

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OF THE BRILEY TOWNSHIP BOARD
APRIL 26TH, 2023
BRILEY TOWNSHIP HALL**

Call to order @ 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Present: Clerk LaMore, Treasurer Werner, Trustee White, Trustee South

Absent: Supervisor Werner

Guests: **In Person-** Nancy Dextrom, Thomas Williams, Charles Boman, David Bradley,
Eugene Calvert, Marc Edwards, Craig Smith

Via Zoom- Marva LaMore, Yvonne Swager, Ken Werner, Dan Kent

Motion by Trustee White, seconded by Trustee South to appoint Treasurer Werner to lead this meeting in the absence of Supervisor Werner. Roll Call vote: Treasurer Werner-Y, Clerk LaMore-Y, Trustee White-Y, Trustee South- Y. Motion carried 4 – 0.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Trustee White, seconded by Clerk LaMore to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried 4 – 0.

Approval of 04/12/23 Meeting Minutes: Motion by Clerk LaMore, seconded by Treasurer Werner to approve the 04/12/23 meeting minutes as presented. Roll Call vote: Treasurer Werner-Y, Clerk LaMore-Y, Trustee White-Y, Trustee South- Y. Motion carried 4 – 0.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Clerk LaMore, seconded by Trustee South to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Roll Call vote: Treasurer Werner-Y, Clerk LaMore-Y, Supervisor Werner-Y, Trustee White-Y, Trustee South- Y. Motion carried 4 – 0. Motion by Treasurer Werner, seconded by Trustee White to move \$100,000.00 from Road Checking to Road Money Market. Roll Call vote: Treasurer Werner-Y, Clerk LaMore-Y, Trustee White-Y, Trustee South- Y. Motion carried 4 – 0. Motion by Treasurer Werner, seconded by Trustee White to move \$20,000.00 from Water Checking to Water Money Market. Roll Call vote: Treasurer Werner-Y, Clerk LaMore-Y, Trustee White-Y, Trustee South- Y. Motion carried 4 – 0. Motion by Treasurer Werner, seconded by Trustee White to move \$20,000.00 from General Savings to General Checking. Roll Call vote: Treasurer Werner-Y, Clerk LaMore-Y, Trustee White-Y, Trustee South- Y. Motion carried 4 – 0.

Payables: Motion by Trustee South, seconded by Trustee White to approve the payables and pay the bills as presented. Roll Call vote: Treasurer Werner-Y, Clerk LaMore-Y, Trustee White-Y, Trustee South- Y. Motion carried 4 – 0.

Public Comment (Non-Agenda): Marc Edwards- suggested the Board consider certificate of deposits to earn greater interest, American Legion- would like to help with placement of flags for Memorial Day in the cemetery.

Old Business:

Downtown Discussion- Deferred.

Cell Phone Tower- Deferred.

Backhoe Attachment- Deferred.

New Business:

Waive Park Rental Fees: The American Legion will continue to VetFest in Briley Park Saturday, August 19, 2023, from 10 am to 10 pm. Discussion held on waiving fees for rental of the park, Trustee White offered to pay the fee as a donation to the American Legion.

Elk Country Friendship Gardeners: Nancy Dextrom (President) stated the concentration this year will be on the west side of the park and refurbishing planters in town. This will highlight a broad array of activity by the group.

Elk Country Computer Services: Jake Larsen (Owner) explained the viruses and some corrupt files had been found and cleaned, and the need for a backup battery was needed. An anti-virus & service agreement was discussed with two options, \$80/year and \$100/year. Motion by Trustee South, seconded by Treasurer Werner to approve the purchase of a backup battery system up to \$200.00 in cost. Roll Call vote: Treasurer Werner-Y, Clerk LaMore-Y, Trustee White-Y, Trustee South- Y. Motion carried 4 – 0. Motion by Treasurer Werner, seconded by Trustee South to approve the anti-virus and remote service agreement @\$100/month with on-site costs, if required at a rate of \$100/first hour and \$60/hour after. Roll Call vote: Treasurer Werner-Y, Clerk LaMore-Y, Trustee White-Y, Trustee South- Y. Motion carried 4 – 0.

Davis Field Concession Door & Picnic Tables: The concession door was repaired by DPW at a huge savings rather than purchasing a new door, and DPW refurbished 5 picnic tables all to be ready for the AALL opening day on 05/06/23.

Recreation Area Signage: Deferred for more information.

Attorney Letter: The letter of 03/23/23 between the township board and the township attorney has been requested via FOIA multiple times from Mr. Smith. The letter was denied in those requests due to attorney/client privilege unless voted on for release by the Board. Motion by Trustee White, seconded by Trustee South to release the attorney/client privilege only for the letter of 03/23/23 between Briley Township and Bryan Graham. Roll Call vote: Treasurer Werner-Y, Clerk LaMore-Y, Trustee White-Y, Trustee South- Y. Motion carried 4 – 0.

Court Street & Park Street: After discussion, the Board deferred this item to the Montmorency County Road Commission and property owners involved to resolve the problem.

Mike Schwartz 90 Day Review- Deferred.

Board Statements: Trustee South- CDBG Grant has been submitted, Treasurer Werner- Airport Board is waiting on the State of Michigan for the next parcel to be approved, Trustee White- Stressed the need for the ambulance millage on 05/02/23 due to increased costs across the board for EMS, Clerk LaMore- Planning Commission is making good progress and is on Article 4 of the Master Plan.

Public Comment: Dan Kent- gave history of Atlanta and urged the Board to bring it back, opposes Ace Hardware, Marc Edwards- believes the Planning Commission should decide if Ace Hardware should be in town.

Motion by Clerk LaMore, seconded by Treasurer Werner to adjourn. Motion carried 4 – 0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM.

Phil LaMore-Clerk

Ken Werner-Supervisor

Next meeting will be May 10, 2023
At 6:00 PM via Zoom & In Person.

Zoom Information

Meeting ID: 5865669725

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