

***DOUGLASS TOWNSHIP  
FEB 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2021 & FEB 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2021  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES***

**PRESENT:** Terry Anderson, Amy Laper, Doug Poulsen, Tom Jeppesen & Ronda L Snyder

**GUESTS:** Todd Wells, Andrew Petersen, Scott Carr, Brandy Bunting, Nancy Spanski, Sheila Crooks, Robert Scott, Cindy Shick, Ken Bunting, Adam Petersen, Marcia Rocetto, Tara, Albert Jongewaard, Charlie Cutting, Josh Nolan, Norm Stephens, Ron Finegood, Ron Reddick, Rachelle,

**February 03, 2021**

7:40 p.m. The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited

1. Doug made a motion to approve the Agenda & Amy seconded it. Motion passed
2. Doug made a motion to approve the January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting minutes, Amy seconded it. Motion passed
3. Doug made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, Ronda seconded it. Motion passed
4. Amy made a motion to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$10,377.91, Doug seconded it. Motion passed

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

1. Dave Kelsey- No permits turned in. 1 violation that has received 2nd notice.
2. Amy Stedman- Represents White Pine District Library. Gave overview of Library happenings. (20,000 pcs checked out in 2020, they continued to have reading programs on line, etc.) The library will open back up on Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

The meeting was closed early because of Internet issues at the Township, will continue next week.

**February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

7:03 p.m. The meeting was called to order.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Doug made a motion to approve the Resolution to correct typographical Errors in the Zoning Ordinance, Tom seconded. Motion passed  
Ayes: D Poulsen, T Jeppesen, A Laper, T Anderson & R Snyder  
Nays: 0
2. Doug made a motion to approve an Ordinance to Completely Prohibit Recreational or Medical Marijuana Establishments, Tom seconded the motion. Motion passed  
Ayes: D Poulsen, T Jeppesen, T Anderson, A Laper & R Snyder  
Nays: 0
3. Land Donation: Taken care of
4. Resignation of Kevin Smith from the Board of Appeals. Pam Jeppesen to replace Kevin.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

3. Amy made a motion to adopt Alternative Start Dates for March, 2021, July, 2021 and December, 2021, 2021 Board of Review. Tom seconded the motion. Motion passed.
4. Amy made a motion to approve the Resolution to Adopt Taxpayers & Non-Resident taxpayers to protest in Writing by Letter or Email for Board of Review. Tom seconded motion. Motion passed
5. Tom made a motion to approve the Township Household Income Standards to be Eligible for a Poverty Exemption, Doug seconded the motion. Motion passed
6. Josh Nolan: Attorney for 10 years. WEO issues: Sound (recommends 45 dbbls or less at property line) Height (township can create limits to match other structures in the area) Setbacks (Should be at property line and not in feet (create multiplier effect) Guidelines: Bestest Safety Manual. Require un-redacted safety manual. No Shadow Flicker. He spoke about the Moratorium and conflict of interest for any board members (they should not vote if they are considering putting a Wind Turbine on their property).
7. Albert just wanted to respond to some of Josh's advice. He said their safety manuals are public information. He also stated there are several kinds of setbacks we can consider, not just from the home or property line. He agrees we should build a safe & responsible wind turbine. He encouraged people to contact him with questions.
8. Terry Anderson: Advised us to check out the post by Drew Daniels on the Sidney Township page.  
Terry stated he talked to Cindy Shick & Todd Wells and asked them to put some things together. He said we should talk to Douglass Township Energy Coalition. He wanted to remind everyone that there is a meeting on February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. He also

spoke about how the Township board members are tired of getting yelled at and called names. If we continue on this way, how will we be able to work together to build a responsible ordinance? Terry also spoke about the Moratorium and he said he didn't think we needed it but he thought it was a good place to start. "This is a Peace Offering". Terry asked that someone from the Board make a motion to adopt the moratorium. Ronda made a motion to adopt the Resolution Approving a Temporary Moratorium on Applications for Zoning and Building Review with Respect to Wind Energy Systems. Amy seconded the motion. Doug said the meeting with the Planning Commission on the 24<sup>th</sup> was so that the PC could adopt the moratorium and set a public hearing as well as adopt Planning Commission Bylaws.

Roll Call Vote:

**Ayes:** R Snyder, A Laper, T Anderson

**Nays:** D. Poulsen, T Jeppesen

Motion passed.

9. Tom Jeppesen wanted to respond to a comment made by Tara. You have the wrong Jeppesen!!
10. Andrew Petersen: Thanked the board for listening and asked people to stop with the name calling and attacks on Board's members.
11. Scott Carr: Vettrans Ave. 56 years old. He is not happy that 5 people got to make the decision on this ordinance and it wasn't put to a vote.
12. Brandy Bunting: Musson Rd. Thanks to the 3 board members who voted for the Moratorium. She also said be aware of Drew Daniels as he has been harassing her.
13. Nancy Spanski: Cannonsville Rd. Glad the board is taking action. Asked Nolan about what the language should be. She also spoke about how she says DTE will file a lawsuit and the township won't make any money.
14. Sheila Crooks: Thanks for the Moratorium. Would like the Planning Commission to invite the Douglass Township Energy Coalition to the Public Hearing.
15. Robert Scott: Public page is gone and is upset about that. He wondered how he was going to be able to get information on our ordinance and meetings.
16. Cindy Shick: Thank You. Feels the Planning Commission was misled by Apex.

17. Ken Bunting: Musson Rd. Disagrees with Albert. He was at a meeting in November 2019 when they were talking about the test towers. Wants Apex to reveal the results and do we have wind?
18. Adam Petersen: Terry said Board of Commissioners did nothing to help us. He did a post on the County Facebook page.
19. Marcia Rocetto: Wants economic, sound & environmental studies done as well. Thanks for the moratorium; Board needs to make a strong ordinance.
20. Tara: Windfield Township. When will Board respond to questions?
21. Charlie Cutting: Dickerson Lake, Sidney Township. If Wind Turbines come to the township, they will move.
22. Josh Nolan: His experience is that Apex won't be there when there are problems. He said we need 0 shadow flicker as well as provisions to resolve signal interference, red lights, complaint resolution process (escrow accounts), decommissioning, surety bonds & insurance with \$2,000,000 coverage. [jnolan@ndanlawllc.com](mailto:jnolan@ndanlawllc.com)
23. Albert Jongewaard: They are still collecting data at the test towers. That data will be made available to the township at the time of applications. TV reception complaints do get resolved by Apex.
24. Norm Stephens: Almer Township. Their Township was sued by Nextera to reduce taxes. Huron County is having issues as well. Encouraged people to contact them to discuss the issues.
25. Ron Finegood: Board should consider contracting with Josh Nolan to build an Ordinance.
26. Rachelle: Montcalm Township resident. Thinks the townships in the area should work together to make a strong ordinance.

No more hands are raised; Tom made a motion to adjourn, Doug seconded motion. Motion passed