MEETING PLACE: 13016 BELLE RIVER ROAD, RILEY, MICHIGAN 48041

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Titus at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Trustee Mark Baranowski, present; Trustee Duane Hagle, present; Clerk Deborah Rhein, present; Treasurer Dawn Sawicki-Franz, present; Supervisor Al Titus, present.

Roll Call

Citizens Wishing to Address the Board: Donald Dobberowsky discussed his uninvolved fire run being sent to collections. Kathleen Sochacki inquired about her first responder runs.

Citizens

Guest Speakers: St. Clair County Commissioner Dave Rushing discussed the Hough Road bridge project and the possibility of obtaining a loan for the project. He stated that he will drop off a packet of info containing cost information to the office. Dave also discussed the marijuana proposal passing and the possibility of the township making an ordinance and opting out of dispensaries being put up. The tentative last day to do this would be December 10<sup>th</sup>. He also wished to discuss the fence ordinance.

**Guest Speakers** 

Accept Agenda: Baranowski motioned to accept the agenda with the following corrections to New Business: Remove C. Budget Amendment and D. Zoning Amendment. Letter E. Emergency Medical Service Agreement therefore became C on the agenda. Titus added Letter D, The Trustees being paid for the fire meeting. Rhein added G, personnel. Seconded by Hagle. All in favor, motion carried.

Accept Agenda

Approve Minutes from October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018: Rhein motioned to approve the minutes with the following corrections: Page 1: Remove first paragraph from Approval of the Bills section. Also adjust the side bars. Under Announcements, change the word conference to training. Seconded by Sawicki-Franz. All in favor, motion carried.

Approve Minutes

Treasurer's Summary: Sawicki-Franz stated that this was not one of the months that all of the accounts got their interest, as there is one bank that does their interest quarterly. Rhein inquired about what was in Escrow. Baranowski motioned to approve the Treasurer's summary as presented, Seconded by Hagle. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Summary

Approval of the Bills: Rhein motioned to approve the bills with General Check #'s 23333 to 23390, EFT # 24 and stub # 180 to 184 in the amount of \$42,043.63, and tax check #'s 2553 to 2563 in the amount of \$46,822.51, seconded by Sawicki-Franz. Roll Call: Baranowski-yes, Hagle-yes, Rhein-yes, Sawicki-Franz-yes, Titus- yes. All in favor, motion carried. Hagle motioned to pay Jordan Spencer \$200 for his DJ services at the Fall Festival and the Spring Fling. Seconded by Titus. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Bills

## Old Business:

- A. Roads: Titus stated that the crews are working on the roads and finishing the ditching in the township, but the weather has played a factor in their progress. They are currently grading on the east side of the township.
- B. Fire: Titus discussed the Memphis fire department not sending their run reports to the township so that the billing can be done. He has spoken to the mayor of Memphis regarding this issue. The township attorney has advised to hold the December payment in escrow until they release their run reports. Making a special assessment was also discussed, Titus stated that it does not seem like a practical solution.
- C. Collections: Sawicki-Franz motioned to send invoice #'s 3212 and 3213 in the total amount of \$1,350 to collections, seconded by Hagle. Roll Call: Hagle-yes, Rhein-yes, Sawicki-Franz-yes, Titus-yes, Baranowski-yes. All in favor, motion carried.
- D. Bond Refunds: Sawicki-Franz motioned to refund the following bond #'s, BA18004, \$500.00, BN180003, \$1,250.00, BP170013, \$1,000.00, BP170010, \$1,000.00, BP170015, \$1,000.00, BN180008, \$1,000.00, BG170022, \$250.00, and BD180001, \$250.00 for a total of \$6,250.00, seconded by Baranowski. Roll Call: Rhein-yes, Sawicki-Franz-yes, Titus-yes, Baranowski-yes, Hagle-yes. All in favor, motion carried.
- E. 609 Burnell Road Property: There has been discussion with Jeff White about the possibility of sharing the building with Richmond Lenox EMS by adding onto the north side of the building to accommodate one vehicle bay and office space. Motion carried last month to conduct a feasibility study. Sawicki-Franz motioned to replace a furnace in the building, with a cost up to \$3,500, seconded by Baranowski. Roll Call: Titus-yes, Rhein-yes, Sawicki-Franz-yes, Hagle-yes, Baranowksi-yes. All in favor, motion carried.
- F. Tibbets Road Cemetery Deed Search: Titus stated that the township assessor is still currently searching for the deed.
- G. Personnel: Sawicki-Franz motioned to accept Heather Panches-Miller's resignation effective November 13, 2018, seconded by Titus. All in favor, motion carried. Sawicki Franz motioned to put out an ad to hire a part time employee for the office, seconded by Rhein. All in favor, motion carried.

