

DOUGLASS TOWNSHIP

January 5, 2022

Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Amy Laper, Terry Anderson, Tom Jeppesen, Pat Althoff, Ronda L Snyder & Ron Redick

Guests: Mike & Robin Poulsen, Christy & Jeremy Williams, Melissa Bannen, Ben & Linda Reynolds, Pam Hemmes, Brandy & Ken Bunting, Jed Welder, Jack & Kelli Jeppesen, Linda & Albern Olson, Dena VanderHoeg, Adam Petersen, Becky Sowles, Kim Jensen, Brian Larson, Ned Welder, Trent Hilding, Patrick Carr, Laura Johnson, Paul Olson, Dave Dowling, Del Christiansen, Dave Kraft, Pau Elckenroth, Larry & Laura Engel, Dennis & Joy Pouslen, Dan Paris, Sheila Crooks, Brenda Paris, Cam Hoskin, Marty Houck, Edward Johnson, Tammy Sweeris, Keith Phelps, David Brunges, Vicky Brunges and a few others.

7:00 P.M. The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited

1. Tom made a motion that was supported by Pat, to approve the Agenda. Motion passed
2. Tom made a motion that was supported by Pat, to approve the Dec 01, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion passed
3. Tom made a motion that was supported by Pat, to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed
4. Amy made a motion that was supported by Tom, to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$21,128.57

Old Business:

New Business:

1. Resolution Establishing Escrow Fee Policy for Reimbursable Zoning Expenses. Amy made a motion to approve the resolution. Tom supported the motion and the motion passed.
2. Resolution to Establish Application Fees & Initial Zoning Escrow Amount for Zoning Proceedings and Other Land-Related Proceedings. Tom made a motion to table this resolution until next month. Pat supported the motion and the motion passed.
3. PA 116 Application for Paul Main. Tom made a motion to approve the application. Amy supported the motion and the motion passed.
4. Amending the Budget for Attorney & Planning Commission Advisor. Amy made a motion to approve amending the budget. Tom supported Amy's motion and the motion passed.

5. Resolution to adopt Poverty Exemption Guidelines. Amy made a motion to adopt the Poverty Exemption Guidelines. Tom supported the motion and the motion passed.
6. Resolution to adopt Taxpayer & Non-Resident Taxpayers to Protest in Writing by Letter or Email for Board of Review. Amy made a motion to adopt the resolution. Tom supported the motion and the motion passed.
7. Amy made a motion to pass a Resolution to Adopt Alternate Start Dates for March 2022 , July 2022 and December 2022 Board of Review. Tom supported the motion and the motion passed.
8. Amy made a motion to approve the Retirement Plan Document. Tom supported the motion and the motion passed.
9. Tim Snyder’s Formal Notification that he is resigning from the Planning Commission.
10. Planning Commission has 3 open seats. We were given letters from Kathy Craig, Cynthia Shick & Tamela Sweeris on their desire to fill one of the seats.
11. Ron Redick spoke on the Ordinance that the Planning Commission is currently working on.

Public Comment:

1. Terry touched briefly on “exclusionary” ordinances.
2. Terry talked about the Planning Commission seats that were up for re-appointment and why he felt we need to replace the current members. He also introduced the people he would like to appoint:

Tammy Sweeris: Tammy spoke briefly about she would bring to the board. Tom made a motion to approve Tammy for Planning Commission Member. Pat supported the motion and Amy called for a roll call vote.

Yeas: Tom, Pat, Terry, Amy, Ronda

Nays: 0

Becky Sowles: Becky introduced herself and spoke briefly about herself. Tom made a motion to approve Becky for Planning Commission Member. Pat seconded the motion.

Yeas: Tom, Pat, Terry, Amy, Ronda

Nays: 0

Paul Olson: Paul introduced himself and spoke briefly about himself. Tom made a motion to approve Paul as a Planning Commission Member. Pat supported the motion.

Yeas: Tom, Terry, Pat, Ronda

Nays: 0

Abstained: Amy

Tammy Sweeris, Becky Sowles & Paul Olson were all voted and approved for seats on the Planning Commission.

3. Laura Engel, Julie Weiper, Don Smucker, Cindy Shick, Steven Poulson, Harvey Shick, Michelle Lentz, Sheila Crooks, Todd Wells, Nancy Johnson from Pierson Township, Christy Baldwin, Rick Baldwin, Becky Sowles, Paul from Maple Valley, Richard Enniss, Linda Reynolds, Kim Jenson from McBride, Tammy Sweeris, Melissa Bannen, Lori Hexel, Kevin Rush, Kelli Jeppesen, Eric Tester, Gene Poulson from Trufant, Brandy Bunting, Pam Hemmes from Montcalm Township, Jo Hansen from Sidney Township, Holly Huff and a few others spoke on things like the Wind Energy Ordinance and some on their displeasure with Terry and or the Board.

Tom made a motion to adjourn and Pat supported the motion. Motion passed.