

**Ronald Township Regular Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2024 @ 7:00PM**

Location: Ronald Township Hall
4987 Stage Road
Ionia, MI 48846

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

Chris Strickling thanked the current board for their work during their terms and expressed appreciation for grace and smooth transition for the incoming officers and trustee. Sulyn Bettinghouse thanked Kaitlyn Borton for the smooth transition into the clerk position, appreciating the opportunity to work and observe the recent General Election.

Agenda

The agenda and the past month's meeting minutes were provided to the board members prior to this meeting.

Supervisor Blood requested a motion to approve the agenda. Motion made by Trustee Thelen, seconded by Clerk Borton, and motion carried.

Supervisor Blood requested a motion to approve the meeting minutes for October 21, 2024. Trustee Fox made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Treasurer Lamphere. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Motion was made by Trustee Fox to approve payrolls dated December 1, 2024 & November 20, 2024; approve pension payments dated November 20, 2024 (for board members whose terms are expiring), and approve accounts payable dated November 18, 2024 with the following amendments: Spectrum Printers for \$47.81 for elections supplies, Rapid Fire Prevention for \$614, Ruehs Garage for \$1,195.56, and Ionia County Road Department \$13,713.70 for brine, adjusting the accounts payable total to \$26,053.53. The motion was seconded by Treasurer Lamphere, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Lamphere presented the Treasurers Report.

Account balances include general checking & investment accounts with Mercantile Bank and Michigan Class. Monthly income is interest earned and revenue sharing. Total Bills approved at the meeting included accounts payable, monthly or semi-annual payrolls, and retirement payouts (if applicable). For details, please refer to the monthly Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer Lamphere reported that winter tax bills will be mailed December 28, 2024, and are due February 14, 2025. There are drop boxes outside the hall and at Treasurer Lamphere's residence. If residents need to meet with her, please contact her, and a convenient time will be scheduled for you. It was noted that this past year there was a small delay in processing of summer taxes due to the State of Michigan updating software. This caused a short delay which Treasurer Lamphere was not aware of, and she apologized to residents if this affected the processing of their tax payments. In the future a reminder will be posted advising residents when a delay in tax processing may affect them. Clerk Borton made a motion to approve Treasurer's report as written, seconded by Supervisor Blood, motion carried.

Supervisors Report

No report

Clerk's Report

Clerk Borton reported that the November General Election went great. Thank you to the township election inspectors. Everything went very smoothly. Clerk Borton thanked the residents and board members for allowing her to serve over the past months. She enjoyed it and is grateful for the opportunity. She advised she will swear in the new board members this evening and is hopeful that everything will go well through the transition to the new board.

Fire Chief Report

Chief Walker presented the Fire Chief Report. 134 calls to date. 13 structure fires, 86 medical first responders, 9 Personal Injury accidents, 26 all others (power lines, grass fires, brush fires, etc.) Mutual aid received 4, provided 11. Engine 1 received service and passed the annual pump test. Engine 1 also had an oil lube and will need exhaust repair next month.

Public Comment

Chris Strickling asked Supervisor Blood when the forensic audit will be published. Supervisor Blood said he did not know. He said the final audit report was being reviewed by law enforcement.

Adjournment

Motion by Supervisor Blood to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 PM, supported by Trustee Fox. Motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted

Sulyn Bettinghouse

APPROVED _____ Sulyn Bettinghouse, Township Clerk

*Following the meeting, Kaitlyn Borton swore in all the newly elected board members Kathy Ainsworth, Sulyn Bettinghouse, Tamara Edwards, Angela Lamphere and Sandra Thelen.