

**Royalton Township Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting December 11, 2023
Royalton Township Hall**

The regular December 11, 2023 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; Jason Ackerman, Trustee

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Steve Tilly, Township Manager

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)

Motion by Marsh to approve the November 13, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting and the Regular Board minutes as presented and the November 27, 2023 Special Meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Eisenhart.

Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart, Ackerman and Marsh

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain: (Motion carried 5-0)

Eisenhart presented the Treasurer's Report for November 2023 showing a total fund balance of \$2,637,802.08.

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 Eisenhart to approve the payment of bills for November 2023 totaling \$174,456.12 and payroll totaling \$39,009.68. Seconded by Bernard.

Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart, Ackerman and Marsh

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain: (Motion carried 5-0)

Planning Commission Report: Minutes presented at meeting. The Solar Ordinance is still being worked on. No action was taken.

Library Report: Presented at the meeting. No action was taken.

Sheriff's report for October 2023 was submitted prior to meeting, as well as at the meeting. No action was taken. The Sheriff's Department reminds everyone to make sure that they are locking their vehicles up at night.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Jerry Gieger told the Board that he would like to see the sale of marihuana allowed in the Township. Rick Anstiss, Vice President of Michigan Weedsters, was present to discuss his views on cannabis sales and operations. He supports the growing, use and purchasing of marihuana and stated that the Township could receive a lot of money from the state if sales were allowed in the Township. No action was taken.

Tilly presented the Board with the list of people that need to be reappointed to their terms for various boards as well as the recommendations from the Fire Board for the 2024 Fire Officers.

Motion by Eisenhart to approve the appointments as follows:

Planning Commission (3-Year Term): John Heil and Ted Kalin
Fire Board (6-Year Term): Bob Basselman and Greg Adent
Zoning Board of Appeals (3-Year Term): Ted Kalin and Ed Kretchman

and Fire Officers as follows:

Chief: James Jonatzke
Assistant Chief: Leo Rodriguez
Captain: Zachary Bernard
Lieutenants: Ryan Katowich and Ethan Duffel
Secretary: Benjamin Boyd

Seconded by Ackerman.

Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart, Ackerman and Marsh

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain: (Motion carried 5-0)

Tilly presented the proposed 2024 Regular Board meeting dates, Planning Commission dates and Fire Board meeting dates. He also presented the 2024 Holiday dates where the Township will be closed.

Motion by Eisenhart to approve the 2024 meeting and holiday dates as presented. Seconded by Ackerman.

Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart, Ackerman and Marsh

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain: (Motion carried 5-0)

Tilly asked the Board if the Township should develop a rental program that will track rentals and allow for safety inspections of smoke detectors, etc. Other surrounding communities have rental programs.

Motion by Eisenhart to approve the development of a Township Rental Program. Seconded by Ackerman.

Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart, Ackerman and Marsh

Nays:

Absent:
Abstain:

(Motion carried 5-0)

Business from Audience: None

Items not on Agenda: None

Committee Reports:

Basselman (Fire Board) stated that the Fire Department will be getting new boots.

Riegel (Building report) was submitted prior to meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Eisenhart at 7:26 PM. Seconded by Marsh.

Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart, Ackerman and Marsh

Nays:

Absent:

Abstain:

(Motion carried 5-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Bernard, Clerk