

**SAGOLA TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
Sagola Community Bldg.  
Monday, June 6, 2022**

**MINUTES [DRAFT]**

Don Minerick, Supervisor, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Clerk Julie Roell, Treasurer Rita Rotter, Trustees Terry McDonald, Mike Kroll, Supervisor Don Minerick

**Members Absent:** None

**Moved by Minerick, supported by Kroll, to add Business (e) Summer Help (f) STAR Contract Renewal (g) Term Expirations/Commissions (h) Pavilion Bids and to approve the amended agenda. MOTION CARRIED**

Elise, a representative from Circle Power, solar project at the Groveland Mine site, was present to explain that an attorney was working on a draft and maps of the area and will keep in touch as the project progresses.

**Moved by Rotter, supported by Minerick, to approve the May 2, 2022, Minutes as written. MOTION CARRIED**

A letter was received from Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition to ask permission to spray for wild parsnip along the M95 and M69 corridors in Sagola Twp. at no cost to the township. **Moved by Roell, supported by McDonald, to allow spraying for wild parsnips in Sagola Twp. on Hwy M-95, and Hwy M69.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Moved by Roell, supported by Rotter, to pay special bills: BS&A (\$903) Assessor annual maint/ Dickinson Co. Equal. (\$185) Brd of Review ad/ Sikora (\$11,280) Newberg Pk water heater/ Markell (\$275) Damaged roof cap/Sagola hall/ GFL Enviro. (\$269) Newberg Pk trash p/u/ Crystal Lumber (\$180) Pavilion roof maint./ The Daily News (\$211) Zoning changes/ Home Depot (\$331) Drill/batteries/ Kingsford Ace (\$382) FD glove, drill sets/ NAPA (\$1132) FD Batteries/bed liner/ UP Truck Center (\$222) FD Truck exhaust/ Coleman Eng. (\$5205) Sewer project/ Oshkosh Fire (11,861) FD Air cylinders/lanterns/ Roy Dahlgren (\$390) Newberg Pk maint/gas and all regular bills.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Moved by Roell, supported by Minerick, to approve payment of \$18,480 to Hannula Insurance Agency for the annual insurance policy renewal. MOTION CARRIED**

**CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 pm**

**ROLL CALL**

All Present

**AGENDA**

Amended Agenda *Approved*

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Comments Opened: 6:05 PM

Comments Closed: 6:07 PM

**MINUTE APPROVAL**

Regular Meeting 5/2/22 *Approved*

**OFFICIALS REPORTS**

**Clerk/Julie Roell**

Wild Parsnip Spraying

M95, M69 *Approved*

Regular/Special Bills

*Approved*

Brian Lavigne wants to borrow 20 chairs from Randville Hall. He is asked to please mark down how many chairs he takes and returns the same amount.

Star Martin has not been charging for using the Randville Hall. She only charges for those who have alcohol at the hall. Julie will send her more reservation forms for liability purposes.

Taxes will be going out to the printer in two weeks.

**Moved by Rotter, supported by Minerick, to accept US-2 Rental proposal to fix the Newberg Park Cub Cadet mower for a cost of \$550-\$600.**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

Dickinson Co. Master Plan has surveys to be filled out. Don sent a letter to the DCRC thanking them for the \$100,000 to be applied to the Herzog Rd. project. The paving will end 250' short on the east end as they ran into mud and won't be able to pave. Old 69 will be finished when Turner Rd and Lake Ellen are done.

The Tom King Memorial in Randville is being completed with the help of an Eagle Scout project and Bill Verette.

MTA meetings will be serving snacks and desserts, no longer meals, and each meeting will be at the Breitung Twp. Hall.

Grant Carlson has begun working on "opting in" for marijuana retail business in Sagola Twp.

Dust control will take place on gravel roads in Sagola Twp. on 6/20/22.

