Rd. and if it can be feathered at the driveways as there has been many complaints to the Township about this issue.

Motion to adjourn by Eisenhart at 8:11 PM. Seconded by Marsh.

Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart, Ackerman and Marsh

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain:

(Motion carried 5-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Bernard, Clerk