

**Minutes of the (Regular) Meeting of the
Brown Township Board
August 14, 2024**

1. Call to Order

Paul Adamski called the regular business meeting of the Brown Township board to order at 7:02 p.m. on August 14, 2024.

2. Roll Call

Deborah Knutson conducted a roll call: Paul Adamski – Supervisor, Deborah Knutson - Clerk, Melissa Hughey – Treasurer, Timothy Joseph - Trustee and Paul Wondolowski – Trustee were present.

3. Approve the Agenda

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

4. Public Comment

No public comment.

5. Approval of Minutes from the previous meeting

Tim Joseph made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2024 meeting; Paul Wondolowski seconded. Motion carried. Tim Joseph made a motion to approve the June 26, 2024 Budget Meeting minutes; Paul Wondolowski seconded. Motion carried. Tim Joseph made a motion to approve the Public Hearing Meeting minutes of the June 26, 2024 meeting; Paul Wondolowski seconded. Motion carried.

6. Reports

Supervisor – Paul Adamski reported that he got back to Mr. and Mrs. Shedd about internet. Charter doesn't go down Chief Road yet, so the only other options are Kaleva Telephone, Hughes net or Starlink. Collins Road has been redone. All the shoulders were pulled in and re-ditched. It was also scraped, re-graveled and brined. A lot of work has already been done at the gas plant facility on Collins Road. There is a Land Use Permit out for an addition to a pole barn on Coates Highway and another Land Use Permit out for a garage on Kerry Road.

Clerk – Deborah Knutson reported that the election went well with a few small hiccups. There were 176 voters; 75 of them were absentee voters. The new camera was installed last week that will be monitoring the absentee ballot box. There were trees trimmed up around the hall to prepare for the camera and the election. The Hall was also power washed. The Marketplace wasn't as well attended but it could have been due to the weather. Also, better signs and advertising will have to be addressed. She talked to the Attorney about the interest for Marijuana in Michigan Class if it can be used in the General Fund and also the cemetery interest if that can be used for cemetery expenses. She also asked if Marijuana funds can be used for roads that have facilities on them. The Attorney will get back to her on what he finds out.

Treasurer – Melissa Hughey reported that she invested \$260,000 of the General Fund money, \$40,000 of the Fire and Rescue money and \$100,000 of the Road Repair money to Michigan Class. Tax bills are already trickling in so far for this tax season. She presented financial reports showing checks #14779 to #14826 for payments. Total disbursements of \$15,458.47. Tim Joseph made a motion to pay the bills; Paul Wondolowski seconded. Motion carried. The Treasurer's Report was received showing a current balance of \$253,192.63

Assessor – No report given.

Planning Commission – No report given because meeting was canceled due to sickness.

7. New Business – No new business.

8. Discussion Period

- a. Sign Policy – Deborah Knutson reported that during the election she had a candidate who wanted to put a sign up on the Township property. According to what she learned it is fine to have signs as long as they are 100 feet from the polling location. She was approached by a concerned citizen that this could cause problems if political signs are allowed on Township property. She will reach out to other Townships to see if this has been a problem and if they have a sign policy.
- b. Marijuana – Deborah will find out if the interest for the funds for Marijuana in Michigan Class can be used. All 7 licenses are in compliance. 6 – grow and 1 – processor.
- c. Zoning Violation – Deborah Knutson reported that she received an email from a concerned citizen again on the zoning violation on the river. The Township Attorney is working on a letter to address this violation.

9. Upcoming Events

Next Board Meeting – September 11, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

10. Adjournment – Tim Joseph made a motion to adjourn at 8:23 p.m.; Paul Wondolowski seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes recorded by Deborah Knutson, Clerk.

Minutes approved – September 11, 2024