

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OF THE BRILEY TOWNSHIP BOARD
MAY 24TH, 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-** Tom Sobeck, Cathy Isbell, Eugene Calvert

Via Zoom- Marva LaMore, Yvonne Swager, another anonymous attendee

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Treasurer Werner, seconded by Trustee South to accept the agenda as presented with additions of Berg contract and ordinance amendment. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Motion by Trustee White, seconded by Clerk LaMore to approve the 05/10/23 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.

Motion by Treasurer Werner, seconded by Supervisor Werner to move \$40,000.00 in cemetery fund checking to a new money market within the same account. Roll Call vote: Treasurer Werner-Y, Clerk LaMore-Y, Supervisor Werner-Y, Trustee White-Y, Trustee South- Y. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Motion by Supervisor Werner, seconded by Treasurer Werner to establish an additional money market in the Road Fund account and fund it with \$50,000 from the road checking account. Roll Call vote: Treasurer Werner-Y, Clerk LaMore-Y, Supervisor Werner-Y, Trustee White-Y, Trustee South- Y. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Motion by Supervisor Werner, seconded by Treasurer Werner to move \$46,000.00 from road money market 1 to newly opened road money market 2. Roll Call vote: Treasurer Werner-Y, Clerk LaMore-Y, Supervisor Werner-Y, Trustee White-Y, Trustee South- Y. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Motion by Treasurer Werner, seconded by Supervisor Werner to move \$20,000.00 from general fund savings to general fund checking. 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 Clerk LaMore, 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- Clerk LaMore asked the Board to begin discussion on downtown beautification to act prior to MDOT resurface/painting of lane on M32 through downtown. Deferred.

Cell Phone Tower- Deferred.

Backhoe Attachment- Deferred.

Personnel Wages- Motion by Supervisor Werner, seconded by Trustee South to increase all three DPW employees and Administrative Assistant by \$1.00 per hour effective the first payroll of June 2023. Roll Call vote: Treasurer Werner-Y, Clerk LaMore-Y, Supervisor Werner-Y, Trustee White-Y, Trustee South- Y. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Bridge Project- Bids for the West Street bridge produced only one respondent, K-N-K Excavating. Ken Werner, the owner, explained that his bid was simply at-cost, and no profit will be made. Motion by Clerk LaMore, seconded by Trustee White to accept the bid by K-N-K excavating not to exceed \$3,000.00 to complete the repairs on the West Street bridge. Roll Call vote: Treasurer Werner-Y, Clerk LaMore-Y, Supervisor Werner-abstain, Trustee White-Y, Trustee South- Y. Motion carried 4 – 0, 1 abstain.

New Business:

Tom Sobeck, PIEG Update- Mr. Sobeck of PIE&G discussed reasons that caused rate increases in electric and natural gas prices to all. PIE&G is also a non-profit utility and when they do profit, overages are eventually returned to members. Other energy sources discussed to reduce or contain costs were nuclear, wind, & solar. Mr. Sobeck is also readdressing a township request to consider additional charging stations for autos and e-bikes in and around the community.

Straley, Lamp & Kraenzlein pc 2023 FY Agreement- Deferred for clarification of costs.

Berg Contract- Motion by Treasurer Werner, seconded by Supervisor Werner to approve the tax bill processing and administration agreement submitted by Allan Berg of Berg Assessing & Consulting, Inc @ \$1.50 per parcel. Roll Call vote: Treasurer Werner-Y, Clerk LaMore-Y, Supervisor Werner-Y, Trustee White-Y, Trustee South- Y. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Ordinance Amendment- Motion by Clerk LaMore, seconded by Trustee South to amend the Briley Township Parks & Recreation Ordinance #11 of November 18, 2019, Section 4, Subsection b. Animals, to not allow animals at Davis Park Field during the Little League Season from May 1st to July 31st every year. Roll Call vote: Treasurer Werner-Y, Clerk LaMore-Y, Supervisor Werner-Y, Trustee White-Y, Trustee South- Y. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Motion by Clerk LaMore, seconded by Trustee White to publish the ordinance amendment as presented and approved by the Board in the Tribune. Roll Call vote: Treasurer Werner-Y, Clerk LaMore-Y, Supervisor Werner-Y, Trustee White-Y, Trustee South- Y. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Board Statements: Trustee White- The Ambulance Board was elated that Briley Township residents elected to pass the millage increase, Clerk LaMore- Planning Commission meeting was excellent and continued to work on land uses to be permitted in the Township's Master Plan revisions, Trustee South- DNR Spark Grant is coming along, Supervisor Werner- Would like to meet with Planning Commission Chairperson to discussed missed meetings by a PC member.

Public Comment: None.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Phil LaMore-Clerk

Ken Werner-Supervisor

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Next meeting will be June 14, 2023
At 6:00 PM via Zoom & In Person.

Zoom Information

Meeting ID: 5865669725

Passcode: BRILEY

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