

Big Rock Township

September 8, 2021

Minutes

The September 2021 meeting of the Big Rock Township Board of Trustees was held at the Big Rock Township Hall at 7:00pm on Wednesday, September 8th, 2021.

Members Present:

Supervisor: Ken Rojek
Clerk: Jennifer Schlachter
Trustees: Amy Schoger
Paul Wedeen
Bonnie Warchol
Steve Michael

Also Present:

Highway Commissioner: Wade Thompson
Township Assessor: Ralph Harkison

Visitors: None

Supervisor Ken Rojek opened the regular meeting at 7:00pm.

Trustee Wedeen motioned to approve the agenda for the September meeting. Trustee Warchol seconded the motion. 5 ayes/ 0 nays. Motion passed.

Trustee Schoger motioned to approve the August minutes. Trustee Michael seconded the motion. 5 ayes / 0 nays. Motion passed.

Public Comments From the Floor: None

2021 Budget Adjustments: No changes at this time.

Treasurer's Financial Report:

The Town Funds Checking balance is \$42,018.53 and the Town Money Market is \$248,053.84.

The Road District Checking balance is \$47,802.38 and the Road Money Market is \$416,143.09.

The Cemetery Funds balance is \$240,030.82.

Total Township funds available is \$994,048.66.

These balances are as of September 1st.

Audit of Township Bill Payments:

Total Town Fund Payments is \$20,7210.88. The largest expense is the mental health tax payment for \$14,229.40. There was discussion regarding the chainsaw parts expense. Supervisor Rojek stated that 7 trees fell in Welsh Cemetery after the last storm and he cut them up. Total Town Payroll is \$7,859.33.

Trustee Warchol motioned to approve the Town Fund payments and Trustee Wedeem seconded the motion. 5 ayes / 0 nays. Motion passed.

Total Road Fund Payments is \$21,489.11. The largest expenses is the salt shed parts, oil, and culverts. Total Road Payroll is \$3,990.85.

Trustee Michael motioned to approve the Road Fund Payments with written documents corrected and Trustee Schoger seconded the motion. 5 ayes / 0 nays. Motion passed.

Supervisor's Report:

Supervisor Rojek stated he attended a meeting last month where Corinne Pierog stated her commitment to obtaining additional cell towers for Big Rock and other western townships. The redistricting map was thrown out after the census came out and now is being reworked. Money will be added to the motor fuel tax for roads and bridges. The Forest Preserve called to notify that the cabin at the golf course is being auctioned off in case the township knew of any interested bidders.

Cemetery Updates: There have been a few burials. There will be discussion in the future regarding the sectioning of areas to be sold for cremations only.

INC/708 Board's Report: Nothing at this time.

Highway Commissioner's Report:

Round one of mowing has been completed. The salt building is scheduled to be delivered on October 11th. It should take approximately 2 to 3 days to put together.

Assessor's Report: The new assessment assistant seems to be working out and is still being trained. A resident didn't agree with his assessment and was advised to appeal the county.

Clerk's Report: None at this time.

Trustee's Report: Trustee Schoger stated a homeowner was having issues with loud parties at a nearby residence. Supervisor Rojek advised the homeowner to talk with the village and police to file a complaint.

Old Business: None at this time.

New Business:

An update to the investment policy is needed to comply with state law changes. Local governments may invest up to 1/3 of money in investment grade bonds. There are no current plans to do this, but approving it now will make it possible in the future.

Trustee Wedeen motioned first to approve the ordinance and Trustee Warchol seconded the motion. 5 ayes / 0 nays. Motion passed.

Supervisor Rojek stated that the October meeting will include discussing the 2021-2022 levy options. There is an expected 5-6% increase in the PTELL tax limit. Levy approval will be in November and the levy filed in December.

Trustee Wedeen motioned to adjourn the meeting, Trustee Schoger seconded the motion. 5 ayes/0 nays. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:39pm.

Submitted by:
Jennifer Schlachter
Big Rock Township Clerk