

RIVES TOWNSHIP - BOARD MEETING
September 7, 2023 Pavilion - 110 W. Main St, Rives Jct., Michigan

The meeting began at 6:08 p.m.

Present: Jerald Adams, Supervisor; Joseph Yang - Treasurer, Trustee Christine Beecher and Bryce Hammond, Trustee. Also present: Cammie Silvestri, Deputy Clerk. Absent: Vercilla Hart, Clerk.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Public Comment #1 opened at 6:09 pm and closed at 6:36 pm with 10 community members speaking.

Motion by Adams, supported by Beecher, to accept the agenda as presented. Hammond - no; Beecher - yes; Yang - yes; Adams - yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Adams, supported by Beecher: To approve general ledger checks 83978 through 83994; sewer checks 2179 through 2181; and payrolls checks 31625 through 31659. Roll call: Hammond - no; Beecher - yes; Yang - yes; Adams - yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Adams, supported by Yang: to appoint Jan Hayward as the PC person on the ZBA. Roll call: Hammond - no; Beecher - yes; Yang - yes; Adams - yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Adams, supported by Yang: To accept the resignation of Jan Hamilton and replace her with Mark Stevenson on the Planning Commission. Roll call: Adams - yes, Yang - yes, Beecher - yes, Hammond - yes. Motion carried.

There was discussion of the Coltronics upgrade. This will include 4 Honeywell mounts, a junction box for the dome camera, 50 ft. cable and HDI. The quote includes installation for \$842.66. Motion by Adams, supported by Beecher, to approve \$842.66 to complete the installation of camera upgrades. Hart's notes indicated we could use ARPA money. Roll call: Adams - yes, Yang - yes, Beecher - yes, Hammond - yes. Motion carried.

Metro Act Contract Renewal is set to end December 31, 2023. An extension will extend the contract until December 31, 2028. There was a question of what the metro act generates for the township yearly. The issue will be tabled until Attorney Patterson looks at the contract.

There was discussion of protecting the generator at the township office. Bryce would have a fence partition on two sides. There would also be six bumper stops. Bryce would be completing the work for \$800. Bryce also noted a possible grant for \$5,000 (one in the spring and one in the fall). Bryce is working on the grant and will submit it by September 15. Motion by Adams, supported by Beecher to approve \$800 to put in protections for the generator at the Township Office. Roll call: Hammond - abstain; Beecher - yes; Yang - yes; Adams - yes. Motion carried.

Two quotes were provided for replacing sewer air chambers. RJT quote is \$11,585; J&K of Michigan quote was confusing and appeared to be \$11,410 but upon further review, J&K quoted just one air chamber replacement so the 7 air chambers would be \$16,660. Motion by Hammond, supported by Beecher, to approve \$11,585 for repair of seven air chambers for the sewer by RJT. Roll call: Adams - yes, Yang - yes, Beecher - yes, Hammond - yes. Motion carried.

Communications:

Adams: Jerry stated there were numerous conversations with both Vercilla and Joseph after the meeting last week. Vercilla has agreed to come back but could not attend the meeting tonight. He gave her back her keys and her resignation letter. She is the best for the job. Jerry expressed satisfaction with her job. Please understand that Joseph has never been a treasurer and Vercilla had never been a clerk. Cut them slack as they are still learning about their jobs.

Jerry told Bryce he has no authority to contact the Township attorney without a Board motion and the same goes for the insurance and risk management. It's okay IF the Board directs you to do that. Any concerns involving the attorney need to come to Jerry first. The same goes for the community; regarding sending letters. Jerry talked with the attorney regarding concerns from a citizen regarding minutes. There is no concern. Ultimately, Vercilla is the responsible party for all minutes.

Jerry pointed to the new fire truck that just pulled up! This is Rives Township and Tompkins Township first ever brand-new truck!

Joseph addressed the community stating that the discussion last week was not meant to be a public onslaught. He assured the community that he is willing to work together.

Christine had no communications as there had not been a PC meeting.

Bryce stated that he turned in the receipt for his training expenditures. Motion by Adams, supported by Beecher, to pay Bryce \$152.33 out of Parks & Rec budget for the training he attended. Roll call: Adams - yes, Yang - yes, Beecher - yes, Hammond - abstain. Motion carried.
Motion by Adams, supported by Hammond, to reimburse Fire Chief Bryon Deraedt \$277.77 for expenditures to attend the funeral for Parma Township Firefighter and debriefing. Roll call: Adams - yes, Yang - yes, Beecher - yes, Hammond - yes. Motion carried.

Bryce noted he would like to attend the MTA Trustee training in Harbor Springs October 3 & 4, 2023. Cost is \$365.

Motion by Adams, supported by Beecher, to pay \$365 plus mileage for Bryce to attend the training. Roll call: Adams - yes, Yang - yes, Beecher - yes, Hammond - abstain. Motion carried.

Bryce brought up the issue of the poor condition of the porta john. Jerry stated it was purchased from Lester Brothers. If we contact them, they will bring out a newer one at little cost. Bryce found one that would be more permanent on Government Surplus Deals for \$800 in Tampa, Florida but we would have to go get it. Jerry suggested he find one closer to home.

Motion by Adams supported by Beecher to approve \$11,585 dollars to pay RJT for the repair of seven air chambers. Roll call: Adams - yes, Yang - yes, Beecher - yes, and Hammond - yes. Motion carried.

Second Public Comment began at 7:15 pm with 7 people commenting and ended at 7:22 pm.

It was noted that our original Spencer Manufacturing check #83916 on 4/25 was voided.

Motion by Hammond, supported by Beecher to adjourn the meeting. Roll call: Adams - yes, Yang - yes, Beecher - yes, Hammond - yes. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Submitted by Cammie Silvestri, Rives Township Deputy Clerk
Reviewed and approved by Vercilla Hart, Rives Township Clerk