

**SAGOLA TOWNSHIP BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
Sagola Community Bldg.  
August 7, 2023**

**MINUTES [Approved]**

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

**Members Present:** Supervisor Mike Cline, Treasurer Robin Begarowicz, Clerk Julie Roell, Trustees Mike Kroll and Luke Fleming

On the Agenda, change “Newberg Campground” under Committee Reports to: “Recreation Committee.” **Moved by Roell, supported by Fleming, to approve the amended agenda.**

***MOTION CARRIED***

Will there be dumpsters put out in the fall? Randville dumpster was barely used, Sagola about half full and Channing was full. No dumpsters are planned for the fall as of yet.

There will be an update regarding the Groveland Mine Solar Project at next month’s meeting.

**Moved by Cline, supported by Kroll, to approve the 7/5/23 Regular Meeting Minutes as written.**

***MOTION CARRIED***

**Moved by Roell, supported by Cline, to approve special bills: Carey/Sodergren’s (\$1860) Newberg Park gravel, picnic tables, septic pumping; Kingsford Ace (\$221) Newberg Pk maint.; UP Propane (\$2846) EMS pre-buy & (\$1741) O&M pre-buy; Colligo GIS (\$500), UP International (\$600) FD pickup maint.; DCRC (\$151,110) Sagola streets; Mike Cline (\$360) playground reimbursement, and all regular bills.** ***MOTION CARRIED***

Robin submitted a Treasurer’s Report which is included in these Minutes. **Moved by Cline, supported by Roell, to accept a flat rate fee of \$5 per quarter for sewer interest payment on delinquent accounts.** ***MOTION CARRIED***

The board needs to have a policy in place for capping of sewers when houses are demolished or burnt down and will not be rebuilt. We made a motion last month to pass on all costs of capping to the property owner. The 1984 Sewer Ordinance does not address the capping of sewer lines. Nothing has been heard regarding the \$10,000 FD grant that was submitted.

Help is needed following tonight’s meeting to stand up the playground equipment in preparation for the concrete pouring. A sewer construction meeting will be held 8/17/23 at 2 pm.

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

**ROLL CALL**

All Present

**AGENDA**

Amended Agenda ***Approved***

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Comments Opened: 6:02 pm

Comments Closed: 6:04 pm

**MINUTE APPROVAL**

7/5/23 Regular Minutes ***Approved***

**OFFICIALS REPORTS**

**Clerk/Julie Roell**

Regular & Special Bills ***Approved***

**Treasurer/Robin Begarowicz**

Qtrly flat fee of \$5 interest for delinquent sewer payments.

***Approved***

**Supervisor/Mike Cline**

Luke requested that DCRC be contacted regarding Herzog Rd. for crack sealing the new culvert. Mike Cline will ask at the next DCRC meeting. Dirt work between the Sagola pavilion and FD garage needs to be done to ensure that dirt can't enter the man door. The hydrant at Channing ball field needs to be replaced. Should a contractor be called in to fix this or will maintenance handle it?

Mike had questions regarding PILT agreement and property tax exemptions on the Groveland Mine project. Elise was able to explain and will have more information at next month's meeting.

Amy was not present, but approved a renewal of her annual contract. **Moved by Roell, supported by Cline, to approve another year contract with Amy Bucek for assessing at the same rate of pay.**

***MOTION CARRIED***

Dan reported three page-outs in July and a new member, Emma King, has applied to the Fire Dept. Boussum Well Drilling has recommended that both pumps at the EMS Building be replaced as they no longer meet code. Dan was given permission to replace the pumps. It was suggested that STAR pay half the cost. **Moved by Roell, supported by Cline, to approve the application of Emma King to the Fire Dept.**

***MOTION CARRIED***

Pam submitted her monthly report. The Planning Commission will be meeting tonight and has asked for permission to look over the township's ordinances. **Moved by Cline, supported by Fleming, to allow the Planning Comm. to review the township ordinances and make recommendations to the board.**

***MOTION CARRIED***

Don submitted a written report. The 1989 tractor should be listed and Don will get the hours. The county has expressed some interest in it. It was suggested that Newberg Park septic be pumped annually in the spring. The water tower expense is in the area of \$3500-\$5000.

A Violations Bureau meeting is set for 8/14/23 at 6 pm. **Moved by Roell, supported by Kroll, to renew the E.O. contract for one year at the same rate of pay.**

***MOTION CARRIED***

The Rec Committee has met twice and reviewed the current Rec Plan line by line. A site inspection of Channing Park and Newberg Park was conducted. Melody Caylor and Patti Roell have applied to the Rec Committee and they went on the site inspections. Race's Landing and Camp Molinare should be added to the Rec Plan. 8/8/23 at 2 pm is the date for the next meeting. **Moved by Roell, supported by Cline, to appoint Patti Roell and Melody Caylor to the Recreation Committee.**

***MOTION CARRIED***

**Trustee/Luke Fleming**

**Trustee/ Mike Kroll**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Assessor/Amy Bucek**

**Fire Dept./Dan Simondsen, Chief  
Member Emma King**

***Approved***

**Zoning Adm./Pam Minerick  
Planning Commission to review  
Township ordinances *Approved***

**Maintenance /Don Begarowicz**

**Enforcement Officer/Nancy Reese**

**Recreation Committee  
Members Patti Roell, Melody Caylor  
*Approved***

Contract was renewed during Assessor report at same rate as last year.

Newberg Park costs will be assessed and Julie will obtain the information for next month's meeting.

Concrete will be poured at 2 pm tomorrow.

The septic tanks in Sagola are under construction and the lift station was supposed to have been finished the end of July.

The GIS invoice was approved during special bills.

What is happening with the Randville Hall? Why is a cleaning person getting paid if it's not being used? The bathroom ceiling no longer leaks, but the sheetrock ceiling is water damaged and needs to be replaced. Mike Cline will inspect the building prior to the next meeting.

Mike Kroll does not approve tables and chairs being removed from the hall. No one has borrowed either tables or chairs from the hall since the new hall has been built. Picnic tables from the Channing pavilion were loaned out to a family memorial service of a long-time resident. The tables, built and donated by Dickinson County inmates, were not damaged.

Robin would like to acknowledge the hard work of Mike and Donna Cline, Melody Wolf, Pam Minerick, and others, as well as members of the Fire Dept. in prepping the playground and installing the equipment.

**Moved by Cline, supported by Roell, to adjourn the August 7, 2023, Regular Meeting at 7:16 p.m. MOTION CARRIED**

**Minutes By:**

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Julie Roell, Clerk

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Date

**BUSINESS**

**Assessor Annual Renewal**

**Newberg Park Costs**

**Playground Update**

**Sewer Construction Update**

**GIS Renewal**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Comments Opened: 7:05 pm

Comments Closed: 7:12 pm

**BOARD PRIVILEGE**

**ADJOURNMENT**

7:16 PM