

**TYRONE TOWNSHIP  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
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**CALL TO ORDER**

Supervisor Cunningham called the meeting of the Tyrone Township Board to order with the Pledge of Allegiance on May 17, 2022 at 7:04 p.m. at the Tyrone Township Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Supervisor Mike Cunningham, Clerk Pam Moughler, Trustees Herman Ferguson, Kurt Schulze, Zach Tucker and David Walker. Absent: Treasurer Jennifer Eden.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA – OR CHANGES**

Trustee Walker moved to approve the agenda as presented. (Trustee Tucker seconded.) The motion carried; all ayes.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**Regular Board Meeting Minutes – April 19, 2022**

**Treasurer’s Report – April 30, 2022**

**Clerk’s Warrants and Bills – May 11, 2022**

Trustee Walker moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. (Trustee Tucker seconded.) The motion carried; all ayes.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

1. **Livingston County Sheriff Report – April 31, 2022**
2. **Fire Service Report – May 10, 2022**
3. **Planning Commission Approved Meeting Minutes- December 14, 2021**
4. **Planning Commission Approved Meeting & Public Hearing Minutes- January 11, 2022**
5. **Planning Commission Approved Meeting Minutes- February 8, 2022**
6. **Planning Commission Approved Meeting Minutes- March 8, 2022**
7. **Planning Commission Approved Meeting Minutes- April 12, 2022**

Trustee Walker moved to receive and place on file Communications #1-7 as presented. (Trustee Tucker seconded.) The motion carried; all ayes.

**PUBLIC REMARKS**

Steve Hasbrouck cautioned the Runyan Lake Heights paving project could have an impact on buried utilities and sewers; asked if Vale Royal site plan amendment would increase sewer usage; questioned the conduct policy.

Scott Deitrich voiced complaints about the conduct policy, Zoom issues and employee’s Aflac insurance.

Jannette Ropeta voiced complaints about the conduct policy and the board’s decorum.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Public Township Meetings Conduct Policy.**

RESOLUTION #220501  
TYRONE TOWNSHIP, LIVINGSTON COUNTY

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PUBLIC TOWNSHIP MEETINGS

This Code of Conduct applies to all persons attending public meetings of any Tyrone Township board or commission. This policy is intended to promote open meetings without disruptions and the performance of any board or commission's functions without obstruction, impairment, or hindrance, providing a welcoming debate of issues considered in an atmosphere of fairness, courtesy and respect for differing points of view.

1. Public Meeting Decorum

- a. Persons in the audience will refrain from behavior which disrupts a public meeting. This will include making loud noises, clapping, shouting, booing, hissing, interrupting board or commission members or other members of the public, or engaging in any other activity that disturbs, disrupts or impedes the orderly conduct of the meeting.
- b. Persons in the audience will refrain from creating, provoking or participating in any type of disturbance involving unwelcome physical contact or verbal abuse.
- c. Persons in the audience will silence and refrain from using mobile phones and/or pagers while the meeting is in session.
- d. Persons in the audience shall not use threatening, inappropriate, or abusive language toward members of any board or commission or other persons in attendance, or engage in any other conduct that disturbs, disrupts, or impedes the orderly conduct of the meeting.

2. Addressing the Board or Commission

- a. Persons wishing to address a board or commission on any item may do so by raising their hand when the Supervisor or Chairperson asks for public comments and waiting to be recognized.

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- b. Each speaker should provide his or her name and address at the beginning of his or her remarks for the formal record. If a speaker represents an association or group, he or she should identify the entity he or she represents.
  - c. Groups of attendees are encouraged to designate a single member to speak on behalf of the group.
  - d. Each speaker will be given three (3) minutes to speak, subject to extension at the discretion of the Supervisor or Chairperson.
  - e. Speakers' comments shall be directed to the board or commission, not to the audience.
  - g. If an individual wishes to submit written comments or handouts, he or she may submit it to the Supervisor or Chairperson, and the comments will be distributed to the board or commission members.
3. Recording and Telecasting of Meetings
- a. Attendees who desire to record or telecast any public township meeting is permitted to do so as long as recording is done from the designated south-east back corner of the meeting room, so as not to impede the flow of traffic, block exits or the view of attendees.
  - b. No cables, microphones, cameras, tripods, cell phones being used to record, or other equipment will be allowed outside of the designated area.
  - c. All recording and telecasting devices in the meeting room shall be under the control of a person who is physically present by the device at all time.
  - d. There shall be no recording or telecasting at meeting locations before the meeting is called to order, during meeting recesses, or after the meeting is adjourned.

RESOLVED BY: Trustee Tucker

SUPPORTED BY: Trustee Ferguson

VOTE: Cunningham, yes; Tucker, yes; Walker, yes; Schulze, yes; Ferguson, yes, Moughler, yes; Eden, absent.

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**CERTIFICATION OF THE CLERK**

The undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting Clerk of Tyrone Township, Livingston County, Michigan, hereby certifies that (1) the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board at a regular meeting, held on May 17, 2022, at which meeting a quorum was present and remained throughout, (2) the original thereof is on file in the records in my office, (3) the meeting was conducted, and public notice thereof was given, pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act (Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended) and (4) minutes of such meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required thereby.



Pam Moughler  
Township Clerk

**2. Runyan Lake Heights private road paving request.**

Trustee Tucker moved to approve the HOA Runyan Lake Heights' request to pave a portion of Merrill Drive with the conditions they provide the township with a hold harmless clause and remove the two specified trees. (Trustee Ferguson seconded.) The motion carried; all ayes.

**3. Runyan Lake fireworks permit application.**

Trustee Tucker moved to approve the Runyan Lake Inc. fireworks display permit. (Trustee Schulze seconded.) The motion carried; all ayes.

**4. Request to write off uncollectible fire service charges.**

Trustee Walker moved to write off the uncollectible fire service charges in the amount of \$15,061.14. (Trustee Ferguson seconded.) The motion carried; all ayes.

**5. Elimination of employee per diem rates.**

Trustee Schulze moved to eliminate the employee per diem rate, which set a flat rate for the recording secretary attending a meeting. The township attorney said by law employees must be paid their hourly wage and cannot be paid a per diem rate. (Trustee Walker seconded.) The motion carried; all ayes.

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**6. Val Royal site plan amendment.**

Trustee Ferguson moved to approve the Vale Royal Special Land Use & Site Plan amendment with the condition that attendance lists are provided to the zoning department. (Trustee Tucker seconded.) The motion carried; all ayes.

**7. Closed session to discuss pending litigation.**

RESOLUTION #220502  
TYRONE TOWNSHIP, LIVINGSTON COUNTY

CLOSED SESSION

Supervisor Cunningham resolved to go into closed session to discuss the case of Tyrone Four, LLC v. Tyrone Township, now pending in Livingston County Circuit Court Case No. 21-031351-CZ, to consult with the Township's attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation because an open meeting would have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of the Township. (Trustee Walker seconded.)

Roll call: Walker, yes; Schulze, yes; Ferguson, yes; Tucker, yes; Cunningham, yes; Moughler, yes, Eden, absent.

The board convened in closed session at 7:30 p.m.

\* \* \* \* \*Closed Session Minutes\* \* \* \* \*

The board reconvened in open session at 8:10 p.m.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

None.

**PUBLIC REMARKS**

Jannette Ropeta said she felt the conduct policy was an attack to censor her.

Scott Dietrich asked if lawsuit titles could be added to the agenda in the future so residents knew about them.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Walker moved to adjourn. (Trustee Ferguson seconded.) The motion carried; all ayes. The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.