



BRUCE TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES

February 9, 2023

Call meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Board Members: C. Marsh, M. Pins, V. Gage, W. Pulfrey, J. Kronemeyer

Absent:

Greetings - Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments - limit 3 minutes, none

Approval of Minutes of January 12, 2023– Motion by Pins supported by Kronemeyer to approve the Minutes of January 12, 2023, as presented. Motion passed.

Pay Bills – Motion by Pins supported by Kronemeyer to approve the bills (check #11759-11821 including 2 ACH payments for a total of \$39,137.00) as presented. Motion passed.

County Commission Report – Nothing

Reports of Special Meeting – Marsh and Gage attended a meeting regarding Ambulance service.

Zoning Administrator – No Report

Assessor's Report:

A. Calculating the Tax Rolls, Tax Notices are about to be sent out.

Planning Commission Report –

- A. Special Use permit requests for the day care facility on 9-mile, storage units on M129 and Lot Division ordinance were recommended to the Board.
- B. Set Planning Commission meeting dates.
- C. Looking for additional Planning Commission members.

Treasurer's Report –

A. Fund Balance - General fund is 853,950.60 and the Road Fund is 259,694.40 for a total of all funds is 1,113,645.

Clerk's Report –

- A. Correspondence – None
- B. Budget Hearing Work Session – February 16th @ 7 PM is scheduled.
- C. Budget Hearing, including Truth in Taxation is scheduled for March 9th @ 7 PM.
- D. Budget Adjustments – Discussion regarding cost centers vs line items, the question is how does the Board want to determine whether adjustments should be made to line items or only when the cost center is out of budget specifically? Per the Board the budgeted cost centers are required to be in compliance with the approved budget.
- E. Millage for Fire and Ambulance Services – The millage question language has been approved by the Attorney, County Clerk and Board of Canvassers for a May 2nd, 2023, Election.
- F. Voter information letter – A voter informational letter will be sent to registered voters.

Firemen's Report – Incidents – No incidents last month. Truck needed repairs to stay in compliance with MDOT. 3 staff are signed up for Fire Fighter training 1 & 2. The Foam system is not operational however we still have a way to provide foam if needed.

Ground and Park Report – The History expansion is moving well, and the Office door has been scheduled for replacement on tomorrow. The hall main doors will be replaced soon.

Cemetery – Nothing until spring.

Old Business –

- A. Junk Cars – Several letters have been sent out and some responses have come back.
- B. Board of Review – Training will be provided on February 15th, 2023.
The Board of Review Meeting will be held on March 13th from 9 – 3 and on March 14th 3-9
- C. ARPA – Suggested uses are Cemetery notice area, playground equipment, Fire Hall lighting and heater system, and Broadband system. Provide Pulfrey with your suggestions and cost and he will compile a list for consideration by the Board.
- D. Pavement Stripping – We will pick roads for stripping in the spring.

New Business

- A. Ambulance Contract 2023-2024 – We have not been given the contract as yet for the new fiscal year for ambulance service, they have been contacted.

B. Special Use Permits –

Rental Storage units – After much discussion a Motion by Marsh with support by Gage to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Roll Call Vote Yea 5 Nay 0 Absent 0 Motion passed.

Day Care - – Motion by Pins with support by Pulfrey to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

Roll Call Vote Yea 5 Nay 0 Absent 0 Motion passed.

Platted Lot Split Ordinance - Motion by Pins with support by Gage to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

Roll Call Vote Yea 5 Nay 0 Absent 0 Motion/Resolution passed.

C. Website .gov extension – Motion by Pins with support by Gage to have Kronemeyer research this more and provide information for the URL for Brucetownshipmi.gov. Motion passed.

D. Support for Astrea – Motion by Marsh with support by Kronemeyer to give Township support for Astrea to assist Astrea efforts to obtaining a Robin Grant to pay for up to 35% of the Middle mile fiber installation.

Roll Call vote Yea 4 Nay 0 Abstained Kronemeyer. Motion/resolution passed.

E. Request to join the Eastern UP Consortium – A Motion by Pins with support by Gage to join the Eastern UP Consortium.

Roll Call vote Yea 4 Nay 0 Abstained Kronemeyer. Motion/resolution passed.

Public Comments – limit 3 minutes – None

Adjournment – Motion by Pins supported by Kronemeyer to Adjourn at 8:44. Motion passed.