

DOUGLASS TOWNSHIP
AUGUST 4TH, 2021
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Guests: Paul Drobish, Kelli Jeppesen, Ione Edison, Chris Morris, Linda Reynolds, Paul Olson, Eric Tester, , Sarah Kelley, Tom Koepke, Randy Pritchard, Keith Phelps, Pam Jeppesen, Elisabeth Waldon, Kevin, Murphy, Ben Reynolds, Krista Cordray, Steve Van Loon, Tom & Lori Hecksel, Harvey Shick, Cindy Shick, Jenny Ehle, Caryl Hackett, Patrick Hanson, Albern Olson, Linda Olson, Lena Vanderploeg, Mark Switala, Wendie Switala, Rick Harris, Hank Burack, Joe Webber, Gina Moorman, Matt Moorman, Wendy Winters, Shannan Kooistra, Glen Shick, Kathy Shick, Janet Cross, Mindy Barnwell, Laurie Simon, Kurt Stine, Richard Rasmussen, Charles Cutting and others.

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

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

1. Tom made a motion to move public comment to the end of the meeting with support from Amy. Motion passed
2. Tom made a motion to approve the Agenda, Amy supported the motion. Motion passed
3. Tom made a motion to approve the July 2021 Meeting Minutes, Amy supported the motion. Motion passed
4. Tom make a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, Pat & Ronda supported the motion. Motion passed
5. Amy made a motion to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$27,700.64 plus the Frontier bill when it comes in, Tom supported the motion. Motion passed

New Business:

1. Principles of Governance: Tom made a motion to accept the MTA Principle of Governance with support from Amy. Motion passed
2. Ron Redick spoke on the Moratorium. Ronda made a motion to adopt the Ordinance Amendment to Extend the Temporary Moratorium on Townships review of Wind Energy Systems. Amy supported the motion. Motion passed and the Ordinance was adopted.
3. Amy made a motion to approve the Service & Repair Renewal offer from Hart and to pay for the early one. Tom supported the motion. Motion passed.
4. Amy made a motion to adopt the Resolution to Approve Credit Card Acceptance Policy, Tom supported the motion. Motion passed

Old Business: (none)

Public Comments:

1. Jack Jeppesen: Since they are pressed with time the Planning Commission will start meeting monthly until they can bring a completed WES Ordinance to the Township Board.
2. Dave Kelsey: 2 approved permits and a couple of violations coming up.

3. Tom Jeppesen: Had a fire meeting. Stanton Fire department has a broken propeller and would like the townships to pitch in for a new one. Tom made a motion to send \$1,000.00 to Community Fire for the new propeller. Amy supported the motion. Motion passed.
Tom also told us that they need 14 new airpaks. He suggests the local fire departments come together to place an order so they can maybe get them cheaper. Someone suggested the millage but Amy said the millage only covers the cost to run the fire departments now and doesn't allow any extra for new expenditures. Tom is going to check with the other departments and let us know their thoughts next month so this discussion was tabled. Tom also said that the townships getting grants aren't usually the rural areas.
4. Amy is taking in tax money.
5. Ronda let them all know that the Audit was done and pointed out that they all have a copy of that audit in their folders.
6. Laura Engel: read a letter on the moratorium and is in favor and would like to see an equal WES Ordinance.
7. Keith Phelps: Read a letter in support of WES. Would like to see the Planning Commission be accountable by doing quarterly meetings on the WES Ordinance.
8. Josh Nolan: was going to talk about the moratorium but we already passed it so he spoke about other things. He would like to have the Township look at "Who wants the WES". He would also like to see the Township act in the best interest of all. He also said he would scrap all of the 2017 Wind Ordinance except the part that reads "measured from the property line" & the "signal interference".
Josh also made a comment about how the Township Board should remember who elected them when passing the new Ordinance on WES.
9. Ben Reynolds: Thanks the board & the PC for passing the moratorium and the efforts being made.
10. Melissa Bannen: Thanks the board for passing the Moratorium and thanks Mr. Nolan for his help.
11. Jack Jeppesen: Thinks the remarks Josh Nolan made could be considered bullying.
12. Kelli Jeppesen: Would like to see patience and compromise.
13. Ron Finegood: Let everyone know this weekend is Stanton Old Fashioned Days.
14. Cindy Shick: Appreciates the board passing the moratorium. She was people to "Research" the health effects of living by wind turbines. She would also like to have Ron Redick look at both ordinances (the Citizen's Ord & the one put together by Tim Johnson).
15. Julie Weipert: Thanks the board and PC for the moratorium and wanted to reiterate that there is a larger number of people supporting the Citizen's Ordinance.
16. Holly Huff: Wants the peace and quiet of living in the country left in place. She is against WES.
17. Albert Jongewaard (Apex): Thinks the moratorium is a good idea and he would like to see a good compromise on the new ordinance.
18. Brandy Bunting: Made a speech on property rights.
19. Jennifer Ahle: Apex won't be here after the wind turbines are built and would like the PC and Township boards to think about "who is making the money".

8:02 p.m. With nothing more to discuss Tom made a motion to adjourn with support from Pat. Motion passed.