

**Royalton Township Board of Trustees  
Regular Board Meeting October 11, 2021  
Royalton Township Hall**

The regular October 11, 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 and Juliana Knot, Herald Palladium

**Motion by Eisenhart to approve the agenda as written. Seconded by Marsh.**

**Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart, Ackerman and Marsh**

**Nays:**

**Absent:**

**Abstain:** (Motion carried 5-0)

**Motion by Eisenhart to approve the September 13, 2021 Executive Board Minutes, September 13, 2021 Board Minutes and the September 20, 2021 Special/Joint Planning Commission Meeting 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 \$2,664,394.79 in UFCU and \$225,294.86 in TCF Bank for September 2021.

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

**Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart, Ackerman and Marsh**

**Nays:**

**Absent:**

**Abstain:** (Motion carried 5-0)

Planning Commission Report: Bernard reported that the Planning Commission is interested in looking in revising the Future Land Use Map. No action was taken.

Library report presented by Jessica Ishmael. Programming for October was presented. Circulation for September was 13,629 in building and digital circulation was 19,344. Ishmael asked if the Township would be interested in putting in a small free library in the lobby of the Township Hall. All board members agreed this would be acceptable and a welcome idea.

Sheriff's report for August was submitted prior to meeting. No action was taken.

Old Business:

**Motion by Bernard to approve the formation of a committee that include Eisenhart, Ackerman, Tilly and Boyd to interview and recommended an Engineer of Record by the November 8<sup>th</sup> Regular Board meeting. Seconded by Eisenhart.**

**Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart, Ackerman and Marsh**

**Nays:**

**Absent:**

**Abstain: (Motion carried 5-0)**

New Business:

**Motion by Eisenhart to approve the Trick or Treat Hours for 6 – 7:30 PM on October 31, 2021. Seconded by Marsh.**

**Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart, Ackerman and Marsh**

**Nays:**

**Absent:**

**Abstain: (Motion carried 5-0)**

**Motion by Bernard to approve the cost of sending three maintenance workers to the Confined Space Class held at St. Joseph Charter Township for a total of \$735.00. Seconded by Marsh.**

**Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart, Ackerman and Marsh**

**Nays:**

**Absent:**

**Abstain: (Motion carried 5-0)**

Tilly discussed the need for a new Zero Turn Rider to replace the old one. One could be purchased now and instead of replacing the Grass Hopper Engine the engine of the old woods mower will be installed into it to expectantly eliminate the need to purchase a replacement engine.

**Motion by Eisenhart to approve the purchase of the Exmark Zero Turn Rider from Hollywood Small Engine for \$10,300.00. Seconded by Ackerman.**

**A Roll Call Vote was taken: Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart, Ackerman and Marsh**

**Nays:**

**Absent:**

**Abstain: (Motion carried 5-0)**

Basselmann discussed holding off on discussing the addition to the Township Hall at this time because of possible future sewer, water and road costs. No action was taken.

Boyd discussed the need for changes to the current Future Land Use Map where necessary to accommodate current conditions and also promote successful growth in the Township. The Planning Commission has asked permission to continue looking into possible amendments of the Future Land Use Map per Board approval.

**Motion by Eisenhart to approve cost of the revision of the Future Land Use per the Planning Commission's recommendations. Seconded by Ackerman.**

**Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart, Ackerman and Marsh**

**Nays:**

**Absent:**

**Abstain:**

**(Motion carried 5-0)**

Short Term Rentals were discussed. Per Royalton Township Ordinance Short Term Rentals are not allowed in R-1 zoned areas. No action was taken.

Business from Audience: None

Items not on Agenda: None

Committee Reports:

Basselmann (Fire Board) stated that there was an article about how difficult it is for communities in Michigan to find volunteer fire fighters. It is hard for people to commit to 200 hours of classroom instruction to become a fire fighter. Chief Jonatzke to bring this up at the Fire Fighters Training Council meeting about how most current fire fighters have said they have learned more from hands on training then learning in the classroom.

Tilly (Southwest Michigan Regional Sanitary Sewer & Water Authority) has not meet yet this month.

Eisenhart (JOBS) has not meet since last meeting.

**Motion by Bernard to approve the payment of bills for September 2021 totaling \$110,880.77. Seconded by Eisenhart.**

**Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart, Ackerman and Marsh**

**Nays:**

**Absent:**

**Abstain:**

**(Motion carried 5-0)**

**Motion to adjourn by Eisenhart at 7:34 PM. Seconded by Bernard.**

**Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart, Ackerman and Marsh**

**Nays:**

**Absent:**

**Abstain:**

**(Motion carried 5-0)**

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Bernard, Clerk