

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OF THE BRILEY TOWNSHIP BOARD
FEBRUARY 22ND, 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-** Melissa Ward, Monty Bolis, Gordon Green, Michael Bopp, Jonna Bopp, Tom Williams, Pamela Dow

Via Zoom- Marva LaMore, Bianca Beaucamp, Yvonne Swagger, Marc Edwards

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Clerk LaMore, seconded by Supervisor Werner to accept the agenda as presented with move of Camp Grayling to 1st item on agenda. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Approval of 02/08/23 Meeting Minutes: Motion by Trustee White, seconded by Clerk LaMore to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 5 – 0.

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

Payables: Motion by Supervisor Werner, seconded by Trustee South 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.

Camp Grayling Expansion Presentation- Presentation by Monty Bolis. Mr. Bolis began with the statement that "He supports the military but opposes the expansion." He continued to state that Camp Grayling is the largest national Guard Training Center in the U.S. at 230 square miles and if expansion is passed would be almost 500 square miles. Lt. Col. Mike McNamara, Deputy Commander (Retired) is not for expansion due to being told that MI was the only state in U.S. that has four seasons to train in. However almost a quarter of the States have the same climate. The Office of the Governor has received resolutions not to increase from counties, townships,

and private citizens. Currently only 50-70 % of the base is being used for training. The DNR Director also has received resolution copies against the expansion and currently gives land to industry for free. The plan is to militarize Northern Michigan to test weapons with fire points even closer to Montmorency County, so noise will be increased and possible air and soil contamination. Paul Rogan, Adjutant General, was appointed by Governor Whitmer at Camp Grayling. The final decision will be made by the newly appointed DNR Director. He also noted that trail disruptions may be severely impacted and Lovells will be economically depleted. The County of Montmorency has not yet approved a resolution.

The Briley Township Board will vote at the next meeting on March 08, 2023 regarding the approval or denial of a resolution against the expansion.

Old Business:

Downtown Discussion- None.

Marihuana Business Application-

Zoning Board of Appeals- Supervisor Werner named Hal Jonas as his choice for Zoning Board of Appeals member. Motion by Trustee White, seconded by Supervisor Werner to appoint Hal Jonas to the Zoning Board of Appeals effective 02/22/2023 for a term of three (3) years. Roll Call vote: Treasurer Werner-Y, Clerk LaMore-Y, Supervisor Werner-Y, Trustee White-Y, Trustee South-Y. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Cell Phone Tower- Supervisor Werner stated our current lease complete buy-out from SBA Communications would be \$236,000 or a partial buy-out for \$120,000 and \$470 monthly that would increase 3% annually. We currently receive \$1157.01 monthly with an increase of 3% annually. Trustee White wants an amortization for next meeting. No action taken.

Roof Repair- Ad deadline is 03/07/2023. No action taken.

New Business:

Treasurer Wage- Defer until clarifications with assessor and budget meetings are completed.

Board Statements: Trustee South- Completed additional 6 hours of MTA training and gave Spark Grant update, Treasurer Werner- Discussed airport property sale price and interest, Supervisor Werner- Fire Board did not have a quorum, Trustee White- EMS vehicle in need of catalytic converter and the Board is looking for a new mechanic, Clerk Lamore- Planning

Commission worked with Eric from MiMEDC to clarify land use/zoning for parcels in the Township.

Public Comment: Tom Williams- Asked when the Camp Grayling decision will be addressed. Supervisor Werner stated that it will be heard at the next meeting, Craig Smith- Asked what the date for Halloween will be observed.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Phil LaMore-Clerk

Ken Werner-Supervisor

Next meeting will be February 22, 2023
At 6:00 PM via Zoom & In Person.

Zoom Information

Meeting ID: 5865669725
Passcode: BRILEY
Via Phone: 1-929-436-2866