

**Royalton Township Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting April 11, 2022
Royalton Township Hall**

The regular April 11, 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; Julie Marsh, Trustee

Members Absent: Jason Ackerman, Trustee

Others Present: Steve Tilly, Township Manager; Bill Boyd, Building/Official Zoning Administrator; Linda Stocker, Lincoln Township Library; Juliana Knot, Herald Palladium

Motion by Eisenhart to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Marsh.

Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart and Marsh

Nays:

Absent: Ackerman

Abstain: (Motion carried 4-0)

Motion by Eisenhart to approve the March 14, 2022 Regular Board minutes and the Executive Committee Meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Marsh.

Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart and Marsh

Nays:

Absent: Ackerman

Abstain: (Motion carried 4-0)

Eisenhart presented the Treasurer's Report showing a fund balance of \$3,556,814.54 in UFCU for March 2022. **Motion by Bernard to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Seconded by Marsh.**

Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart and Marsh

Nays:

Absent: Ackerman

Abstain: (Motion carried 4-0)

Motion by Eisenhart to approve the payment of bills for March 2022 totaling \$123,092.51 and March 2022 payroll totaling \$43,524.72. Seconded by Bernard.

Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart and Marsh

Nays:

Absent: Ackerman

Abstain: (Motion carried 4-0)

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

Library report presented; April programming presented. No action was taken.

Sheriff's report February 2022 was submitted prior to meeting. No action was taken.

Old Business: None

New Business:

MDOT Permit Resolution was discussed.

Motion by Eisenhart to approve the MDOT Permit Resolution. Seconded by Bernard. Roll call was taken.

Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart and Marsh

Nays:

Absent: Ackerman

Abstain:

(Motion carried 4-0)

MTA Conference was discussed. It is being held April 25 – 28th in Lansing and also virtually. No action was taken.

Drain Commissioner Workshop was discussed. It takes place Friday April, 22nd. No action was taken.

Building Department request for new vehicle was discussed. Due to the significant increase of road project costs the new vehicle may not fit into the 2022 budget. **Motion by Eisenhart to table the Building Department new vehicle request. Seconded by Marsh.**

Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart and Marsh

Nays:

Absent: Ackerman

Abstain:

(Motion carried 4-0)

Mary Nykamp from Wightman provided the Township with six bids on the Jack & Bore M-139 Sewer Extension to Valenti Development project. The bids ranged from \$107,327.50 - \$188,865.00. Due to all bids being over budget, the lowest two bidders were asked to bid a Directionally Drilled gravity 8-inch HDPE sanitary sewer project to replace the first option. The two bids were \$83,080.00 and \$85,627.00.

Motion by Eisenhart to approve the L.E. Barber Directionally Drill 8-inch HDPE bid of \$83,080.00 to complete the M-139 Sewer Extension to Valenti Development Project subject to the guarantee by Valenti that there will be a \$4500.00 tap fee per each of the eight parcels and that the development will be completed within 5 years of beginning it or the uncompleted/unpaid tap fees will be repaid to the Township.

Seconded by Bernard.

Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart and Marsh

Nays:

Absent: Ackerman

Abstain:

(Motion carried 4-0)

Berrien County Road Department cost increases for the 2022 Construction Season were presented. Costs are significantly higher than previously expected and the bid for The Landings Subdivision has not yet been submitted to the Township for review. Because of this there was discussion about waiting on the higher priced projects so that the Landings would still be able to stay on the 2022 project list when the cost is submitted.

Motion by Eisenhart to approve the Berrien County Road Department revised 2022 Road Agreement of the following roads: Eidson Rd., John Beers Rd., Linco Rd. and Miners Rd. Seconded by Marsh.

Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart and Marsh

Nays:

Absent: Ackerman

Abstain:

(Motion carried 4-0)

Business from Audience: None.

Items not on Agenda: None.

Committee Reports:

Eisenhart (Fire Board) stated that the fire truck loan has been paid off. The excess money left over from purchasing the fire department radios was used to purchase an extra radio.

Boyd (Building/Official Zoning Administrator) stated that the demo projects in the Township are going smoothly. At the end of March there were 18 permits and 2 new dwellings for the year.

Tilly (Water Authority) stated that they are in the process of complying and putting together a program to identify and remedy the lead lines (if any) in the three Townships that make up the Authority.

Basselman stated that the Niche website voted Royalton Township the #5 place in Michigan in 2022 to buy a home.

Motion to adjourn by Eisenhart at 7:3 PM. Seconded by Marsh.

Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart and Marsh

Nays:

Absent: Ackerman

Abstain:

(Motion carried 4-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Bernard, Clerk