

**Minutes of the (Regular) Meeting of the
Brown Township Board
April 10, 2024**

1. Call to Order

Paul Adamski called the regular business meeting of the Brown Township board to order at 7:01 p.m. on April 10, 2024.

2. Roll Call

Deborah Knutson conducted a roll call: Paul Adamski – Supervisor, Deborah Knutson - Clerk, Melissa Hughey – Treasurer, Paul Wondolowski - Trustee and Tim Joseph – Trustee were present. Rob Carson from Networks Northwest, Neil Somsel, Ralph Mortenson, President of the Manistee County Library Board and Sylvester Wood, Chairperson for the Planning Commission were also present.

3. Approve the Agenda

Tim Joseph made a motion to approve the meeting agenda with the addition of Republic Services Agreement to New Business; Paul Wondolowski seconded. Motion carried.

4. Public Comment

Neil Somsel came to ask about Meeting minutes on the Brown Township website. Ralph Mortenson from the Manistee County Library came to inform the board of the activities and services that the library is offering and to ask if there was anything that the board was interested in seeing the library provide. There will possibly be a milage on the August ballot for the library but no raise in funds needed.

5. Approval of Minutes from the previous meeting

Tim Joseph made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2024 meeting; Paul Wondolowski seconded. Motion carried.

6. Reports

Supervisor – Paul Adamski reported that Board of Review met March 14th from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. There were 3 petitions – 1 for assessed value and 2 for poverty exemptions. There is 1 land use permit (#1466) for a 30 x 40 pole barn on Coates Hwy. Paul also mentioned that he got a call from Mary Riley from the MSU Extension that they are planning a Citizen Planning and Zoning Training in September through November that they would like to host at Brown Township since it is a central location in the County. It will be \$250 a person and we would get a free one since we may host it.

Clerk – Deborah Knutson reported that March was pretty quiet. The website now has the updated Master Plan on it and there is also a new tab for the Assessor. Haglund's will be coming next Monday to install the new floors in the foyer and bathrooms. We now have an account at Onekama Building Supply.

Treasurer – Melissa Hughey reported that the newsletter for the summer tax bills will need to go out at the end of May. This will be discussed at May's meeting. She presented financial reports showing check #14695 to #14721 for payments. Total disbursements of \$13,608.41. 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 \$486,019.96.

Assessor – No report was given.

Planning Commission – Sylvester Wood reported that the Master Plan is now complete and they have made up a press release for the newspaper. They will be holding a Public Hearing May 13th at

6:00 p.m. for 3 special use permits for Marijuana grow. They are getting close to completing the updated Zoning Ordinance.

7. New Business

- a. Cornerstone Lawncare Proposal – Tim Joseph made a motion to accept the lawncare proposal from Cornerstone for the 2024 season; Paul Wondolowski seconded. Motion carried. The prices have not changed from 2023.
- b. Republic Services Agreement – Republic Services garbage removal prices are going up at about a 6% increase because of inflation. For the coming year it will go up to \$507.62 for the truck and \$50.60 a ton. The previous year was \$478.89 for the truck and \$47.74 a ton. It will be a 5% percent increase in years 2 and 3 of the agreement. Tim Joseph made a motion to accept the 3-year agreement; Paul Wondolowski seconded. Motion carried.

8. Discussion Period

- a. Countywide Zoning Ordinance – Rob Carson from Networks Northwest has been contracted by the County to get some feedback from the Townships and Villages of the interest in a Countywide Zoning Ordinance. He left a survey for the board to fill out. If there is interest, He can come back and explain more.
- b. Marijuana – All Marijuana licenses are in compliance and 2 licenses will be expiring in June.

9. Upcoming Events

Next Board Meeting – May 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Spring Garbage Cleanup – May 4, 2024 from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.

- 10. Adjournment** – Tim Joseph made a motion to adjourn at 8:55 p.m.; Melissa Hughey seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes recorded by Deborah Knutson, Clerk.

Minutes approved – May 8, 2024