

## **Ronald Township Regular Meeting Minutes**

**April 15, 2024, 7 PM**

**Ronald Township Hall**

### **Call To Order**

Supervisor Blood called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

### **Members Present**

Supervisor Mike Blood, Trustee Sandra Thelen, Trustee Stephanie Fox,  
Treasurer Angela Lamphere, Clerk Kaitlyn Borton

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Supervisor Blood led the Pledge of Allegiance

### **Public Comment**

SuLyn Bettinghouse spoke in regards to Fire Barn blueprints and donated land.

### **Agenda**

Changes were made to the Agenda to add additional delinquent tax amount of \$725.66.  
Motion to approve made by Supervisor Blood, supported by Treasurer Lamphere.  
Motion carried by voice vote.

### **Unfinished Business**

None

### **New Business**

Request to approve March 18, 2024 meeting minutes. Motion to approve  
made by Trustee Thelen, supported by Treasurer Lamphere. Motion carried by voice  
vote.

Request to approve March 18, 2024 Budget Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve made  
by Trustee Thelen, supported by Supervisor Blood. Motion carried by voice vote.

Discussion to retain current Trustees. Motion to approve made by Treasurer Lamphere,  
supported by Clerk Borton. Motion carried by voice vote.

Request to conduct a Forensic Audit for time period April 1, 2022 – December 31, 2023  
up to amount not exceeding \$15,000. Funds to be reallocated from Roads Budget.

Motion to approve made by Trustee Thelen, supported by Clerk Borton. Motion carried by voice vote.

Treasurer Lamphere stated that residents in the township paid their Summer 2023 and Winter 2023 taxes on time but the payments were not processed by the township, therefore resulting in delinquent notices. Request to approve reimbursement for penalties. Motion to approve made by Trustee Fox, supported by Treasurer Lamphere. Motion carried by voice vote.

### **Treasurer Report**

Treasurer Lamphere presented the Treasurer Report. Motion to approve made by Clerk Borton, supported by Trustee Thelen. Motion carried by voice vote.

Request to pay additional Pension amount to Trustees totaling \$500/year. Motion to approve made by Treasurer Lamphere, supported by Clerk Borton. Motion carried by voice vote.

Request to approve bills and payroll. Motion to approve made by Clerk Borton, supported by Trustee Thelen. Motion carried by voice vote.

### **Clerk Report**

Clerk Borton presented the Clerks Report- noted the Ballot box and mailbox installations were in progress.

### **Supervisors Report**

Supervisor Blood spoke on Fire Barn blueprints and the annual meeting.

### **Fire Chief Report**

Chief Walker presented Fire Chief Report. 56 calls to date. 6 Structure Fires, 37 Med Calls, 4 Personal Injury, 9 All other (wildland, trees, powerlines). Provided 4 Mutual Aid, received 2.

Chief Walker spoke on the future of the Fire Department. Voiced concerns regarding the trucks and equipment. Engine 1 is a 2001 with 26K miles, Truck 2 Tanker is a 1994 GMC with 118K miles on its second motor. Truck 3 Grass Rig is a 2008 F250 with a skid unit holding 200Gal. Rescue 4 is a 2004 Freightliner with 126K miles. In 2019 Ravell discussed Engine 1 replacement. Chief Walker spoke in regards to USDA grants- none available at the time, noted financing is possible for replacement.

Chief Walker mentioned the two options for a new building. Chief walker noted NFPA states Truck 2 should be retired. Orleans offered to bring their truck to see if it fits in Fire Department. Discussed ARPA funds for Fire Department and went over financing options.

**Public Comment**

Kathy Ainsworth questioned when Orleans can bring the truck to the Fire Department.

Christine Strickling spoke in on Tracy Trail- no addresses to identify for Fire Rescue.

Matt Edwards questioned if the county has driveway requirements.

Ryan Wilson questioned why a forensic audit is necessary.

Kathy Ainsworth spoke in regards to emails and township records.

Courtney Wilson spoke on regards to the Pension repayments.

Individual spoke in regards to the trailers in Palo- Supervisor Blood noted the Health Department was notified.

Individual questioned if county is cutting brush. Noted dead trees on Stage Rd. Supervisor Blood will reach out to the Road Department.

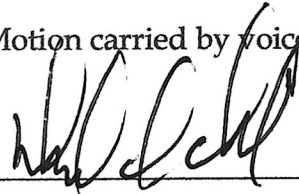
SuLyn Bettinghouse spoke in regards to moving forward.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Supervisor Blood to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 PM, supported by

Clerk Borton. Motion carried by voice vote.

APPROVED



Submitted: Kaitlyn Borton, Clerk