

**Royalton Township Board of Trustees  
Regular Board Meeting January 8, 2024  
Royalton Township Hall**

The regular January 8, 2024 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 Bernard to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Eisenhart.**

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

**Nays:**

**Absent:**

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

**Motion by Ackerman to approve the December 11, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting and the Regular Board minutes as presented. Seconded by Marsh.**

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

**Nays:**

**Absent:**

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

Eisenhart presented the Treasurer's Report for December 2023 showing a total fund balance of \$2,639,415.70.

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

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

**Nays:**

**Absent:**

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

**Motion by Eisenhart to approve the payment of bills and tax disbursements for December 2023 totaling \$330,166.24 and payroll totaling \$48,690.32. Seconded by Marsh.**

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

**Nays:**

**Absent:**

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

Planning Commission Report: Minutes presented at meeting. No action was taken.

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

Sheriff's report for November 2023 was submitted prior to meeting, as well as at the meeting. No action was taken.

Old Business: Solar Ordinance

The Planning Commission voted to approve the Solar Ordinance as presented and made a recommendation to the board to approve the ordinance.

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

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

**Nays:**

**Absent:**

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

New Business:

Meeting was closed at 7:10 PM by Supervisor Basselman and the Public Hearing for Utility Solar was opened. A 6-month moratorium on utility scale solar projects is presented so that a complete solar ordinance can be completed that incorporates the new State guidelines regarding solar energy. No one in the audience spoke for or against this.

**Motion by Eisenhart to close the public hearing at 7:12 PM and to re-open the meeting. Seconded by Ackerman.**

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

**Nays:**

**Absent:**

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

**Motion by Eisenhart to approve a 6-month moratorium on Utility Grade Solar projects. Seconded by Marsh. Roll call was taken.**

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

**Nays:**

**Absent:**

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

Tilly presented the final invoice from St. Joseph Charter Township for the 2022 Hollywood Road Water Main Project for \$144,692.37.

**Motion by Marsh to approve the final payment of \$144,692.37 to St. Joseph Charter Township for the 2022 Hollywood Road Water Main Project. Seconded by Ackerman.**

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

**Nays:**

**Absent:**

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

Tilly presented a resolution that would appoint Tony Riegel to the official role of Ordinance Enforcement Officer.  
**Motion by Eisenhart to appoint Tony Riegel to Ordinance Enforcement Officer. Seconded by Ackerman. Roll call was taken.**

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

**Nays:**

**Absent:**

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

Business from Audience: A resident spoke about ordinance enforcement and asked about the steps involved.

Items not on Agenda: None

Committee Reports:

Eisenhart (WSJOB) stated that the new water clarifiers were going to be installed soon at the water treatment plant.

Basselman (Fire Board) stated that the Fire Department is working on new truck specifications.

Tilly (Water Authority) stated that at the last meeting bills were paid.

Riegel (Building report) was submitted prior to meeting.

**Motion to adjourn by Ackerman at 7:22 PM. Seconded by Marsh.**

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

**Nays:**

**Absent:**

**Abstain:**

**(Motion carried 5-0)**

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Bernard, Clerk