



## **BRUCE TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES**

**May 9, 2024**

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 April 11, 2024, - Motion by Pins with support from Gage to approve the minutes of April 11, 2024. Motion passed.

Pay Bills – Motion by Kronemeyer supported by Pins to approve the bills (check #12540 through 12598 including 2 ACH payments for a total of \$68,094.31) as presented. Motion passed.

County Commission Report – No Show this year.

Reports of Special Meeting – See Ambulance Authority

Zoning Administrator – There were 9 Permits issued this month, including a special use permit. Special, focus on violations of the Junk and excessive Car/Trucks Ordinances.

Assessor's Report:

- A. Land Division Policy – Discussion/Decision on the 12-month effective date information to be added to the Land Division Form.
- B. Sheppard Family Trust – Motion by Pins with support by Kronemeyer to approve the Sheppard Family Trust land division request as presented by Chipman. Roll Call Vote was Yea 5, Nay 0. Motion/resolution passed unanimously.
- C. Certified Database - Discussion regarding new Certification of Computerized Assessment Rolls.

Planning Commission Report – Working on an active draft for the new Solar Ordinance. Special Land Use Permit has been requested for Day Care. 2 members of the Planning Committee are attending the MSU Citizen Planner Training.

Treasurer’s Report –

A. Fund Balance – CDs are \$203,349.24, General fund is \$533,198.49 and the Road Fund of \$737,162.41, for a total of all funds \$1,473,710.14

Clerk’s Report –

A. Correspondence – None

B. BEAD Challenge Portal – There have been 7 challenges to locations regarding internet accessibility and location.

C. Starlink – Equipment is here, and installation has started.

D. Community Service – Motion by Pins with support from Kronemeyer to allow a Community Service person to work on cleaning of gravestones at Donaldson Cemetery. Motion passed.

Firemen’s Report – Incidents – 2 incidents this month, training continues with 70% attendance, displayed Truck for 4H Achievement Benefit at the Township Hall.

Ground and Park Report – Ready to use now, Dock is in and Kayak Launch will be installed soon.

Cemetery – Opening May 1, 2024

Senior Meals – Good Turnout for meals (30 to 60+), and normally there is a group of musicians playing on Thursday.

Old Business –

- A. ARPA – Suggested uses – Road Project for Chip & Seal was selected for all ARPA Funds.
- B. Ambulance Authority – The 4 main Officers were sworn in, Whitefish is withdrawing from the Authority due to the passing of .5 mill ambulance tax.
- C. .GOV – No action as yet, work in progress.
- D. Fire Building Expansion – We now have sealed prints and will be requesting Bids.
- E. Tower Ground Lease – We have had a response from the lease holder, and it is being reviewed by an Attorney.

New Business

- A. Energy Study – The Fire Hall will be the focus of energy improvements.

- B. Assessor Contract for 2024 – 2026 – Motion by Pins with support from Kronemeyer to solicit bids for the position of Assessor. Motion passed.
- C. Property Tax Administration Fee – Motion by Pulfrey with support from Marsh to approve the policy as presented. Roll call vote was Yea’s 5 Nays 0. Motion Passed.
- D. Special Land Use Permit – Motion by Pins with support from Marsh to approve the Special Land Use Permit for as presented.
- E. Playground - Motion by Kronemeyer with support from Pins to purchase Bark for the playground with a not to exceed \$3,500 limit. Motion passed unanimously.
- F. Social Media Policy – Motion by Pins with support from Pulfrey to approve the Social Media Policy, Fire Department Exception as presented. Roll call vote was Yea’s 5 Nays 0. Motion Passed.
- G. Chippewa County Road Commission – Stephanie Boileau, P.E. – Updated the Township Board on upcoming projects,
  - a. Mac Trail to M28 – Overlay
  - b. 7-mile Bridge replacement
  - c. M28 Railroad Track rebuild.
  - d. Chip and Seal -Lower Hay Lake
  - e. 14 Mile – getting estimates.

Motion by Pins with support from Pulfrey to recognize the efforts that the Fire Chief Andrews and Lieutenant Jobar for their efforts with training and enhancing the Bruce Township Fire Department. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments – limit 3 minutes – None

Adjournment – Motion by Pins with support from Gage to adjourn. Motion passed at 8:35 PM. Meeting adjourned.