

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE WHEATFIELD TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
INGHAM COUNTY, MICHIGAN  
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Tuesday December 12, 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, Miller and Myer-present.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: Opened at 7:02 PM. Three people spoke-the comments were regarding the zoning ordinance amendment about Wind Energy Systems. Closed at 7:10 PM.

**MINUTES:**

**Motion** by Henley to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 14, 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 November 30, 2023:

- ✓ Independent Bank General Fund-fund balance equity:----- \$285,409.39
- ✓ Independent Bank Certificate of Deposit:----- \$ .00
- ✓ Consumers CU Certificate of Deposit:----- \$101,201.02
- ✓ Consumers CU Certificate of Deposit:----- \$100,679.64
- ✓ Independent Bank Tax Roll Checking balance:----- \$ 8,378.54
- ✓ Cemetery Certificate of Deposit:----- \$ 7,200.00

**Motion** by Allen to approve the treasurer’s report of November 30, 2023, seconded by Henley.

All were in favor. Motion carried.

- ✓ The winter tax season is underway.
- ✓ Board consensus was to place another \$100,000 into a longer-term Certificate of Deposit. Holly will research this and report back to the board.

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

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** Given by Kapp.

- ✓ Mark Eidelson attended the November 30<sup>th</sup> meeting. His professional opinion was that the planning commission should recommend the Wind Energy amendment to the board so that we have regulations in place for clean energy systems less than 100MW for wind developments and 50MW for solar developments, and also to cover the time between now and when the new legislation goes into effect on November 30, 2024.
- ✓ One minor change was made regarding shadow flicker. The amendment was recommended by the planning commission unanimously for approval to the board of trustees with this change. The amendment is on the agenda this evening under discussion.

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

Discussion topics included:

- ✓ staffing at Leroy Station 62,
- ✓ emergency response to the transformer explosion at Williamston City Hall,
- ✓ the budget,
- ✓ investments,
- ✓ 2024 meetings schedule,
- ✓ personnel,
- ✓ EMT classes,
- ✓ fire week presentations,
- ✓ the fundraiser basketball game NIESA vs. Harlem Wizards on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓ \*A copy of NIESA’s minutes is available at the township office.

**SUPERVISOR:** Given by Myer.

- ✓ received one application for a variance, given to the planner for review,
- ✓ explained the zoning process to a builder submitting a zoning application on behalf of a homeowner.
- \*A copy of the supervisor’s report is available at the township office.

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

- ✓ Hall & Grounds: the pavilion reroofing project etc. was completed last month,
- ✓ Elections: ongoing activity of education, scheduling & training,
- ✓ Office: monthly and quarterly reports completed, F-65 report has been filed, end-of-year preparations for employees and reports has begun, attended one meeting.
- ✓ the schedule of township meetings was passed out to board members.
- \*The year-to-date report is attached to the report.
- \*Copies of the clerk’s report are available at the township office.

**WASC:** Given by Allen.

- ✓ Director Julie Rudd reported to the WASC board that they are still investigating possible sites for a permanent Senior Center location. She is in discussions for grants and millages with local officials.
- ✓ The WASC meetings have been moved to every other month, or 6 times per year.

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

1. *Wind Energy systems Amendment.* Tonight’s packet includes the latest draft of the Wind Energy Systems amendment, dated December 1, 2023. The minutes of the October 11<sup>th</sup> public hearing is included. PC Chair Mike Kapp passed out “Comments to the Board of Trustees Regarding the Planning Commission’s Recommendation of Wind Energy System Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance.” Mike gave a summary of the amendment, starting with the 3-year history of the planning commission’s extensive study and work on the amendment and the many revisions that were made along the way due to feedback from residents. Discussion by the board included setbacks, vibrations, and roads. This amendment will not cover large developments as the State has pre-empted local control over those. The planning commission unanimously recommends approval of the amendment by the board of trustees. This will be a discussion item for next month.

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

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

\*The invoice from ICRD is less than expected due to overall costs being lower and because only one course of chip seal was laid on Apple Blossom as an experiment in longevity by the ICRD.

**Motion** by Allen to approve the accounts payable for November 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 Allen. All were in favor—motion carried. Miller absent.

Meeting ended at 8:08PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Denise Kapp, Clerk

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Date

**Next board meeting:**  
**Tuesday January 9, 2024 at 7:00 pm.**