**Old Business** 

## ANNUAL HEARING ON SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL (Separate Agenda)

Rhein motioned to open meeting at 8:21 p.m., seconded by Titus. All in favor, motion carried.

Annual Hearing
Special Assessment

Roll Call: Trustee Mark Baranowski, present; Trustee Duane Hagle, present; Clerk Deborah Rhein, present; Treasurer Dawn Sawicki-Franz, present; Supervisor Al Titus, present.

Sawicki-Franz stated that the township's trash contract is \$213,093.36, which covers 1,263 trash pick-ups, 1,235 households, and 28 multiple units, which works out to cost \$168.72 per household.

Titus motioned to close hearing at 8:23 p.m., seconded by Sawicki-Franz. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

## **New Business:**

- A. ACH Payments: Sawicki-Franz stated that she is working toward doing direct deposit for payroll. She discussed the fees associated with it, and will have the numbers ready to present to the board at the next meeting.
- B. Snow Removal Contract: Some calls were made to obtain snow removal bids for the office for the upcoming winter season. A bid was obtained from Stafford, Rachel Reid will reach out to Edgar Cross to obtain a bid also. Titus motioned to table the snow removal contract until Edgar Cross is contacted, seconded by Hagle. All in favor, motion carried.
- C. Emergency Medical Service Agreement: Jeff White stated that there is no change to the medical contract; he brought copies of the monthly spending reports. Rhein motioned to approve the contract with Richmond Lenox EMS, seconded by Hagle. All in favor, motion carried.
- D. Paying Trustees for Attending Fire Meeting: Riley Township Board members attended a fire meeting in Emmett. Titus motioned to pay Trustee Duane Hagle and Trustee Mark Baranowski \$165 for attending, as they are paid per diem per meeting. Sawicki-Franz discussed the fact that the other board members would not get paid for attending. Titus rescinded his motion, and then motioned that the Trustees be paid \$80 instead, seconded by Sawicki-Franz. Roll Call: Sawicki-Franz-yes, Rhein-yes, Titus-yes, Baranowski-yes,

**New Business** 

Hagle-No. Motion carried.

## **Committee Reports:**

A. Planning Commission: Hagle discussed the public hearing on the fence and wall ordinance. Someone has interest in buying a piece of property on M19, contingent on whether the property can be rezoned as commercial. Dave Rushing had inquired about the Board purchasing two plaques to be placed on the bleachers out on the soccer field in memory of Lillie Mae Rushing, as the previous Board members were supposed to, but did not. Hagle will obtain bids to do so in the early spring. Committee Reports

- B. Parks and Recreation: Hagle discussed the park benches in the township park needing to be in concrete, as well as the picnic tables needing to be replaced, as they are not ADA approved. There was also discussion of putting in a walking path through the park. All will be discussed in the spring.
- C. Zoning Board of Appeals: There was no meeting.
- D. Ordinance Enforcement: There are two properties in the township that need to be taken to court due to blight: Ashley and Trevor Paraski on 1585 Braidwood, and Heather and Leroy Grabowski on 982 Riley Center. Both parties did attend the Board meeting on August 14<sup>th</sup>, but neither party has corrected their violation. Titus motioned to turn the two cases over to the attorney, seconded by Baranowski. All in favor, motion carried. Doug Wendland discussed building at M19 and Sparling, stating that the outbuildings need to be removed or brought up to code. Paul Wilson will send a letter to the residents. A resident called Hagle complaining about the construction noise at HSP Diesel. Titus brought up a car on the side of the road on M19 that looked like it had been stripped down. Paul Wilson will investigate.

Correspondence: N/A Correspondence

Announcements: Sawicki-Franz stated that the tax bills will be mailed out December 1<sup>st</sup>. Rhein stated that there were 1,515 people who voted in the November 6<sup>th</sup> election, almost as many that voted in the presidential election in 2016. She also stated that a new tabulator will need to be purchased before the next election, as the current one is too slow.

Announcements

Closing Comments from the Board: There was an incident at the previous election in which a voter was unruly and swearing. The next time this happens, law enforcement will be contacted

Closing Comments RILEY TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES MEETING DATE: November 13th, 2018 MEETING PLACE: 13016 BELLE RIVER ROAD, RILEY, MICHIGAN 48041

Next Regular Meeting: December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.

Motion to adjourn made by Titus, seconded by Hagle. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rachel Reid, Recording Secretary