



BRUCE TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES

March 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 -

Meeting recessed at 7:01PM.

For the purpose of holding the Budget/Truth in Taxation meeting.

The Bruce Township Meeting resumed at 7:13 PM.

Approval of Minutes of February 9, 2023 – Motion by Marsh supported by Gage to approve the Minutes of February 9, 2023, as presented. Motion passed.

Pay Bills – Motion by Pulfrey supported by Gage to approve the bills (check #11822-11865 including 2 ACH payments for a total of \$48,280.74) as presented. Motion passed.

County Commission Report – Nothing

Reports of Special Meeting – Marsh and Gage attended a meeting regarding establishing a multi-township Authority for the Ambulance service.

Zoning Administrator – There has been no request for permits this year to date. Letters regarding junk cars and other violations have been issued. If the violation are not corrected it may result in civil penalties.

Assessor's Report: This fiscal year there has been \$2,523,241 in new construction. This is our busy time of the year with call, calculations, Board of Review etc.

Planning Commission Report – The internet and a review of progress was made.

Treasurer's Report –

A. Fund Balance - General fund is 895,786.31 and the Road Fund is 316,508.79 for a total of all funds is 1,212,295.10.

Clerk's Report –

- a. Correspondence – U.P.S.E.T – This was tabled until next meeting.
- b. Voter information letter – A voter informational letter have been sent to registered voters.

Firemen's Report – Incidents – There were 3 incidents last month. 2 Car accident and a basement flooded. We have a new member to the Fire Department, Bryan Fuller.

Ground and Park Report – The Township Hall main doors have been replaced. At Dunbar, we will be repairing the dock support.

Cemetery – Nothing until spring.

Old Business –

A. Board of Review – The Board of Review Meeting will be held on March 13th from 9 – 3 and on March 14th 3-9

B. Ambulance Contract 2023-2024 – There has been an increase in the Ambulance of 3% for the new contract. A motion by Marsh with support by Gage to approve the new contract. Roll Call vote was Aye – 3, Nay – 0, Absent 2, Motion was passed.

C. Website .gov extension – This was tabled until the next meeting.

D. ARPA – Suggested uses - This was tabled until the next meeting.

New Business

- a. Brine – There is a ruling by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (old DEQ) that putting Brine on gravel roads must not be applied if the road is damp, if there is water on the road, if there is water in the ditches, etc. As yet, we do not have a clear understanding on what impact this ruling will have on dust control for our roads.

Poverty Guidelines – These guidelines are revised each year and Pulfrey made a motion with support by Gage to accept the new poverty guidelines. Roll Call vote was Aye – 3, Nay – 0, Absent 2. Motion/resolution was passed.

Public Comments – limit 3 minutes – the State of Michigan has a law that is cost prohibitive to remove Junk car without a title. The Township ordinance requires that dismantled or inoperable motor vehicles are not allowed under specific conditions. It is very difficult to remove these vehicles.

Adjournment – Motion by Pulfrey with support by Gage to adjourn. Motion passed at 7:45 PM.