

Big Rock Township

March 9th, 2022

Minutes

The March 2022 meeting of the Big Rock Township Board of Trustees was held at the Big Rock Township Hall at 7:00pm on Wednesday, March 9th, 2022.

Members Present:

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

Also Present: Highway Commissioner: Wade Thompson
Township Assessor: Ralph Harkison

Visitors: 3

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

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

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

Public Comments From the Floor: Yorkville Troop 40 Eagle Scout George Werderich presented his Eagle Scout project for a pavillion structure at Plowman's Park at the train station and discussed his need for a monetary donation.

2020/2021 Budget Adjustments: For the town: office phone and utilities were higher than budgeted, will use the \$1,600 to adjust from the unused legal. For the road, phone and utilities were also higher, will used the \$600 to adjust from the equipment rental. There was discussion to look into changing the utilities to a payment plan next year for bettering budgeting.

Trustee Michael motioned to approve the 2020/2021 budget adjustments. Trustee Schoger seconded the motion. 5 ayes / 0 nays. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Financial Report:

The Town Funds Checking balance is \$19,888.79 and the Town Money Market is \$248,942.38.

The Road District Checking balance is \$30,618.11 and the Road Money Market is \$492,772.08.

The Cemetery Funds balance is \$244,130.82.

Total Township funds available is \$1,036,352.18.

These balances are as of March 2nd, 2022.

Audit of Township Bill Payments:

Total Town Fund Payments is \$3,487.87. The largest bills this month were the federal taxes and Nicor. The regular monthly payroll that includes the trustees is \$7,932.07.

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

Total Road Fund Payments is \$20,722.27. The largest expenses this month were fuel, gravel, tire service, and salt. Payroll is \$2,547.75.

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

Supervisor's Report:

Most of the work being done right now is closing the books and getting the budget for 2021/2022 year. The 2022 levy has been confirmed.

Cemetery Updates: One burial this month. The Wiltse bid has been accepted, with the change to paying per cut. Supervisor Rojek is meeting with Schollmeyer Landscaping to create a cremation area for both cemeteries.

INC/708 Board's Report: Board meeting is next week.

Highway Commissioner's Report: Highway Commissioner Thompson offered help with traffic at larger funerals. There was discussion on possibly expanding or connecting areas for better entering/exiting the cemeteries. Everything is on track with the salt.

Assessor's Report: None at this time.

Clerk's Report: None at this time.

Trustee's Report: None at this time.

Old Business: None at this time.

New Business: The Annual Town Hall meeting agenda needs to be approved.

Trustee Wedeen motioned to approve the Annual Township Meeting agenda for April 12. Trustee Warchol seconded the motion. 5 ayes / 0 nays. Motion passed.

The Ride-In Kane program has been taken over by the county and they want to make it more available across the county. Going with this program is estimated to cut our current program costs in half, will fit into the budget, and will be able to help more township residents. Service agreement goes until 2023 but it can be canceled at any time. Advertising will be in the Crier, on the websites, and we will have brochures available.

Trustee Warchol motioned to approve Big Rock Township becoming a Sponsor for the Ride-In Kane with an effective date of April 1, 2022. Trustee Wedeen seconded the motion. 5 ayes / 0 nays. Motion passed.

Supervisor Rojek started the discussion of the Eagle Scout project donation from the Township.

Trustee Wedeen motioned to donate \$1,000 to Eagle Scout Werderich's project. Motion failed due to lack of a second.

Trustee Michael motioned to donate \$250 to Eagle Scout Werderich's project. Motion failed due to lack of a second.

Trustee Michael revised his motion to donate \$500 to Eagle Scout Werderich's project. Trustee Wedeen seconded the motion. 5 ayes / 0 nays. Motion passed.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:18pm.

Submitted by:
Jennifer Schlachter
Big Rock Township Clerk