

**Royalton Township Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting July 10, 2023
Royalton Township Hall**

The regular June 12, 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; Jason Ackerman, Trustee

Members Absent: Marsh

Others Present: Steve Tilly, Township Manager; Tony Riegel, Building/Official Zoning Administrator

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

Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart, Ackerman

Nays:

Absent: Marsh

Abstain: (Motion carried 4-0)

Motion by Ackerman to approve the June 12, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting minutes and Regular Board minutes as presented. Seconded by Bernard.

Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart, Ackerman

Nays:

Absent: Marsh

Abstain: (Motion carried 4-0)

Eisenhart presented the Treasurer's Report for June 2023 showing a total fund balance of \$2,847,950.80. **Motion by Bernard to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Seconded by Ackerman.**

Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart, Ackerman

Nays:

Absent: Marsh

Abstain: (Motion carried 4-0)

Motion by Eisenhart to approve the payment of bills for June 2023 totaling \$92,452.00 and payroll totaling \$51,892.80. Seconded by Bernard.

Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart, Ackerman

Nays:

Absent: Marsh

Abstain: (Motion carried 4-0)

Planning Commission Report: Minutes presented at meeting. A special meeting was held to discuss a moratorium on solar panels, solar farms and solar arrays.

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

Sheriff's report for May 2023 was submitted prior to meeting. No action was taken.

Old Business: None

New Business:

The Planning Commission reviewed the ordinance to impose a 6-month moratorium on the acceptance of new building and zoning applications for solar panels, solar farms and solar arrays. The Planning Commission recommended the ordinance to the Board for approval.

Motion by Eisenhart to approve the Ordinance to Impose a Temporary Moratorium on the Acceptance of New Building and Zoning Applications for Solar Panels, Solar Farms and Solar Arrays as presented.

Seconded by Ackerman. Roll call was taken.

Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart, Ackerman

Nays:

Absent: Marsh

Abstain:

(Motion carried 4-0)

Tilly discussed that on Linco and John Beers East of M-139, both roads were not paved like they should have been. He is asking for \$27,000.00 to be transferred from the General Fund to the Road Fund to pay for this project that the Road Department did not finish last year.

Motion by Eisenhart to approve the transfer of \$27,000.00 from the General Fund to the Road Fund to pay for the paving of the East of M-139 portions of Linco and John Beers. Seconded by Ackerman.

Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart, Ackerman

Nays:

Absent: Marsh

Abstain:

(Motion carried 4-0)

Business from Audience: Anna Rossow from the Herald Palladium introduced herself to the Board.

Items not on Agenda: None

Committee Reports:

Basselmann (Fire Board) stated that the Fire Department will begin looking for recruits.

Eisenhart (WSJOB) stated that it will cost \$18 million to rework the water plant because the clarifiers need to be replaced and costs are still very high.

Tilly (Medic I) stated that Medic I has contracted with five new Berrien County municipalities for 5 years. It will serve all areas of Berrien County except those contracted with Southwestern Michigan Community Ambulance Service (SMCAS).

Riegel (Building Report) was submitted prior to meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Bernard at 7:19 PM. Seconded by Eisenhart.

Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart, Ackerman

Nays:

Absent: Marsh

Abstain:

(Motion carried 4-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Bernard, Clerk