

**Royalton Township Board of Trustees  
Regular Board Meeting November 13, 2023  
Royalton Township Hall**

The regular November 13, 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 Marsh to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Eisenhart.**

**Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart, Ackerman and Marsh**

**Nays:**

**Absent:**

**Abstain: (Motion carried 5-0)**

Recommendation by Bernard to remove the entire Compton Bow Section from the regular meeting minutes.

**Motion by Ackerman to approve the October 9, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting minutes as presented and the Regular Board minutes as corrected. Seconded by Marsh.**

**Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart, Ackerman and Marsh**

**Nays:**

**Absent:**

**Abstain: (Motion carried 5-0)**

Eisenhart presented the Treasurer's Report for October 2023 showing a total fund balance of \$2,400,370.06.

**Motion by Marsh to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Seconded by Bernard.**

**Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart, Ackerman and Marsh**

**Nays:**

**Absent:**

**Abstain: (Motion carried 5-0)**

**Motion by Eisenhart to approve the tax disbursements of \$251,528.19, the payment of bills for October 2023 totaling \$479,862.97, and payroll totaling \$32,574.31. Seconded by Ackerman.**

**Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart, Ackerman and Marsh**

**Nays:**

**Absent:**

**Abstain: (Motion carried 5-0)**

Planning Commission Report: Minutes presented at meeting. Ordinance amendments were made. No action was taken.

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

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

Old Business: None

New Business:

Tilly presented to ordinance amendments approved at the Planning Commission meeting on November 6, 2023.

**Motion by Bernard to approve the ordinance amendments as presented. Seconded by Eisenhart. Roll call was taken.**

**Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart, Ackerman and Marsh**

**Nays:**

**Absent:**

**Abstain: (Motion carried 5-0)**

Tilly presented the Agreements for Collection of Summer School Property Taxes from Berrien County RESA, Berrien Springs Public Schools, Lake Michigan College, Lakeshore Public Schools and St. Joseph Public Schools.

**Motion by Ackerman to approve the Agreements for Collection of Summer School Property Taxes with Berrien RESA, Berrien Springs Public Schools, Lake Michigan College, Lakeshore Public Schools and St. Joseph Public Schools. Seconded by Eisenhart.**

**Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart, Ackerman and Marsh**

**Nays:**

**Absent:**

**Abstain: (Motion carried 5-0)**

Tilly presented Budget amendments to the board.

**Motion by Eisenhart to approve the budget amendments for the 2023-2024 budget as presented. Seconded by Ackerman.**

**Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart, Ackerman and Marsh**

**Nays:**

**Absent:**

**Abstain: (Motion carried 5-0)**

Tilly stated that a Royalton Township resident inquired about the speed limit of Hollywood Rd. from Maiden Lane to Glenlord Rd. The speed limit is 45 mph going North on Hollywood from Maiden Lane, and the resident asked if the board would consider lowering the mph to match that. The board cannot lower it, but can request a speed study to be done to possibly get it lowered.

**Motion by Eisenhart to approve a Speed-Study of Hollywood Rd. from Maiden Lane to Glenlord Rd. Seconded by Ackerman.**

**Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart, Ackerman and Marsh**

**Nays:**

**Absent:**

**Abstain: (Motion carried 5-0)**

Tilly presented the 2024 Berrien County Road Department Local Road Matching Program and suggested road projects. Royalton will receive \$174.00 more dollars in matching funds than last year.

**Motion by Eisenhart to approve the 2024 Berrien County Road Department Local Road Projects as presented. Seconded by Bernard.**

**Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart, Ackerman and Marsh**

**Nays:**

**Absent:**  
**Abstain:**

**(Motion carried 5-0)**

Business from Audience: A Royaltown Township resident would like the board to reconsider allowing the sale of recreation marihuana in the Township. The same resident would also like to the board to contact the County about either closing Niles Path or making it a one-way street.

Items not on Agenda: None

Committee Reports:

Basselman (Fire Board) stated that the Fire Department is still working on a proposal for a fire truck, but hope to have a quote in six months for the specific truck they are looking to replace the 1995 pumper truck with.

Riegel (Building report) was submitted prior to meeting.

**Motion to adjourn by Bernard at 7:26 PM. Seconded by Ackerman.**

**Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart, Ackerman and Marsh**

**Nays:**

**Absent:**

**Abstain:**

**(Motion carried 5-0)**

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Bernard, Clerk