

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OF THE BRILEY TOWNSHIP BOARD
MAY 10TH, 2023
BRILEY TOWNSHIP HALL**

Call to order @ 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

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

Absent: None

Guests: **In Person-** Clinton Kennedy, Cathy Isbell, Tom Williams, Nancy Dextrom, Gene Calvert

Via Zoom- Marva LaMore, Yvonne Swager

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Clerk LaMore, seconded by Supervisor Werner to accept the agenda as presented with additions of brining, elections and childcare. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Approval of 04/26/23 Meeting Minutes: Motion by Treasurer Werner, seconded by Supervisor Werner to approve the 04/26/23 meeting minutes as presented. Roll Call vote: Treasurer Werner-Y, Clerk LaMore-Y, Supervisor Werner-Abstain, Trustee White-Y, Trustee South-Abstained. Motion carried 4 – 0.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Trustee White, seconded by Supervisor Werner 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 5 – 0.

Payables: Motion by Treasurer Werner, seconded by Supervisor Werner to approve the payables and pay the bills as presented. Roll Call vote: Treasurer Werner-Y, Clerk LaMore-Y, Supervisor Werner-Y, Trustee White-Y, Trustee South- Y. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Public Comment (Non-Agenda): None.

Old Business:

Downtown Discussion- Deferred.

Cell Phone Tower- Deferred.

Backhoe Attachment- Deferred.

Elk Country Friendship Gardeners- Nancy Dextrom stated planter liners increased by \$10.00 each and requested \$500 from Township to cover costs for beautification of the Park and Downtown area. Motion by Supervisor Werner, seconded by Treasurer Werner to support the Elk Country Friendship Gardeners with \$500.00 for the 2023 season. Roll Call vote: Treasurer Werner-Y, Clerk LaMore-Y, Supervisor Werner-Y, Trustee White-Y, Trustee South- Y. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Rec Area Signs- Motion by Trustee White, seconded by Clerk LaMore to pay up to \$300 for two (2) directional signs to be placed by DPW on Pettenger Road. Roll Call vote: Treasurer Werner-Y, Clerk LaMore-Y, Supervisor Werner-Y, Trustee White-Y, Trustee South- Y. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Mike Schwartz 90-Day Review- Supervisor Werner stated Mr. Schwartz passed his 90-day review. He will continue education in the water department and plans to take his first exam in November.

New Business:

Personnel Wages- Supervisor Werner recommended \$1.00/hr raise for all employees and maybe a little more for Andy Green since he was laid off after his 90-day review with no increase. More information is needed as it relates to the budget. Deferred.

Bridge Update- EGLE has approved the Township to improve the West Street bridge and follow guidelines provided. Motion by Supervisor Werner, seconded by Treasurer Werner to place a notice for bids in the Tribune and website with deadline of Noon on 05/24/2023. Roll Call vote: Treasurer Werner-Y, Clerk LaMore-Y, Supervisor Werner-Y, Trustee White-Y, Trustee South- Y. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Brine- Montmorency County Road Commission letter to Township states they will pay 50% of first brining of the roads as presented by the Township. Motion by Supervisor Werner, seconded by Trustee White to repeat same roads as 2022 at a Township cost of up to \$14,500.00 for the first brining. Costs for second brining, if required, to be addressed as needed. Roll Call vote: Treasurer Werner-Y, Clerk LaMore-Y, Supervisor Werner-Y, Trustee White-Y, Trustee South- Y. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Elections- Clerk LaMore and Deputy Clerk Rogers attended a township clerk's meeting at the Courthouse discussing upcoming State requirements for both State and Federal elections. The biggest change is a 9-day early voting period which has very specific rules and requires in-person voting with a minimum of three election inspectors daily, thus increasing Township election costs. Montmorency County Township Clerks have agreed to staff a central election location, either at the Courthouse or Briley Township Hall. Each Township would staff the polls on a schedule as agreed upon thus cutting costs dramatically for all Townships.

Childcare- Clerk LaMore shared a letter from NEMCOG creating a Northeast Michigan Child Care Coalition. This will allow persons/companies opportunity for funding and licensing of childcare facilities in our Township. A copy of this letter will be made available to interested parties.

Board Statements: Trustee South- Chamber has increased membership by 5 times. The Willie Nelson tribute band was a big success selling 114 tickets as a fireworks fundraiser. Memorial Day parade will be held on 05/29/23 at 11:00 am. Another fundraiser is scheduled featuring the Beachbillies on 06/17/23 at 6:00 with 120 tickets available. The Chamber is also looking into a privacy fence behind the hall. Treasurer Werner- Water bill shutoff notices went out with \$1100.00 of \$1600.00 minimum payment amounts being paid. Trustee White- Noted that the ambulance millage passed. Trustee South- Added that the next round of Spark Grant application is now open until 06/26/23 with more work being done before presenting for grant.

Public Comment: None.

Motion by Treasurer Werner, seconded by Supervisor Werner to adjourn. Motion carried 5 – 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 PM.

Phil LaMore-Clerk

Ken Werner-Supervisor

Next meeting will be May 24, 2023
At 6:00 PM via Zoom & In Person.

Zoom Information

Meeting ID: 5865669725

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