

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
OF THE BRILEY TOWNSHIP BOARD
NOVEMBER 13TH, 2024
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-** Gordon Green, Mary Dugas, Jeramey Valley, Ann Seymour, Thom Seymour, Stephen Czarnecki, Lisa Suiter, Mary Freeman, Geoff Lachner, Melissa Sytek, Linsey Rogers

Via Zoom- Yvonne Swager

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Trustee White, seconded by Supervisor Werner to accept the agenda as presented with additions zoning/blight review and snowmobile trail. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Motion by Treasurer Werner, seconded by Trustee White to approve the 10/25/24 meeting minutes as presented. Roll Call vote: Treasurer Werner-Y, Clerk LaMore-Y, Supervisor Werner-Y, Trustee White-Y, Trustee South-Y. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by Supervisor Werner, seconded by Trustee White 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 Trustee South to move \$10,000.00 from GFMM to GFCHK. 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 Treasurer 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): Geoffrey Lachner had several questions and comments regarding Verizon/Frontier internet service and their licensing. He was directed to MI Public Utilities Commission.

Mary Freeman asked about the progress of blight case on Pettenger Road. Linsey Rogers advised that the blight officer is working with legal and waiting for the amended dangerous building ordinance to be in effect.

Old Business:

Avery Township: Mr. Seymour presented a letter from mutual legal counsel, Bryan Graham stating he needs a letter from both Avery and Briley authorizing consent to proceed avoiding a conflict of interest. Motion by Trustee White, seconded by Supervisor Werner to authorize consent to proceed on BOR/Airport matters. Roll Call vote: Treasurer Werner-Y, Clerk LaMore-Y, Supervisor Werner-Y, Trustee White-Y, Trustee South-Y. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Dangerous Building Ordinance Amendment- Motion by Treasurer Werner, seconded by Trustee White to approve amended ordinance 2024-08 and post it in the Tribune one week. Roll Call vote: Treasurer Werner-Y, Clerk LaMore-Y, Supervisor Werner-Y, Trustee White-Y, Trustee South-Y. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Zoning/Blight Officer Review- Motion by Trustee White, seconded by Supervisor Werner to approve Resolution #14 of 2024, to increase the zoning/blight enforcement officer salary to \$12,000.00 annually. Roll Call vote: Treasurer Werner-Y, Clerk LaMore-Y, Supervisor Werner-Y, Trustee White-Y, Trustee South-Y. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Snowmobile Trail- Large showing of Pettenger Road residents voicing their opinion on the snowmobile trail being designation on Pettenger Road. Motion by Trustee White, seconded by Treasurer Werner to not allow the proposed trail as presented using Pettenger Road. Motion carried 5 – 0.

New Business:

Deputy Clerk Stipend- Motion by Treasurer Werner, seconded by Clerk LaMore to approve a stipend of \$2,500.00 to Linsey Rogers. Roll Call vote: Treasurer Werner-Y, Clerk LaMore-Y, Supervisor Werner-Y, Trustee White-Y, Trustee South-Y. Motion carried 5 – 0.

Planning Commission Letter of Interest- Motion by Clerk LaMore, seconded by Trustee White to place an ad in the Tribune for two weeks at a cost of up to \$100/week for two planning commission openings. Selections will be made at the next Township meeting on November 27th, 2024. Roll Call vote: Trustee South-Y, Clerk LaMore-Y, Treasurer Werner-Y, Supervisor Werner-Y, Trustee White-Y. Motion carried 5-0.

Board of Review Letters of Interest- Motion by Treasurer Werner, seconded by Supervisor Werner to place an ad in the Montmorency Tribune for two weeks at a cost of \$100/week for one Board of Review opening. A selection will be made at the next Township meeting. Roll Call vote: Trustee White-Y, Treasurer Werner-Y, Clerk LaMore-Y, Trustee South-Y. Supervisor Werner-Y. Motion carried 5-0

Board Statements: Trustee South commented that the Chamber of Commerce Buck Pole and Bake Sale will be the weekend of November 15th, 2024. There's a need for someone to move the Bear carving at the corner of 487 and M32. The light parade will take place on December 7th, 2024 at 5:30 PM, with the lineup starting at 4:30 PM. Festivities will take place at the White Elk Coffeehouse, as well as in the pavilion with Community Connection at the Briley Park Pavillion. The Chamber of Commerce is in need of items for the Buck Pole Bake Sale. Treasurer Werner stated the Airport Board meeting will take place Thursday, and Supervisor Werner commented that the Fire Board approved the budget. Trustee White reported that all is well with the Ambulance Board. Clerk LaMore reported that a meeting with MDOT, Sherrif Chad Brown, the Montmorency Road Commission, Gordon Green, and Ken Werner took place to discuss the four way stop lanes downtown. Topics of discussion were parking on M32, Jerome Street, Reimann Road,, Lake 15 Road, School zone, and Downtown alleyway. Measures of safety discussed included designated parking spots downtown, Speed Limit signs posted, the purchase of a solar powered speed radar sign to alert drivers of their actual speed, and enforcement by the Sheriffs Department and the Michigan State Police.

Public Comment: Gordon Green inquired about Board Transitions and the taking of Oaths. He was informed that he will be sworn in on November 20th, 2024 at noon. Newly elected Trustee Dan Kent will be sworn in on December 8th at the Township Meeting (he was actually sworn in on November 20th, 2024 at approximately 4:30 PM).

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Gordon Green-Clerk

Ken Werner-Supervisor

Next meeting will be December 11th, 2024
At 6:00 PM via Zoom & In Person.

Zoom Information

Meeting ID: 5865669725

Passcode: BRILEY

Via Phone: 1-929-436-2866