

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

The regular March 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: Linda Stocker, Lincoln Township Library; Juliana Knot, Herald Palladium; Julie Wuerfel, County Commissioner; Paul Jancha Jr.; 5th District nonpartisan Judicial Candidate

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

Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart, Ackerman and Marsh

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain: (Motion carried 5-0)

Motion by Marsh to approve the February 14, 2022 Regular Board minutes and the Executive Committee 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 \$3,980,902.04 in UFCU for February 2022. **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 Bernard to approve the payment of bills for February 2022 totaling \$249,577.78 and February 2022 payroll totaling \$22,157.94. Seconded by Marsh.

Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart, Ackerman and Marsh

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain: (Motion carried 5-0)

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

Library report presented by Linda Stocker. Programming for March was presented. No action was taken.

Sheriff's report was not submitted prior to meeting. No action was taken.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Resolution of Intent Opposing Incorporation as a Charter Township discussed.

Motion by Eisenhart to approve the Resolution of Intent Opposing Incorporation as a Charter Township. Seconded by Ackerman. Roll call was taken.

Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart, Ackerman and Marsh

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain: (Motion carried 5-0)

Medic I budget was discussed.

Motion by Eisenhart to approve the Medic I Proposed Budget 2022 – 2023 as presented. Seconded by Ackerman.

Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart, Ackerman and Marsh

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain: (Motion carried 5-0)

Motion by Eisenhart to recommend the approval of the presented Southwest Michigan Regional Sanitary Sewer and Water Authority Proposed 2022- 2023 Budget. Seconded by Bernard.

Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart, Ackerman and Marsh

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain: (Motion carried 5-0)

Tilly discussed the April 2022-March 2023 Summary Budget. Parks and equipment purchases are down for the year. The Township Hall needs a new roof but may wait it out to see if prices decrease in the future before committing to that project. Fuel in all categories may need to be revisited throughout the year due to the increase in fuel prices. The streets plan for the year may change depending on the asphalt bids that have not yet come in. There is a joint water project with St. Joseph Charter Township that is budgeted for but has not yet been bid out.

Motion by Bernard to approve the Royalton Township Summary Budget for April 2022 – March 2023 as presented. Seconded by Ackerman.

Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart, Ackerman and Marsh

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain: (Motion carried 5-0)

Business from Audience: Paul Jancha Jr. introduced himself as a candidate for the 5th District Judicial Candidate. He is currently running unopposed to fill Judge Wiley's seat.

Julie Wuerfel discussed the Broadband grants available from the County.

Items not on Agenda:

Eisenhart made a recommendation to the Board to pay off the firetruck loan which would save the Township approximately \$68,000 in interest over the 10-year period of the current loan.

Motion by Ackerman to pay off the current Township fire truck loan. Seconded by Marsh.

Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart, Ackerman and Marsh

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain: (Motion carried 5-0)

Committee Reports:

Basselmann (Fire Board) stated that the payoff of the fire truck loan was discussed and recommended. One more radio for only \$700 was purchased with the money left in the radio grant fund.

Motion to adjourn by Eisenhart at 7:37 PM. Seconded by Ackerman.

Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart, Ackerman and Marsh

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain: (Motion carried 5-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Bernard, Clerk