

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE WHEATFIELD TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
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Tuesday August 8, 2023 7:00PM  
(The meeting was held in the community room)

Supervisor Myer called meeting to order at 7:04PM.

Roll call—Allen, Henley, Kapp, Miller and Myer-present.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: Opened at 7:05 PM. None. Closed at 7:05 PM.

**MINUTES:**

**Motion** by Henley to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 11, 2023, seconded by Allen.

All were in favor. Motion carried.

\*Copies of the minutes are available at the township office.

**\*\*\*\*\*REPORTS\*\*\*\*\***

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Given by Miller. Summary as of July 31, 2023:

- ✓ Independent Bank General Fund-fund balance equity:----- \$194,085.15
- ✓ Independent Bank Certificate of Deposit:----- \$100,000.00
- ✓ Consumers CU Certificate of Deposit:----- \$100,000.00
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- ✓ Independent Bank Tax Roll Checking balance:----- \$130,304.38
- ✓ Cemetery Certificate of Deposit:----- \$ 7,200.00

**Motion** by Henley to approve the treasurer’s report of July 31, 2023, seconded by Allen.

All were in favor. Motion carried.

- ✓ Holly attended a local treasurers’ meeting.
- ✓ Summer taxes have been sent out, and are currently being collected.

\*Copies of the treasurer’s report are available at the township office.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** Given by Kapp.

- ✓ The planning commission met on July 20<sup>th</sup>. New business was considering a couple of definitions/regulations that were suggested by residents. Old business was to send the draft WES to the planner for an updated draft.

**N.I.E.S.A.:** Given by Henley.

- ✓ They’re still struggling with the Webberville DDA.
- ✓ Otherwise it’s business as usual, lots of calls, updating policies, grant opportunities, the Ingham County Fair, etc.
- ✓ \*A copy of NIESA’s minutes is available at the township office.

**SUPERVISOR:** Given by Myer.

- ✓ Summary: There were mostly general inquiries regarding zoning and one approval for a pole barn.
- ✓ The local road agreement has been amended to include the Noble Road project.

- ✓ A meeting has been scheduled regarding the development of a joint Master Plan with Williamstown Township. Wayne will attend.

\*A copy of the supervisor's report is available at the township office.

**CLERK:** Given by Kapp. Summary:

- ✓ Hall & Grounds: Pavilion roofing and parking lot resealing are both in the works. It was a busy month for hall rentals. AC maintenance and The Bug Man visits.
- ✓ Elections: Beginning meetings for changes to the 2024 Cycle. Early voting will be jointly with Williamstown and Locke Townships, at Williamstown Township Hall.

\*Copies of the clerk's report are available at the township office.

**WASC:** Given by Allen.

- ✓ The picnic was at our pavilion on July 18<sup>th</sup>.

**\*\*\*\*\*DISCUSSION ITEMS\*\*\*\*\***

1. Ordinance 2023-3, Consumers Energy Company Gas Franchise Ordinance, (Renewal) Originally enacted in 1963 for 30 years, renewed in 1993 for 30 more years. Gas facilities are located on Zimmer Road and in the subdivision there. This is an action item for tonight.
2. Amended Local Road Agreement. This amended agreement will include the extra \$10,000 for work on Noble Road. No action is needed on this item
3. Pavilion roofing estimates. We have put out for four, and received three estimates back. They are from Bear Creek Metal Roofs, LLC, ACME Home Exteriors and Mast Metal Roofing. Following discussion by the board, the consensus was to select Mast Metal Roofing. Don Henley will contact them to work out a schedule.
4. Parking lot sealing company. Estimates from two companies were considered. Following discussion by the board, the consensus was to select Pride Sealcoating, LLC. Denny will contact the company to schedule the work.

