

**Douglass Township Board Meeting**  
**3521 McBride Rd.**  
**Stanton, MI 48888**  
**Date August 2, 2023 7pm**

**Call to order: 7pm- Shick**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call Present** : All present – Bunting, Huff, Laper, Shick, Tester

**Approval of agenda Motion** : New business moved after public comments to allow Attorney to leave after Solar is discussed. Motion Shick, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tester. Approved 5-0

**Approval of minutes 2/1/23:** July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting- Motion Tester, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bunting . Approved 5-0

**Public comments on agenda items** : Secure mail box- make sure it is identified as mail box not decoration.

Winfield Solar ordinance – attorney suggested putting language in to put time limit on removed of decommissioned solar panels

**New Business-** Page by page review of Solar Ordinance. Board requested changes will be made by Attorney and forwarded to Township next week.

Motion Tester, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bunting. Roll call- Huff-y, Bunting-y, Shick-y, Laper-n Tester-y  
Approved 4-1

**Reports** Treasure- Laper: Income \$128,463.12 Expenses- \$31,611.65 . Motion Bunting, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tester.  
Approved 5-0

Clerk- Huff: Expense-\$28,329.53 for July 2023. Except report- Motion Tester, 2<sup>nd</sup> Shick.  
Approved. Pay the bills for July-Motion Shick, 2<sup>nd</sup> Laper. Approved-5-0.

Requested clarification on Mileage payment for Zoning Administrator in budget hearing. Was decided the wage increase was to cover mileage.

Planning Commission – Tester: PC voted July 12 to accept Solar Ordinance. Solar forwarded on July 13, 2023, to Montcalm County Planning Commission. The county agreed it was written legally and was approved. Attended Cato Zoning Board Training with Attorney. They are considering doing more training including other townships and board member. Question about oversight on building permits. Do we need to address validity of 2017 Marihuana and River ordinances since it was included on Wind and Solar ordinance.

Fire Department- Bunting: grant money split. Truck 2 back up truck is working, but has some pressure issue. Fire tax need to be addressed in March for August ballot.

Zoning Adm: Kelsey. Six permit applications. Ellsworth Drive- complaint following up, violation written. Zoning application needs to be changed. Zoning ordinance need reviewed and updated.

**Old business:** ARPA Funds- computers-\$3493 + 10% price gap. Motion Tester, 2<sup>nd</sup> Shick. Approved 5-0  
Printer-\$1102 +10% Motion Laper, 2<sup>nd</sup> Huff. Approved 5-0.  
Tech labor for setting up new computers-Jake Abridge -\$85 per hour for 3 hours +10% for time gap.  
Motion Bunting, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tester. Approved 5-0.  
Dahle Shredmatic sm300- 569.99 + 10% price gap. Motion Shick, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tester. Approved 5-0.  
Cleaning service-Mellie's Marvelous -\$200 per cleaning. Motion Tester, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bunting. Approved 5-0  
Powerwash outside of building-Wash Pro -\$900. Motion Bunting, 2<sup>nd</sup> Huff. Approved 5-0.  
Key pad lock for Supervisors office door-Benny-\$1000. Motion Bunting, 2<sup>nd</sup> Laper. Approved 5-0  
Refrigerator for Hall- \$800 delivered +10% price gap. Motion Tester, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bunting. Approved 5-0  
Lock Mailbox-\$200. Motion Bunting, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tester. Approved 5-0.  
Snow removal-Double A-Lawncare - Motion-Bunting, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tester. Approved 4-0. Huff removed from vote-conflict.  
Cemetery –Working on ordinance with Don Larson, Sexton.

**Announcements-** Next Meeting- September 6, 2023-7pm. Tester- Cato may do more ZBA training.  
Bunting looked in to training classes, not offered at this point.

**Public comment** No comments

**Adjournment** 9:31pm