

**Minutes of the (Regular) Meeting of the
Brown Township Board
June 9th, 2021**

1. Call to Order

Paul Adamski called the regular business meeting of the Brown Township board at 7:00 p.m. on June 9th, 2021 at Brown Township Hall.

2. Roll Call

Deborah Knutson conducted a roll call: Paul Adamski, Deborah Knutson, Lani Millsap, Tim Joseph and Paul Wondolowski were present. Jared Litwiller, Brown Township Assessor, Rob Carson from Networks Northwest and Steve Fosdick were also present.

3. Approve the Agenda

Tim Joseph made a motion to approve the meeting agenda as presented; Paul Wondolowski seconded. Motion carried.

4. Public Comment

Steve Fosdick from Connect Manistee came to report about broadband internet. See Discussion Period.

5. Approval of Minutes from the previous meeting

Tim Joseph made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 12th, 2021 minutes as presented. Paul Wondolowski seconded. Motion carried.

6. Reports

Supervisor –Paul Adamski reported that he has received calls on quite a few properties. There is 1 land use permit for a home on the corner of Indian Trail Road and River Road. He also reported that he attended a Planning Commission meeting where ORV's were being discussed.

Clerk – Deborah Knutson reported that she is getting ready for the upcoming August 3rd election for West Shore Community College millage. The hall is going to be a central place for tabulators to be checked for all the townships in the county June 16th – 19th. She was able to find a cleaning company that came and cleaned before the first hall rental and was very pleased with their service. The website is just about ready to launch with a few additions.

Treasurer – Lani Millsap presented financial reports showing check #13808 to #13831 for payments. Total disbursements of \$9,939.53. Tim Joseph made a motion to pay June's bills; Paul Wondolowski seconded. Motion passed. The Treasurer's Report was received showing a current passbook balance of \$297,972.26.

Assessor – Jared Litwiller reported that there is a lot of movement going on in Brown Township for sales. Board of Review went well and the next one is scheduled for July 20th at 10:30 p.m.

Planning Commission – Tim Joseph reported that they are continuing to go through the ordinance and are going back through stuff from the beginning that wasn't tackled before. They are also looking into the pros and cons of allowing ORVs.

7. New Business

- a. Zoning Text Amendment Adoption – The Planning Commission held a public hearing and there was no public comment. The Marijuana Ordinance has had "licensed by the State of Michigan and then must be" was stricken from the following sentence "At the time of application for a special use permit the marijuana establishment must be licensed by the State of Michigan and then must be at all times in compliance with the laws of the State of Michigan including, but not limited to....." Deborah Knutson made a motion to change the Marijuana Ordinance by eliminating the sentence referred to above. Lani Millsap seconded. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion carried.

8. Discussion Period

- a. Broadband Internet – Steve Fosdick from Connect Manistee came and discussed on how they are trying to improve broadband internet in Manistee County through surveys. They also want to conduct a feasibility study and are seeking a letter of support from the Township.
The recycling has continued to be a problem at the hall and Paul Adamski may put a video camera up and sign to see if that will help the problem.
Paul Wondolowski reported that he attended the MTA meeting last month and touched on a few topics that were discussed.

- 9. Upcoming Events** - Next Board Meeting – July 14th, 2021, 7:00 p.m.
Board of Review – July 20th, 2021, 10:30 a.m.

- 10. Adjournment** – Tim Joseph made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m.; seconded by Paul Wondolowski. Motion carried.

Minutes recorded by Deborah Knutson, Clerk.