



TOWN OF BROCKWAY  
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George Fiedler, Chairman  
Duane Douvier, Supervisor  
Terry Pogatchnik, Supervisor  
Margaret Stang, Clerk  
Susan Goodew, Treasurer

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:**
  - On this 18<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022, the Regular Monthly Meeting was called to order at 7:32 PM.
  - The Pledge of Allegiance was recited
  - All board members were present as well as PC Ben Oleson. Sign in sheet is attached.
  - A motion was made by Fiedler to approve the agenda, seconded by Douvier, all in favor, approved.
2. **Land Use Requests:**
  - A. None currently
3. **Clerk's Report:**
  - A. Motion was made by Fiedler to approve the December 20, 2021, regular mtg. minutes, seconded by Pogatchnik, approved.
  - B. Motion made by Fiedler to set the Board of Audit meeting for February 22 @ 7:00, seconded by Douvier, approved.
  - C. Motion made by Fiedler to accept the Election Judges for March, seconded by Douvier, approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report:**
  - A. December 2021 report on accounts, Motion made by Fiedler to approve, seconded Pogatchnik, approved
  - B. Approval of Claims No: 22543-22552 & EFT 34-37, Motion made by Fiedler to approve, seconded Pogatchnik, approved.
5. **Public Input:**
  - A.
6. **Old Business:**
  - A. **Roads:** Pogatchnik got a call from a resident about Ulster Road claiming he almost got smacked by the UPS truck as the snowplow can't plow out because of the driveway markers. Pogatchnik did drive down it and feels if there was an emergency vehicle coming down, they would not be able to get through. Pogatchnik feels that it should be respectfully winged out wide enough for traffic. Resident Melissa Pogatchnik stated she drives a Prius, and she has a hard time getting through. She feels the problem is at the bottom of the hill where residents have their markers up. Douvier stated he had just talked to Burski about drifting on the road and just send them out to widen the roads. Pogatchnik feels since it is not a 55-mph road, that if we respectfully widen it will help the residents. It was decided to widen the road respectfully and if there are consequences, we will handle them at the time.
  - B. **Signs:** Clerk Stang stated Bogard & Pederson had sent their detailed assessment of what signs needed to be replaced and proposal. All Supervisors will look this proposal over and come to a decision at the next meeting as to giving the work to ID sign or Bogard/Pederson. Possible 480 signs in the township.
  - C. **MS4/Nicholas Nistler:** Tabled
  - D. **99-year lease:** PC Oleson stated he has heard nothing further at this time from the landowner. He was asked to reach out to the landowner again.
  - E. **ARPA / Lost Revenue Resolution:** Fiedler stated if the Township is getting less than 10M in ARPA funds it can just be put in a General Fund under ARPA account and use it for anything that you normally would take out of general fund. So, no Lost Revenue Calculation needs to be done. Fiedler stated that he had contact with the County and they will partner with Townships to get Broadband out to areas where it is needed. Resolution for Lost Revenue was signed.
  - F. **File Plan:** Clerk Stang informed that she has been scanning and it is close to go live.
  - G. **Community Septic System:** PC Oleson stated if they wanted to go with the Option 3. Fiedler made a motion to go with Option 3, which goes by the County standards, seconded Pogatchnik, approved. PC Oleson will work on updating the ordinance.

- H. **Projector/Flat screen:** Clerk Stang got three options for sound and visual for the town hall from Marco. Fielder made a motion to go with Option 1 for \$3, 444.11, seconded Douvier, approved.
- I. **Opole Septic:** Treasurer Goodew was asking for their approval to put the assessments on for the people who didn't pay last year. Supervisors agreed it should be done as it isn't fair to everyone else.
- J. **Back door:** Clerk Stang stated she checked on the back door, and it is at Colorful Concepts for painting.
- K. **Holdingsford Fire contract:** Fiedler stated we had received a boiler plate contract from Holdingsford, Ruppe looked at it, he had a lot of comments, and these were sent to the city of Holdingsford City Council. There is a Fire meeting coming up next Thursday the 27<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 pm if any Supervisor wanted to attend.
- L. **Newsletter:** Duane was concerned about the wording on Ordinance 392. Changes were made and wording changed.

7. **New Business:**

- A. Clerk Stang asked for approval to attend Clerk Training for \$40. Pogatchnik approved to pay the \$40 fee for training of the clerk, seconded Fiedler, approved.
- B. Board of Equalization date Friday, April 8 @ 9:00 am. Pogatchnik verified that we did not have to set the road review up as a public meeting.
- C. Clerk Stang stated at this time we charge residents \$28 for 911 signs. A new one was just ordered and the cost from our vendor was \$43.18. Fiedler feels we should charge what it costs to the residents. Douvier stated that the residents are not required to have a sign. Discussion was brought up on how much to charge, Pogatchnik states we should charge the amount it costs to receive it \$43.18 then they know we are not making any money on them.
- D. **Cartways:** Fiedler stated he got a call from Ken Bayless who knows a lot about Cartways. Ken would like us to change our ordinance to make it clear that we have no authority over putting approaches in from cartways. If we don't maintain the cartway, we have no authority, but if we maintain it, we do have authority over it. Taking our existing ordinance where it talks about how many approaches we can have on it and would put this does not apply to cartways that the Township doesn't maintain. Pogatchnik feels we should leave it alone at this time, he feels there could be a lawsuit down the road against the Township if we change it now with the lawsuit between the residents. More discussion was brought forward on who is in charge of this cartway. Pogatchnik had discussion about who should maintain the cartway and who is responsible for that land. Pogatchnik feels we have authority over a cartway but is willing to work on resolving this issue. Douvier feels it needs to be black and white so future board members don't run into this problem in the future. Discussion was tabled until more research could be done on the statutes and ordinances on Cartways.
- E. **2022 Census** PC Oleson will take care of filling out this form if our township boundaries have changed. Fiedler moved to approve Ben to take care of the census question, seconded by Douvier, approved.

8. **Mail / Miscellaneous:**

Benton Communications board member  
Stearns Electric Election

9. **Public Input:**

**Move to Adjourn/Recess: 8:43 time.      Next Regular Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 22, 2022**

Motion made by Fiedler to adjourn the meeting, seconded Douvier, approved.

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Margaret Stang, Clerk

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George Fiedler, Chairman

Date Approved 2-22-2022

Amendments

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