Terry McDonald submitted a resignation letter for Liquor Enforcement Officer and Ordinance Enforcement Officer. **Moved by Minerick, supported by McDonald, to accept the resignation of Terry McDonald as Liquor Enforcement/Ordinance Enforcement Officer.**  
**MOTION CARRIED**

The position will be posted in the post offices of Channing and Sagola and on the township website.

Mike reported that the MI Senate has passed a gas tax vacation package that will reduce the cost of gasoline from 6/15 to 9/15/22

Amy was not in attendance. Scott Nowack from Coleman Engineering was on hand to bring the Board up-to-date on the Sewer Upgrade Project. Attorney Steve Tinti is reviewing maps and is requesting deeds near the lagoons and railroad tracks. Title searches at the courthouse will be conducted and will cost in the area of \$1000. Final site plans will be available soon.

Dan reported 12 page-outs in the past month, many of which were grass fires due to fallen trees on power lines. The Fire Dept. received a 2013 Chev Silverado from Enbridge. The furnace in the Sagola

**Treasurer/Rita Rotter**

Newberg Pk Cub Cadet Repairs  
\$550-\$600 *Approved*

**Supervisor/Don Minerick**

Resignation of McDonald as Liquor  
and Ordinance Enforcement Officer  
*Approved*

**Trustee/T McDonald**

**Trustee//M Kroll**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Assessor/Amy Marinoff**

**Scott Nowack, Coleman Eng.**

**Fire Dept./Dan Simonsen**

garage is continuously running; a component was just replaced. Dan will check into getting a used furnace from Sikora by this fall.

Pam handed in a monthly report. Kroll updated the Board regarding the changes to Zoning Ordinance with the whole length of Channing be zoned business, from Byers Road to 1<sup>st</sup> St. The draft is available on the township website.

Don B. gave out a maintenance report. He has been busy with mowing and weed trimming. He will call Universal Plumbing about the problems in the Newberg Park restrooms. Nordic Plumbing has not responded despite multiple phone calls. A light fixture in the women’s restroom has been out for three years and needs to be fixed. Don M. will ask Jack Feak if has time to fix it, if not, then MJ Electric should be called to repair it and also get a quote for switching over all lights to LED. Kurt Caylor has priced out landscaping blocks for a beach retaining wall. The materials could run between \$2500-\$4000 depending upon the date of purchase. A permit will be needed since the wall will be within 500’ of water.  
**Motion by Roell, Supported by Rotter, to allow Kurt Caylor to obtain materials to construct a Newberg Park retaining wall at the approximate cost of \$2500-\$4000.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Several complaints were voiced regarding the weeds and branches on the cemetery grounds. A suggestion was made to contact the Sheriff’s Dept. about straightening tilted headstones. There was 70% occupancy during the Memorial Day weekend at Newberg Park and there are 12 seasonal campers.

P. Minerick’s two-year term is up and she is requesting a \$75/month raise which will bring her monthly salary to \$425. **Moved by McDonald, supported by Kroll, to increase the Zoning Adm’s monthly salary to \$425/month.**

**Roll Call**      **Ayes: Kroll, McDonald, Rotter, Roell**  
                    **Nays: None**                      **Abstain: Minerick**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Moved by Rotter, supported by Roell, to raise Yvonne Schultz’s Waste Administrator salary to \$200/month, and to appoint her as Liquor Enforcement Officer for \$25/month.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Moved by Minerick, supported by McDonald, to increase Ralph Marinoff’s salary by \$50/month for trash pick-up, with a total monthly salary of \$2750/month.**                      **MOTION CARRIED**

**Fire Dept./Dan Simondsen (cont’d)**

**Zoning Adm./Pam Minerick**

**Maintenance/Don Begarowicz**  
Newberg Park beach retaining wall materials \$2500-\$4000

*Approved*

**BUSINESS**

**Zoning Adm. Renewal / 2 years**  
Wage Increase \$75/mo.

*Approved*

**Waste Mgmt Adm. / 2 years**  
Wage Increase \$200/mo.

Appt’d as Liquor Enforcement Officer at \$25/mo.    *Approved*

**R. Marinoff Annual Trash P/U Agreement**

Increase \$50/mo.    *Approved*

Grant Carlson is reviewing “Opt-In” procedures for allowing marijuana retail/medicinal facilities in the event the township wants to reverse its earlier decision of opting out. Julie handed out the breakdown of the actual percentages of how the marijuana sales tax revenues would be split out by the state.

