

**Royalton Township Board of Trustees
Special Board Meeting September 25, 2023
Royalton Township Hall**

The Special September 25, 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

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

Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart, Ackerman

Nays:

Absent: Marsh

Abstain: (Motion carried 4-0)

Tilly discussed changing the Planning Commission from a five-member board to a seven-member board. The Planning Commission has been very busy and two additional members would be helpful.

Motion by Ackerman to approve a seven-member Planning Commission beginning in October 2023.

Seconded by Eisenhart.

Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart, Ackerman

Nays:

Absent: Marsh

Abstain: (Motion carried 4-0)

Two Royalton Township residents are interested in joining the Planning Commission. **Motion by Eisenhart to appoint Kim Wright and Tim Conrad to the Planning Commission. Seconded by Bernard.**

Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart, Ackerman

Nays:

Absent: Marsh

Abstain: (Motion carried 4-0)

Mary Nykamp from Wightman presented the estimate for the Tanglewood Trail Water Main Extension. The cost estimated is \$300,000.00. If this project were tied to another large project in the Township, it could possibly be bonded out for much longer than 10 years that the estimate shows, which would lessen the annual assessment per parcel. The residents would like to know if it is 9 or 10 parcels that would be assessed. Tilly suggested either a petition from the residents or having the Township attorney send out a letter to the residents in the mail that would be returned to the Township so that the Board can gauge the resident's interest in moving forward. There are no grants available to Royalton as the per capita income in the Township is too high to qualify for any. Nykamp will confirm if it is 9 or 10 parcels to be assessed. No action was taken.

Nykamp presented the Wightman estimate for the River Trace Estates Low Pressure Sanitary Sewer. A low-pressure system saves having to use larger lift station's gravity feed program and allows a 2-3 inch with smaller pumps that combine into one larger one. The Township would then possibly store auxiliary pumps in its inventory and would replace them and swap them out and fix them as needed. No roads would have to be dug up with a low-pressure system. Each pump would have approximately a 60-to-80-gallon range with a grinder. There would

be a manhole lid only, the pump would be buried. An electrical box would need to be in the line of sight of the pump with a 30-amp dedicated volt service to it and may require a panel upgrade in some homes. The system would likely be turned over to the Township so the maintenance would be at the Township's cost but the electricity to run the pumps would be paid by the home owners. The Township could look at sewer prices and factor in the electricity costs to the 36 parcels that would be assessed and a new flat rate could be figured out. The residents voiced concerns about the cost of bonding the project, if current tanks can be used and how much it would cost them to disconnect from their current septic systems. If this project is approved in the future and is to be turned over to the Township, it will be required that every parcel is consistent since the maintenance is the Township's responsibility. A resident questioned how they would know if there was an issue with their pump, Tilly answered that it would have either a flashing LED light or an audible alarm that would let them know to notify the Township; this is the same as a lot of the lift stations in the Township. The association would like to know the price of decommissioning their current septic systems and would then discuss it at their next association meeting and will let the Board know if to proceed with a survey if they feel there is enough interest. No action was taken.

Motion to adjourn by Eisenhart at 8:10 PM. Seconded by Ackerman.

Ayes: Basselman, Bernard, Eisenhart, Ackerman

Nays:

Absent: Marsh

Abstain:

(Motion carried 4-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Bernard, Clerk