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Douglass Township Board Meeting
3521 McBride Rd.
Stanton, MI 48888
June 8th, 2023

Call to order: 7:00 p.m. - Shick

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call All present: Bunting, Huff, Laper, Shick, Tester.

Approval of minute's date - Minutes from 3/8/23: Motion to accept as written by Laper, 2nd Tester.

Voice vote: Passed unanimously.

Minutes from 5/3/23. Changes to be made –Comments from Laper concerning need to publish minutes within 8 days and approving 3/8/23 minutes. Motion to accept minutes with changes by Bunting, 2nd by Tester. Voice vote: Passed unanimously

Approval of agenda Motion to add Amy Thomas - 911 to agenda as first public comment by Tester, 2nd by Huff. Voice vote: Passed unanimously

Public comments on agenda items:

Amy Thomas thanking the voters for passing the 911 surcharge.

Emails read: Support of wind ordinance

Laura Engel - Minute taking advice

Robert Scott- some wording in wind ordinance in definition section is unnecessary

Sheila Crooks- Approves of wind ordinance Melissa Banning- Supports wind ordinance

Reports:

Introduction - Mike Homier Attorney for Douglass Township

Treasurer - Laper. Motion to accept treasurer's report as written by Tester, 2nd by Huff.

Voice vote: Passed unanimously

Clerk- Huff. Motion to accept report and pay bills by Tester, 2nd by Laper

Voice vote: Passed unanimously

Motion to accept Resignation as Deputy Clerk from Kim Croy by Shick, 2nd by Bunting.

Voice vote: Passed unanimously

Motion to approve Wendie Switala as Deputy Clerk by Shick, 2nd by Bunting

Voice vote: Passed unanimously

Motion to approve the salary of the deputy clerk, Wendy Switala, at \$1622.25 annually prorated to the deputy's start date and includes any additional hours to assist the clerk in performance of her duties by Shick, 2nd by Tester.

Voice vote: Passed unanimously

Trustee- Tester Postage Meter pricing, Mold in closet getting more opinions.

Trustee -Bunting Scotts- Generator cost \$33,000. Will get other estimates.

Zoning Admin. - Kelsey Report on blight, zoning permits, follow ups.

Supervisor – Shick Cemetery Flags, blight ordinance on hold, sign up using contact us form on website for email updates, request ideas for ARPA funds

Old Business - None

New Business - New Wind Ordinance.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-03, as amended, An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance to Permit and Regulate Wind Energy Conversion Systems, by Tester, 2nd by Huff.

Roll Call Vote - Bunting-Yes Tester- Yes Shick- Yes Laper- No Huff- Yes

Motion carries

Announcements - Next Meeting- 7/5/23 7pm Huff and Bunting will not be able to attend.

Public comments -

Annette Mitchell - requests copy of new ordinance

Linda Reynolds - budget question concerning trustees - answer given to clarify

Kathy Craig - thank you for wind and details on when official

Robert Scott - moratorium amendment what next - answer given to clarify also, kudos to referendum of 2020 that got us here

Sara Kelly - deputies pay should reflect consideration of time and value, look at hours and consider salary as retainer to step-in and also hourly, increase permit application charges, thank you to citizens,

Multiple words of appreciation by: Julie Wierpert, Wendy Switala, Melissa Banned, Joe Hansen, Kay Scott, Brandy Bunting, Sheila Crooks, Ken Bunting

Dave Kelsey - recommends increase in permit application fees, also PC consider number of days/limits to respond to citations

Scott Carr - follow-up to request for rezoning by planning commission - when and how? - answer given to clarify

Adjournment - Motion to adjourn by Tester, 2nd by Huff. Voice vote

Voice vote: Passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.