

Higgins Township

May 2, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Higgins Township Board was brought to order by Supervisor Curnalia at 7:00 pm on Monday, May 2, 2022, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Supervisor Curnalia, Clerk Borgula, Treasurer Sullivan, Trustee Peters and Trustee Jennette

Members absent: None

Interested persons in attendance: Tim Mephram and Aaron Grace from Fire/EMS. Jory Klumpp and Sue Jock from RARA

Roscommon Area Recreation Authority: Purpose is to gather input for the Five-Year Park, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan 2023-2027. There was no public input. Once all data is gathered; from public meetings, public input and online surveys; a formal plan will be published for public input.

Chair Sue Jock presented the board with the March 8, 2022 RARA meeting minutes. Went over upcoming events.

Public Comment: None

Consent Agenda: Motioned by Clerk Borgula and Treasurer Sullivan to accept the consent agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

Fire/EMS: Tim Mephram presented the board with the Fire Department May minutes. Fire Engine 421 is back from repairs. Chief Mephram is putting forth TJ Stringham for employment for fire. Motion made by Trustee Jennette and seconded by Treasurer Sullivan to approve the employment of TJ Stringham for a 90-day trial period. All ayes. Motion carried.

Old Business: Amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement: Motion made by Clerk Borgula and seconded by Treasurer Sullivan to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement Concerning the First Amendment to the Roscommon Area Recreation Authority (*see attached*). All ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Curnalia and Clerk Borgula signed the amendment, waiting on the Village's President and Clerk signature.

New Business:

Fire Department Bush Truck: Motion made by Clerk Borgula and Seconded by Trustee Peters to purchase the Brush Truck from South Branch Township and upgrading it using ARPA Funds up to \$16,000. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Motion made by Treasurer Sullivan and seconded by Trustee Jennette to adjourn the meeting at 7:25. All ayes. Motion carried.

William Curnalia, Supervisor

Maggie Borgula, Clerk

These minutes are subject to change/amendment at the next regular meeting of the Higgins Township Board on Monday, June 6th, 2022 at 7:00 pm. Minutes written by Clerk Borgula

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE
**FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE
ROSCOMMON AREA RECREATION AUTHORITY**

THIS INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT to amend the Articles of Incorporation for the Roscommon Area Recreation Authority is entered into between the Village of Roscommon, a general law village, whose address is 702 Lake St., P.O. Box 236, Roscommon, MI 48653 (the Village) and Higgins Township, a Michigan general law township, whose address is 700 South 5th St., P.O. Box 576, Roscommon, MI 48653 (The Township). Together the parties shall be referred to as the Participating Municipalities.

RECITALS

- A. The Participating Municipalities incorporated the Roscommon Area Recreation Authority under Act 321 of the Public Acts of 2000, the Recreational Authorities Act (the Act) in December, 2019.
- B. The Articles of Incorporation were filed with the Michigan Department of State, Office of the Great Seal State on February 27, 2020.
- c. The Participating Municipalities desire to amend the Articles of Incorporation for the Roscommon Area Recreation Authority to provide that upon dissolution of the Authority either of the Participating Municipalities shall assume control of land owned by the Authority that is encumbered in whole or in part with grants from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.
- D. The Participating Municipalities, therefore, enter into this Agreement to accomplish the desired amendment.

AGREEMENT

In consideration of the mutual promises contained herein, the Participating Municipalities hereby agree as follows:

1. Article XI of the Articles of Incorporation is hereby amended to add a new subsection D, which shall read in its entirety as follows:

D. All lands encumbered with grants from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) must be maintained as public lands in perpetuity or as outlined in the DNR Grant Project Agreement. In the event that, at the time of the dissolution, the Authority is in possession of the lands encumbered in whole or in part with DNR grants one or more of the Participating Municipalities shall assume

control of said lands and will be responsible for the grant encumbrances and long-term commitments.

2. Except as provided herein, all of the terms and conditions of the Articles of Incorporation creating the Roscommon Area Recreation Authority shall remain in full force and effect.
3. The Clerk for the Village of Roscommon shall be responsible for publishing this First Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation in the _____ and for filing a certified copy of this First Amendment with the Secretary of State as required by the Act.
4. This First Amendment shall become effective upon being filed with the Secretary of State as required by the Act.