

Regular Board Meeting

January 11, 2023 / 7PM

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Watson at 7pm. Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call - Members Present:

Gene Hall, Sandy James, Sandy Greenfield, Larry Watson, Robin Hawthorne, Brenda Bellmore, Doug Lectka

Others Present:

Audrey Burton, Steve Pachulski, Bob Tuenessen, Dave Jackson, Eric Bair, Jaysun Bussa, Joel Ibbotson, Pat Sharpe, Nickie Haight

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Hawthorne, seconded by James to accept the January 11th agenda with one addition. All ayes. Motion passes.

Guests:

Audrey Burton – Hastings Library Rep gives an overview of the last Library Board Meeting. Her report is available at the township hall.

Pat Sharpe lets the board know to expect the PLM prepay option to be available soon. He also confirms that the Algonquin Lake Fireworks display will happen on July 3rd and the board should be getting details by February or March.

Open Comments:

Joel Ibbotson thanks Hawthorne for helping him with information for his Voter Integrity Meeting. He tells the board he is thankful for our clerk.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by James to accept the consent agenda, seconded by Greenfield. All ayes. Motion passes.

Supervisor:

Watson says the board needs to appoint the Attorney, Engineer, and Planner of Record for 2023. Board members do not have any issue or discussion. Motion by Hall, seconded by Greenfield, to appoint Attorney Rolfe, Engineers Prein Newhoff, and Planner McKenna. All ayes. Motion passes.

Clerk:

Hawthorne says her clerk report is available and board members have it on their desks.

She tells the board there is a Special Board Meeting on January 19 at 7pm.

Treasurer:

Greenfield shares that a copy of her Treasurer's Monthly Report is on each board member's desk. She has also provided a copy of the ARPA funds report. And she says that some RCT residents did not receive their tax bills. She has not received them back from the post office and has no way of knowing who did not get theirs. She asks that if any board members get questions about missing tax bills, she can reprint them individually.

Trustees:

Lectka has provided an overview report to the board about the MTA meeting he attended about the responsibilities of board members in the assessing process. He lets Hawthorne know that

they should be receiving MTA books with information in the mail. He also would like to see Dennis McKelvey (the RCT assessor) provide a report and/or come to meetings in order to help the board better understand what he does. Hall feels that he could start coming after the audit and come quarterly. The board is thankful for the Assessor that RCT has. Greenfield shares that RCT received 98% on their last audit.

Hall shares that he attended the Road Commission meeting earlier this week. They discussed that 2023 is a gravel year and the cycle will finish out in 2024 and they will have to reevaluate for 2025–2028. He says that RCT is in the top 10% in Barry Co and Barry Co is top in the state for the condition of roads.

Commissioners Report:

Bob Tuenessen shares that he is a new commissioner for RCT. He says that he and Dave Jackson will both represent half of RCT. He says that Jackson is the new chairperson and Dave Hatfield is the vice chair.

Jackson shares that the commissioners have been doing a lot of interviews for board positions. They are working towards lots of new housing, State and Federal funds for broadband, as well as looking into a use for the old mental health facility on Algonquin Lake. He says they are hoping for Barry Co residents to fill out the street-to-street details survey for broadband, so that maps can be more accurate. The board asks how they can help and Jackson says at this point just encouraging people to fill out the survey. Hawthorne confirms there is a link to the survey on the RCT website.

Unfinished Business:

Agaming Drain District Notice

The board voices confusion over the map provided by the Drain Commission Office. Hawthorne shares that the drain commissioner will be holding the meeting on January 12th and are using the RCT Hall to hold it.

Approve second reading and adoption of Ordinance ~~2022~~–2023–185 Text Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance

The board discusses that all the changes they asked for last month had been made. Motion by Bellmore, seconded by Hall, to accept Ordinance ~~2022~~–2023–185 for second reading and adoption. Roll Call Vote: Hall – Yes, James – Yes, Greenfield – Yes, Watson – Yes, Hawthorne – Yes, Bellmore – Yes, Lectka – Yes. Motion passes.

New Business:

Audit engagement letter from Siegfried and Crandall PC

Hawthorne says that the fee is \$8500, which is the same as last year. She says the auditors can be there up to 3 days but usually finish in 2 and they also file some tax forms for the township. Motion by Greenfield, seconded by Lectka, to approve Siegfried Crandall as our Auditors for the 2023 audit. Roll Call Vote: Hall – Yes, James – Yes, Greenfield – Yes, Watson – Yes, Hawthorne – Yes, Bellmore – Yes, Lectka – Yes. Motion passes.

Open Comments:

Ibbotson asks the Commissioners not to forget that more ARPA money is coming and should be used for broadband and not other projects. He also says he is happy to see Commissioner Jackson as the chairperson and to have both Jackson and Tuenessen representing RCT. He thanks Hawthorne again and she thanks him for his involvement.

Adjournment:

Motion by Bellmore, seconded by Lectka to adjourn at 7:40pm, all ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Nickie Haight, Recording Secretary