

Higgins Township

January 18th 2023 Special Board Meeting Minutes

The special meeting of the Higgins Township Board was brought to order by Supervisor Curnalia at 10:00 am on Wednesday, January 19, 2023, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Members absent: Trustee Peters

Interested persons in attendance: Jim Knight

Public comment: None

Jim Knight concerning the Camp Grayling Expansion- Please see the attached:

Resolution to oppose the camp grayling expansion, Resolution Number: 2023-1

Windows- Wallside Windows quote came in at \$13,280 for the township hall. Motion made by Treasurer Sullivan and Trustee Jennette to accept and use \$13,280 of ARPA funds for the use of purchasing and installation of windows. All ayes. Motion granted.

Motion made by Treasurer Sullivan and seconded by Clerk Borgula to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 am.

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, February 6th, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

Minutes written by Clerk Borgula

TOWNSHIP OF HIGGINS, COUNTY OF ROSCOMMON
RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE THE CAMP GRAYLING EXPANSION
RESOLUTION NO: 2023-1

RECITALS

1. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources has sought public comment on the proposed expansion of DNR-leased lands available for Camp Grayling National Guard Training Center Activities.
2. The proposal will add approximately 162,000 acres of land around Camp Grayling.
3. This aforementioned Township Board, therefore, desires to express its views concerning the proposed expansion by the adoption of this Resolution.

RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Higgins Township Board:

1. The Board hereby expresses its opposition to the proposed expansion for the following reasons:
 - a. A portion of the proposed expansion area will be located within the aforementioned township and county.
 - b. The increased activities and traffic associated with the proposed expansion of Camp Grayling will have significantly adverse impact on the wear and tear of county roads within aforementioned township and county.
 - c. The increased activities and traffic associated with the proposed expansion of Camp Grayling will create significant adverse impact on noise levels within the aforementioned township and county.
 - d. The increased activities and traffic associated with the proposed expansion of Camp Grayling will generally have an adverse impact on the health, welfare and safety of the residents of this aforementioned township and county.
 - e. The increased activities and traffic associated with the proposed expansion of Camp Grayling will generally have an adverse impact on the environment and natural habitats with this aforementioned township and county.

f. The proposed expansion of Camp Grayling onto DNR lands does not support the Mission Statement of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Township Board directs its Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to the Director of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, this Township's State Senator and State Representative, and the Governor of the State of Michigan.

This Resolution was offered by Trustee Jennette; supported by Supervisor Curnalia

By roll call vote:

Those voting in favor:

Supervisor Curnalia, Clerk Borgula, Treasurer Sullivan, Trustee Jennette

Those voting against:

None

Those abstaining/absent:

Trustee Peters

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

TOWNSHIP OF HIGGINS

By: _____

William Curnalia, Township Supervisor

I, the undersigned, the Clerk of Higgins Township, County of Roscommon, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the aforementioned Township Board of the aforementioned municipality at its regular meeting held on the date of January 18, 2023, relative to adoption of the resolution therein set forth; that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

Dated: January 18, 2023

By: _____

Maggie Borgula, Township Clerk