

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE WHEATFIELD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN
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Tuesday November 14, 2023 7:00PM
(The meeting was held in the community room)

Supervisor Myer called meeting to order at 7:00PM.

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: Opened at 7:01 PM. Two people spoke-the comments were regarding the Clean Energy and Jobs Act that recently passed in the state legislature. Closed at 7:08 PM.

MINUTES:

Motion by Henley to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 10, 2023, seconded by Allen. All were in favor. Motion carried. Miller absent.

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

*******REPORTS*******

TREASURER’S REPORT: Given by Kapp for Miller. Summary as of October 31, 2023:

- ✓ Independent Bank General Fund-fund balance equity:----- \$172,251.35
- ✓ Independent Bank Certificate of Deposit:----- \$100,000.00
- ✓ Consumers CU Certificate of Deposit:----- \$101,201.02
- ✓ Consumers CU Certificate of Deposit:----- \$100,679.64
- ✓ Independent Bank Tax Roll Checking balance:----- \$ 38,976.82
- ✓ Cemetery Certificate of Deposit:----- \$ 7,200.00

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

All were in favor. Motion carried. Miller absent.

- ✓ The month was spent on working on winter taxes and the Sams.gov account.

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

PLANNING COMMISSION: Given by Kapp.

- ✓ A special meeting was held on October 11th and included a public hearing. The PH topic was the zoning ordinance amendment regarding Large Wind Energy systems. The meeting was well attended by the public and township officials. Township planner Mark Eidelson was also in attendance. The commission discussed the final version of the amendment and the consensus was to make one change in the shadow flicker section and then recommend it to the board of trustees.
- ✓ Since the meeting the state legislature has passed a Renewable Energy package that removes most of the regulation authority from local jurisdictions and puts statewide standards in place, with the Michigan Public Service Commission as the state agency in charge renewable energy zoning decisions.
- ✓ PC chair M. Kapp gave a summary analysis of the newly enacted legislation, with the reminder that full

ramifications are not yet known as it is still early days. There's a free seminar by the Fahey law group tomorrow on the topic of exclusionary zoning, a zoning principle that factored significantly in the recently passed legislation.

- ✓ The November meeting was rescheduled to November 30, 2023 at 7 PM.

N.I.E.S.A.: Given by Henley and submitted in writing:

- ✓ Discussion topics included:
- ✓ investments,
- ✓ grant purchases,
- ✓ expenditures,
- ✓ personnel issues,
- ✓ equipment,
- ✓ finance and budgets.
- ✓ Guest County Commissioner Monica Schafer attended the meeting.
- ✓ *A copy of NIESA's minutes is available at the township office.

SUPERVISOR: Given by Myer.

- ✓ Summary: a pole bard was erected without a permit, a request for a variance was submitted, and an issue with a private road was discussed with the Ingham County Road Department.
- *A copy of the supervisor's report is available at the township office.

CLERK: Given by Kapp. Summary:

- ✓ Hall & Grounds: the school bell is on-site now-in the old town house.
- ✓ Cemetery: the disturbed gravesite at Cabot was re-interred by Polly.
- ✓ Elections: attended 2 seminars regarding new laws implementation, absent ballot drop box scheduled for installation.
- ✓ Office: Monthly and quarterly reports completed, audit completed for Accident Fund, Municipal Financial Qualifying Statement for MI Department of Treasury completed and filed, end-of-year preparations for employees and reports has begun, attended two meetings outside meetings.

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

WASC: No report.

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*****DISCUSSION ITEMS*****

1. *Insurance Renewal.* Jason Orton, our insurance agent, was unable to attend this evening. He provided the renewal package and payment is due on Nov. 20th.
2. *Amend Fee Schedule for Election Inspector hourly pay rate.* This will be on the December agenda.
3. *Resolution 2023-2, Opposition to pre-empt local control, ...* This resolution states the township's opposition to removing local authority and control over certain zoning regulation by the State of Michigan. Move to action.
4. *Poverty Exemption Guidelines.* Reminder that we need to adopt new guidelines for 2024 Board of Review. This will be on the December agenda.

*****ACTION ITEMS*****

1.Resolution # 2023-2, Opposition to legislation to preempt local control for the siting and permitting of utility-scale renewable facilities including solar, wind and large-scale battery storage facilities.

Motion by Kapp to approve Resolution #2023-2 as presented, seconded by Henley.

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

1. Accounts Payable for October 2023 (Payroll and Expenses).

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

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

*Payroll and list of expenses attached.

Motion to adjourn by Kapp, seconded by Allen. All were in favor—motion carried. Miller absent.

Meeting ended at 7:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Kapp, Clerk

Date

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