The sole applicant for the summer helper position was William Smith. **Moved by Minerick, supported by McDonald, to hire Will Smith at \$10/hour as summer helper. MOTION CARRIED**

**Moved by Roell, Supported by Rotter, to accept the annual STAR Ambulance contract renewal. MOTION CARRIED**

**Moved by Roell, Supported by Rotter, to re-appoint Sue Ivey to another three-year term on the Zoning Board of Appeals. MOTION CARRIED**

**Moved by Roell, supported by McDonald, to appoint Donna Cline to a three-year term on the Planning Commission. MOTION CARRIED**

Gerry McCole has not responded to emails regarding his positions on the Planning Comm., Zoning Board of Appeals, and the Violations Bureau. Pam will ask Dale Johnson if he will accept a three-year term on the Zoning Board of Appeals and this issue will be placed on the July meeting agenda. **Please note that the meeting date for July is Wednesday, July 6, 2022, as approved at the March meeting.**

Two bids were received for the pavilion construction: MBM Construction at \$148,955 and Roy Ness Contracting at \$113,176. **Moved by McDonald, Supported by Minerick, to accept the Roy Ness quote of \$113,176 for the construction of a pavilion at the old hall site.**

**Roll Call Ayes: Kroll, McDonald, Minerick  
Nays: Rotter, Roell**

**MOTION CARRIED**

No soil boring samples have been conducted despite two unanimous Board votes to do so.

**Moved by McDonald, Supported by Minerick, to remove the large maple tree near the old hall site at the cost of \$900 by 1<sup>st</sup> Down Tree Service. Voice Vote Ayes: 3; Nays: 2**

**MOTION CARRIED**

The tree could possibly fall on the pavilion at some future date.

Bob Cary has offered to build a beverage table for the Sagola Hall and will submit a bill for construction materials.

Comments included whether there will be a formal contract from Roy Ness for the pavilion construction not to exceed the bid amount.

## **Marijuana Opt-In**

### **Summer Help**

W. Smith Hired at \$10/hour  
*Approved*

### **STAR Contract Renewal**

*Approved*

### **Zoning Brd of Appeals**

Sue Ivey Re-appointed  
*Approved*

### **Planning Commission**

Donna Cline Appt'd *Approved*

### **Pavilion Bids**

Roy Ness Contracting Bid \$113,176  
*Approved*

### **Tree Removal/Old Hall Site**

1<sup>st</sup> Down Quote \$900  
*Approved*

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Minerick responded that there will be a contract with the amount not to exceed the bid.

Comments regarding if community impact studies have been done about opening a marijuana retail business were voiced. A public hearing should be held.

Rotter: Summer help can sand and stain the picnic tables to preserve them.

Roell: Summer help could vacuum and clean the hall chairs, too.  
Julie passed out copies of the Carey Logging invoice for the Newberg Park boat launch with the change order of \$8000 for completing the launch that was approved by Tom Roell and Don Minerick prior to the 12/1/2020 special bills motion. She explained that special bills are noted and the actual invoice is available at the meeting for Board members to review prior to payment.

**Moved by Minerick, supported by McDonald, to adjourn the Monday, June 6, 2022, Regular Board Meeting at 8:04 PM.  
MOTION CARRIED**

Minutes Prepared By:

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Julie Roell, Clerk

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Date

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Cont'd.**

Comments Opened: 7:50 PM

Comments Closed: 7:55 PM

## **BOARD PRIVILEGE**

**ADJOURNMENT 8:04 PM**

