

**Royalton Township Board of Trustees  
Regular Board Meeting February, 2022  
Royalton Township Hall**

The regular February 14, 2022 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:*

*Others Present:* Jessica Ishmael, Lincoln Township Library; Juliana Knot, Herald Palladium

**Motion by Eisenhart to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Ackerman.**

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

**Nays:**

**Absent:**

**Abstain:**

**(Motion carried 5-0)**

Recommendation by Bernard to correct the January 10, 2022 Regular Board minutes by replacing "Cares Act" with "American Rescue Plan Act" in both places on page 2 of the minutes.

**Motion by Eisenhart to approve the January 10, 2022 Regular Board minutes as corrected. 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 \$3,713,552.93 in UFCU for January 2022. **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)**

**Motion by Eisenhart to approve the payment of bills for January 2022 totaling \$78,814.33 and January 2022 payroll totaling \$21,740.82. Seconded by Bernard.**

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

**Nays:**

**Absent:**

**Abstain:**

**(Motion carried 5-0)**

Planning Commission Report: Did not meet in February. No action was taken.

Library report presented by Jessica Ishmael. Programming for February was presented. The library will be closed Monday February 21<sup>st</sup>. No action was taken.

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

Old Business: None

New Business:

July 19, 2022 is the proposed alternate date for the July Board of Review.

**Motion by Marsh to approve the resolution changing the July Board of Review date to July 19, 2022.**

**Seconded by Bernard. Roll call was taken.**

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

**Nays:**

**Absent:**

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

December 13, 2022 is the proposed alternate date for the December Board of Review.

**Motion by Marsh to approve the resolution changing the December Board of Review date to December 13, 2022. Seconded by Bernard. Roll call was taken.**

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

**Nays:**

**Absent:**

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

**Motion by Marsh to adopt the Poverty Exemption Guidelines as presented. Seconded by Eisenhart. Roll call was taken.**

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

**Nays:**

**Absent:**

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

Tilly reported that Bear Lake East lift station needs a new grinder pump. Two grinder pumps were provided as options; a Barnes SGV3072L Blade Series Grinder Pump for \$3,375.00 and a Barmesa 3HP Grinder Pump for \$3,480.00.

**Motion by Bernard to approve the purchase of the Barnes Blade Series Grinder Pump for \$3,375.00.**

**Seconded by Eisenhart.**

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

**Nays:**

**Absent:**

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

Tilly presented the Berrien County American Rescue Plan Act Broadband Proposals and application. Tilly has been directed to fill out application and await further details from the Berrien County Public Works Board.

Business from Audience: None

Items not on Agenda: None

Committee Reports:

Basselman (Fire Board) stated that the Fire Recognition Dinner will be held February 26<sup>th</sup> and Don Kretchman will be honored for his 50 years of service on the Fire Department.

Tilly (Water Authority) stated that the documentation showing there is no lead in the pipes should be sufficient in the majority of areas in the three townships, but a small amount of digging may be necessary in parts of Lincoln Township to prove that there is no lead in the system.

Eisenhart (JOBS) stated that lead pipes were also discussed as well as cyclical P-Phos in the water system and how to mitigate it.

**Motion to adjourn by Eisenhart at 7:21 PM. Seconded by Marsh.**

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

**Nays:**

**Absent:**

**Abstain:**

**(Motion carried 5-0)**

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Bernard, Clerk