

**Royalton Township Board of Trustees
Special Committee Meeting
Royalton Township Hall
October 27, 2022**

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

The Special Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Treasurer Eisenhart.

The Berrien County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Broadband Proposals application is due Monday October 31, 2022. Tilly stated that Royalton has 79 parcels not currently connected to broadband and that the estimated cost to connect them all is between \$632,000 - \$948,000 (per DCS Technology Design study).

Motion by Eisenhart to apply for the full funding of \$948,000 from the County to cover the full cost of connecting all parcels to broadband; the Township will also match \$25,000 and would also be willing to create a special assessment district to raise another \$40,000 for the project. Seconded by Bernard.

Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart, Marsh

Nays:

Absent: Ackerman

Abstain:

(Motion carried 4-0)

Motion by Eisenhart to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 pm. Seconded by Bernard.

Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart, Marsh

Nays:

Absent: Ackerman

Abstain:

(Motion carried 4-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Bernard, Clerk