

**SAGOLA TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
Sagola Community Bldg.  
January 3, 2023**

**MINUTES [Approved]**

Mike Cline, Supervisor, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Supervisor Mike Cline, Clerk Julie Roell, Treasurer Robin Begarowicz, Trustee Mike Kroll

**Members Absent:** Terry McDonald

Add to Business: (e) N95 Association, (f) DIISD Summer Tax Collection. **Moved by Roell, supported by Begarowicz, to approve the amended agenda. MOTION CARRIED**

No Public Comments were offered.

**Moved by Begarowicz, supported by Kroll, to amend and approve the 12/5/22 Regular Meeting Minutes with a correction on pg 2 for Spark deadline application due on 12/18/22, not 12/19/22. MOTION CARRIED**

**Moved by Roell, supported by Kroll, to set the annual Budget Meeting for February 6, 2023, immediately following the Regular Meeting. MOTION CARRIED**

**Moved by Roell, supported by Begarowicz, to pay special bills: Luft's Advertising (\$1309) for property tax change notices, and all regular bills. MOTION CARRIED**

Robin read aloud her December treasurer's report.

The Board had not made a motion to accept the sole bidder, Bacco Construction, for the sewer improvement project as the budget for construction had a \$532,518 shortfall. Removal of pipe costs would leave the project with a \$140,095 shortfall and Coleman Engineering recommends this option. Coleman will help with trying to secure additional grant monies to offset the shortfall. **Moved by Roell, supported by Begarowicz, to award the Sagola Twp. Sewer Improvement Project to Bacco Construction. MOTION CARRIED**

The sewer rate increase for residential customers to \$46.20/month total was approved at the 11/3/22 special meeting. Commercial and high-use rates were not addressed at that meeting. **Moved by Begarowicz, supported by Roell, to increase commercial rates and high-use commercial rates by approximately 10%/month in quarterly increments over four quarters until the commercial**

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

**ROLL CALL**

Absent: McDonald

**AGENDA**

Amended Agenda *Approved*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comments

**MINUTE APPROVAL**

12/5/22 Regular Minutes *Approved*  
*Amended*

**OFFICIALS REPORTS**

**Clerk/Julie Roell**

Feb. 6, 2023, Budget Meeting  
*Approved*

Special & Regular Bills *Approved*

**Treasurer/Robin Begarowicz**

**Supervisor/Mike Cline**

Bacco Construction Bid Sewer Project  
*Approved*

Sewer Commercial & High-Use Commercial Rate Increases  
*Approved*

rate is achieved at \$56/month, and high-use commercial rate at \$107/month. *Approved*

We Energies emailed a cost conversion LED spreadsheet for street lights, but the Channing area was not included. Mike Cline will contact them for a complete cost conversion for the entire township.

M95 from M69 East to M69 West is slated to be rebuilt this upcoming year and costs for Sagola streets and pavilion parking lot could be impacted favorably if this project goes through.

Mike Kroll mentioned the mining rights release by the state in the Keweenaw.

Elise and Chris, Circle Power, were available for comments and questions regarding the Groveland Mine Project solar farm.

Amy Bucek was not in attendance.

Dan reported one page-out in November in Iron River, and four page-outs in December.

Pam had emailed a zoning report and Julie read through portions of it, and the report is a part of these Minutes. The report dealt mostly with the Groveland Mine Project and whether the Board should seek the services of Grant Carlson, township attorney. Mike Cline will call Pam and ask about the two attorneys that were mentioned in her report, and their role thus far with the project.

Don had a written report and lagoon #2 has been discharged.

Nancy has been in contact with the inhabitants of the Piasini house on M95, Channing. She visited the residence on Peavy Falls Rd., and spoke with the owner. Boussum Well Drilling is not responding to her inquiries and she will follow the township ordinance for the next procedure. The Nutter home ownership is being taken to court. The Ken Piasini residence looks worse than ever and Nancy will get him a copy of the ordinance that pertains to his infractions.

Street lights and sewer project updates were addressed during the Supervisor's Report.

The N95 Committee has disbanded and has \$1870 in funds that they would like to turn over to the township for community promotions/enrichment. **Moved by Roell, supported by Begarowicz, to deposit funds from the N95 Committee into the General Fund for community enrichment and promotion events.**

*Approved*

**Supervisor Report Cont'd**

**Trustee/ Mike Kroll**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Assessor/Amy Bucek**

**Fire Dept./Dan Simonsen, Chief**

**Zoning Adm./Pam Minerick**

**Maintenance /Don Begarowicz**

**Enforcement Officer/N. Reese**

**LED Street Lights Update  
Sewer Project Update**

**N95 Association/Rec Plan Update  
Funds to General Fund**

*Approved*

M. Cline measured square footage for pavilion ceiling and boxing in the north end of the pavilion. Approximate costs could be between \$15,000-\$20,000. The Board agreed that a tongue-in-groove ceiling in the pavilion was too costly. Discussion included installing a countertop in the north end. No decisions were made at this point.

**Moved by Roell, supported by Begarowicz, to approve the DIISD Summer Tax Rate Request.**

*Approved*

The funding from DCRC and our township for roads is set, but is not yet approved at the state level. More information will be forthcoming in February.

A request for an ice rink in Channing was put forth along with potential help from the Holsworth family for next winter.

Robin will look into the tax records to find out the ownership of the Randville Hall property and easement for the purpose of potentially putting the hall up for sale.

**Moved by Kroll, supported by Roell, to adjourn the January 3, 2023 meeting, at 7:39 p.m.**

*Approved*

**Minutes Submitted By:**

**Date:**

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Julie Roell, Clerk

## **Pavilion Improvement**

## **DIISD Summer Tax Rate**

*Approved*

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Comments Opened: 7:26 pm

Comments Closed: 7:34 pm

## **BOARD PRIVILEGE**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

7:39 p.m.