

RILEY TOWNSHIP BOARD - REGULAR MEETING

Held on April 9th, 2024 at 7:00 pm

Located at 13016 Belle River Road, Riley, Michigan 48041

CALL TO ORDER:

- Meeting called to order by Supervisor Titus at 7:00 p.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL:

Present: Supervisor Al Titus, Clerk Carol Miller, Treasurer Mike Rushing, Trustee Duane Hagle, Trustee Mark Baranowski

Other Officials Present: Building Inspector Doug Wendland, Deputy Clerk Val Cicola

GUEST SPEAKERS: Commissioner Rushing congratulated the board on always having a surplus in the budget. Commented that an Election Integrity Resolution has been passed by the county, available on their website. ARPA money going to fix Belle River Road from Bordman to Riley Township, project starts second week in June. Commissioner Rushing will work on getting the Match dollars for road projects in the township raised. Current union contracts at the county are being negotiated with a 3% raise and some bonuses. Promoting a Sanctuary County Resolution.

PUBLIC HEARING(S): None

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA: Motion to approve Consent Agenda: RTB Annual Budget Hearing and Special Meeting minutes for 03-26-2024; Treasurer Bank Summary Report as of 03-31-2024; Clerk reports: Balance Sheet as of 03-31-2024, Revenue & Expense Report PE 03-31-2024, Check Register of Monthly Bills checks #25803-25833, EFTs 64 for \$61,419.48, Tax Disbursements #3285-3303 for \$639,565.16, Payroll Register V-#140001-140024 for \$18,221.47; Bond Refund Requests for BN2300081, BA230017, BG240001, BA230009, BA230016 for a total of \$3,500; Communications received from RLEMS, made by Hagle, seconded by Baranowski. Roll Call: Ayes-5, Nays-0; Motion carried.

APPROVE REGULAR MEETING AGENDA for April 9th, 2024: No Changes

→ Motion to approve Regular Meeting Agenda made by Baranowski, seconded by Rushing. All in favor, motion carried.

TOWNSHIP NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

→ Annual Audit is scheduled for Thursday, July 25th, 2024

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Parks and Recreation: No meeting held, Next meeting is April 22, 2024

Planning Commission: Hagle reported they accepted the mining permit application and scheduled Public Hearing, Sent Pond Ordinance Amendment for approval and discussed Sign ordinance.

Zoning Board of Appeals: No meeting held.

Building Department: Progress being made on 11897 Master Rd., some new housing permits are pending.

Ordinance Enforcement: Several Blight and Violation letters sent.

Roads: Culvert repair on Hill is starting and should be final by the weekend.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Ordinance # 37A-2024 Electrical Code Residential Permit Ordinance Amendment:** Motion to table Ordinance #37A-2024 Amendment made by Titus, seconded by Hagle. All in favor, motion carried.
2. **Permit Application / Fee Schedules: Electrical / Plumbing / Mechanical.** Motion to table Ordinance #37A-2024 Amendment made by Titus, seconded by Rushing. All in favor, motion carried.
3. **VC3 Renewal Contract:** Contract in the amount of \$4,320.00 for annual billing from Feb 2024 to Jan 2025 was signed by prior clerk.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Lawn Care Bids:** Only received one bid from Cottingham's Lawn Service. They did a good job last year.
→ *Motion to accept Cottingham's Lawn Service estimate for 2024 season presented with a weekly price of \$250.00 and a full year option with 5% discount for \$6,650.00 made by Titus, seconded by Hagle. Roll Call: Ayes-5, Nays-0; Motion carried.*
2. **Zoning Ordinance Amendment Section 919 Ponds:** Clarified definition of residency and safety features.
→ *Motion to amend Zoning Ordinance 33, Article IX, Section 919 Ponds as presented, effective seven (7) days after publication made by Baranowski, seconded by Titus. All in favor, motion carried.*

PUBLIC COMMENT-Citizens Wishing to Address the Board: Resident commented that not enough people attend meetings, should consider a sandwich board sign to advertise more. Inquired about Hill Road culvert. Resident inquired about getting traffic signs, Appealed to county but too costly at this time.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEE'S NOT ALREADY ADDRESS: Baranowski stated we are on track for Limestone, walking path should be started this Spring weather permitting.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULED: May 14th, 2024 at 7:00 pm at Riley Township Hall

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 7.41 pm made by Baranowski, seconded by Hagle. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Patricia Gondert, Recording Clerk

Approved May 14th, 2024

Carol Miller, Riley Township Clerk