**\*\*\*\*\*ACTION ITEMS\*\*\*\*\***

1. Consumers Energy Company Gas Franchise Ordinance \$2023-3 (Renewal).

**Motion** by Miller to approve Ordinance No. 2023-3 as presented,

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-3

CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY GAS FRANCHISE ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE, granting to CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY, its successors and assigns, the right and authority to lay, maintain and commercially operate gas lines and facilities including but not limited to mains, pipes, services and on, under, along, and across public places including but not limited to highways, streets, alleys, bridges, and waterways, and to conduct a local gas business in the TOWNSHIP OF WHEATFIELD, INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of thirty years.

THE TOWNSHIP OF WHEATFIELD ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. GRANT and TERM. The TOWNSHIP OF WHEATFIELD, INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN, hereby grants to Consumers Energy Company, its successors and assigns, hereinafter called "Consumers" the right and authority to lay, maintain and commercially operate gas lines and facilities including but not limited to mains, pipes, services and valves on, under, along, and across public places including but not limited to highways, streets, alleys, bridges, and waterways, and to conduct a local gas business in the TOWNSHIP OF WHEATFIELD, INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of thirty years.

SECTION 2. CONDITIONS. No public place used by Consumers shall be obstructed longer than necessary during construction or repair, and shall be restored to the same order and condition as when work was commenced. All of Consumers' gas lines and related facilities shall be placed as not to unnecessarily interfere with the public's use of public places. Consumers shall have the right to trim or remove trees if necessary in the conducting of such business.

SECTION 3. HOLD HARMLESS. Consumers shall save the Township free and harmless from all loss, costs and expense to which it may be subject by reason of the negligent construction and maintenance of the lines and related facilities

hereby authorized. In case any action is commenced against the Township on account of the permission herein given, Consumers shall, upon notice, defend the Township and its representatives and hold them harmless from all loss, costs and damage arising out of such negligent construction and maintenance.

SECTION 4. EXTENSIONS. Consumers shall construct and extend its gas distribution system within said Township, and shall furnish gas service to applicants residing therein in accordance with applicable laws, rules and regulations.

SECTION 5. FRANCHISE NOT EXCLUSIVE. The rights, power and authority herein granted, are not exclusive.

SECTION 6. RATES and CONDITIONS. Consumers shall be entitled to provide gas service to the inhabitants of the Township at the rates and pursuant to the conditions as approved by the Michigan Public Service Commission. Such rates and conditions shall be subject to review and change upon petition to the Michigan Public Service Commission.

SECTION 7. REVOCATION. The franchise granted by this ordinance is subject to revocation upon sixty (60) days written notice by either party. Upon revocation this ordinance shall be considered repealed and of no effect past, present or future.

SECTION 8. MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION JURISDICTION. Consumers remains subject to the reasonable rules and regulations of the Michigan Public Service Commission applicable to gas service in the Township and those rules and regulations preempt any term of any ordinance of the Township to the contrary.

SECTION 9. REPEALER. This ordinance, when enacted, shall repeal and supersede the provisions of any previous Consumers’ gas franchise ordinance adopted by the Township including any amendments.

SECTION 10. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect on \_\_\_\_\_.

We certify that the foregoing Franchise Ordinance was duly enacted by the Township Board of the TOWNSHIP OF WHEATFIELD, INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN, on the eighth day of August, 2023.

seconded by Allen.

*Roll call vote: Allen, Henley, Kapp, Miller and Myer-yes. Motion carried.*

2. Accounts Payable for July 2023 (Payroll and Expenses).

**Motion** by Allen to approve the accounts payable for July 2023 as presented, seconded by Henley.

*Roll call vote: Allen, Henley, Kapp, Miller and Myer-yes. Motion carried.*

\*Payroll and list of expenses attached.

**Motion** to adjourn by Henley, seconded by Miller. All were in favor—motion carried.

Meeting ended at 8:01PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Denise Kapp, Clerk

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Date

**Next board meeting:**  
**Tuesday September 12, 2023 at 7:00 pm.**