

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
OF THE BRILEY TOWNSHIP BOARD  
SEPTEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2023  
BRILEY TOWNSHIP HALL**

Call to order @ 6:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

**Roll Call:**

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

**Absent:** Trustee White

**Guests:**       **In Person-** Don Edwards, Gordon Green, Lloyd Peltier, Kevin Schaedig, Garry Boldrey, Peggy Boldrey, Cathy Isbell, Wayne Isbell, Gene Calvert  
                  **Via Zoom-** Yvonne Swagger

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

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Treasurer Werner, seconded by Supervisor Werner to approve the 08/23/23 meeting minutes as presented with a correction noted by Trustee South in her Board Statement. Roll Call vote: Treasurer Werner-Y, Clerk LaMore-Y, Supervisor Werner-Y, Trustee South- Y. Motion carried 4 – 0.

**Treasurer's Report:** Motion by Supervisor Werner, seconded by Clerk LaMore to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Roll Call vote: Treasurer Werner-Y, Clerk LaMore-Y, Supervisor Werner-Y, Trustee South- Y. Motion carried 4 – 0.

**Payables:** Motion by Treasurer 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 South- Y. Motion carried 4 – 0.

**Public Comment (Non-Agenda):** Gordon Green complimented the new restrooms in the park and stated that they are almost complete.

**Old Business:**

**Downtown Discussion-** Kevin Shaedig, MDOT of Alpena Operations Manager, spoke about M-32 repaving in October, basically from Jerome Street East to Jerome Street West. A walk-thru was

done by traffic officials from Alpena, Gaylord, and Traverse City after an informative open conversation about crashes at M-32/33, flashing lights, speeds, line of sight issues, and large vehicles. The following was recommended:

- 4-way stop downtown
- Eliminate center lane in Downtown. Repaint with solid white lines
- Parking areas to be 25 feet back from intersections
- Cross hatch lane for left turns at 4-way stop
- Speed study issues question moving speed limit signs
- Place curbing from coffee shop West along South side of the highway
- New upgraded highly reflective speed signage
- MDOT contact for tree planting through Downtown
- Message boards East and West of sides of town for 30 days and maps, articles, and online

Assessor Contract- Motion by Treasurer Werner, seconded by Supervisor Werner to accept the resignation and stop the contract with Berg Assessing and approve a new contract with River's Edge Assessing, Inc. (Garry & Peggy Boldrey) Roll Call vote: Treasurer Werner-Y, Clerk LaMore-Y, Supervisor Werner-Y, Trustee South- Y. Motion carried 4 – 0. The Boldrey's suggested using KCI out of Grand Rapids for mailing tax notices and the Township will retain all land division fees.

Municipal Civil Infraction- After a brief discussion no action was taken, tabled.

#### **New Business:**

2023 Tax Rate Request (L-4029)- Motion by Supervisor Werner, seconded by Treasurer Werner to approve the L-4029 as presented. Roll Call vote: Treasurer Werner-Y, Clerk LaMore-Y, Supervisor Werner-Y, Trustee South- Y. Motion carried 4 – 0.

Sub-Committee for Review of Legal Documents- Trustee South was verbally authorized to develop schedules for maintaining and monitoring various Township departments.

NMI Tech Use of Building- Motion by Supervisor Werner, seconded by Clerk LaMore to allow NMI Tech to temporarily use township office space for other customers at no charge and work on township IT improvements. Motion passed 4 – 0.

Cemetery Buy Back- Motion by Clerk LaMore, seconded by Supervisor Werner to buy back cemetery plots from Sandra Brooks (New 2-43-1 through 3) for \$31.25 each totaling \$93.75. Roll Call vote: Treasurer Werner-Y, Clerk LaMore-Y, Supervisor Werner-Y, Trustee South- Y. Motion carried 4 – 0.

Close Road USDA Account- Motion by Treasurer Werner, seconded by Trustee South to close the Road “USDA” account with suffix -020 and retitle this GL as inactive. Roll Call vote: Treasurer Werner-Y, Clerk LaMore-Y, Supervisor Werner-Y, Trustee South- Y. Motion carried 4 – 0.

Water Department Purchase- Motion by Supervisor Werner, seconded by Clerk LaMore to approve the purchase of an eye was station at a cost of \$396.83 to be placed at the Well House off of Pettenger Road. Roll Call vote: Treasurer Werner-Y, Clerk LaMore-Y, Supervisor Werner-Y, Trustee South- Y. Motion carried 4 – 0.

**Board Statements:** Trustee South- Elk festival preparation underway, waffle Wednesdays have started again, resuming a MTA conference this evening, Treasurer Werner- Airport Board is assessing their risk management semi-annually, Supervisor Werner- FD needs new radios and tires, Annual Fun Run was a success, Clerk LaMore- The new Master Plan will be reviewed at the next regular Planning Commission meeting and it addresses solar, wind, and battery issues allowing for reduced energy costs.

**Public Comment:** Don Edwards presented a “Letter to the Citizens of Montmorency County” regarding the sheriff department.

Motion by Trustee South, seconded by Treasurer Werner to adjourn. Motion carried 4 – 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 PM.

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Phil LaMore-Clerk

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Ken Werner-Supervisor

Next meeting will be September 13, 2023  
At 6:00 PM via Zoom & In Person.

**Zoom Information**

Meeting ID: 5865669725

Passcode: BRILEY

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