

Call to Order 7 p.m.

Motion to have Tester run meeting- Cordray, 2nd Bunting. Roll call- Huff, Cordray, Tester, Bunting. Approved 4-0

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Bunting, Tester, Cordray, Huff

Absent: Shick

Approval of Minutes: September 4, 2024

Motion: To accept Minutes for September 4th,

By: Bunting

Support: Huff

Motion: 4-0

Approval of Agenda

Motion: To remove 9E from agenda and to approve the agenda

By: Tester

Support: Bunting

Motion carried: 4-0

Public Comment on Agenda Items -1. Can anyone property owner be included in an overlay of renewable energy projects?
2. Asked for 1 property to be removed from the energy overlay. It is a residence. 3. Planning comm was asked to change this property off overlay, attorney stated the The Township Board could change the overlay. Overlay district was decided, lawyer advice, Proximity to the power station already existing, and acre size. Class action lawsuit possible.

Reports

Kristi Cordray - Treasurer Report

Income \$41,597

Expenses \$17,996

Total income \$23,677

Motion: To accept Treasure report

By: Bunting

Support: Tester

Motion carried: 4-0

Holly Huff - Clerk Report

Expenses \$118,501.33

Motion: To accept clerk report

By: Bunting

Support: Cordray

Motion carried: 4-0

Eric Tester - Township Trustee - PC Liaison

Informational -.Amended ordinances, will address building height in October Meeting.

Ken Bunting - Township Trustee - Fire Board

Informational -Approved fire truck. Currently in line to design a fire truck now. We can pay in advance or wait to pay at the end. We can save about \$3000 if we pay early. Stanton hired 3 firefighters and 1 cadet.

Dave Kelsey - Administrator Report Informational - 2 permits, 1 land division, 1 court hearing follow up of blight issue, 1 complaint of campers living on property with mobile home.

NEW BUSINESS

Lake sewer: RFP- information received from Attorney. Can move forward. Due date for Bids will be November 07, 2024.

Motion: To except RFP for quotes

By: Huff

Support: Cordray

Motion carried- 4-0

CREO-New amendment from PC

Ordinance- 2024-02 To amend the ordinance to regulate utility scale battery energy storage systems and create a renewable energy overlay zoning district.

Ordinance- 2024-03 To amend the ordinance to regulate solar energy systems in accordance with PA233 of 2023

Ordinance- 2024-04 To amend the ordinance to regulate Wind energy systems in accordance PA 233 of 2023

Ordinance- 2024-05 To amend the zoning of Douglass Township enforcement of the enforcement of the timeline on pursuing violations of the zoning ordinance.

Motion to remove parcel 007-003-005-00 and parcel 007-003-006-00 from the green zone overlay district

By: Bunting

Support: Tester

Roll Call: Yes-Huff, Cordray, Tester, Bunting. Approved 4-0

Motion: to approve Ordinance 2024-02 with the subtraction of 007-003-005-00 and 007-003-006-00

By: Tester

Support: Bunting

Roll call: Yes- Huff, Cordray, Tester, Bunting. Approved 4-0

Motion: to approve Ordinance 2024-03

By: Bunting

Support: Huff

Roll call: Yes-Huff, Cordray, Tester, Bunting. Approved 4-0

Motion: to approve Ordinance 2024-04

By: Tester

Support: Huff

Roll call: Yes-Huff, Cordray, Tester, Bunting. Approved 4-0

Motion: to approve Ordinance 2024-05

By: Bunting

Support: Cordray

Roll call: Yes-Huff, Cordray, Tester, Bunting. Approved 4-0

C) Public Service Committee- Attorney recommendation-MPCS Lawsuit Motion- Authorize the township attorney to file an appeal or other appropriate legal actions to challenge the MCSC October 11, 2024 order concerning PA 233 with cap of \$5000.

By: Tester

Support: Huff

Roll call: Yes-Huff, Cordray, Tester, Bunting. Approved 4-0

D) Minimum wage changes

Motion: stay with minimum wage of what State requires.

By: Tester

Support: Bunting

Roll Call: Yes, Huff, Cordray, Tester, Bunting. Approved 4-0

F) Parking lot safety

Motion: Approve \$300 to put fence at end of east parking lot entrance

By: Ken

Support: Tester

Roll call: Yes- Huff, Cordray, Tester, Bunting. Approved 4-0

Announcements

Election day- November 5, 2024- remember to vote.

Next Meeting

November 20, 2024 7:00 p.m., 2024, Douglass Township Hall

Public comment: Spending money on attorneys- township will have renewable energy to stop spending money on it.

The committee has been doing a good job in listening to what the community is saying.

Legal advice has to be used to cover what we do.

PA 233 limit is starting distance of 1.1. If you can't agree with the developer then it goes to MCPA. wants a copy of the letter that was supplied to the board from the Attorney. Will this cost more than \$5000? Were you aware that the overlay could be a legal risk.

If a battery storage plant-could this battery storage come with battery production or battery recycle.

Thank you for listening to the resident about concerns of renewable energy here.

Developers could ask the State to override 1.1 tip height. Appreciate the concerns over

the attorney fees, but the board has spent less then last board and it is needed to protect us against the State.

Thank you for removing the properties from the green zone. Split rail fence for drive, put reflectors on fence

Will this lawsuit put control on oil drilling, pipelines, animal feeding operations, all regulated at State level.

Board Comment: Bunting- battery storage only as far as we know. Douglass has told the State what we want for wind and solar. Oil drilling has been going on for a long time and has caused no problems. We know people are affected by wind and solar. Just trying to protect our citizens.

Tester: We have been fighting with the developers for 4 years. The citizens spoke they want an ordinance to protect our community. The State took this over, we already spoke what we want here. We need to protect the citizens. State land is available but the State wants to take private land.

Cordray will check on availability to the public with the Attorney letter.

Huff: Property rights, I was not allowed to side my home with steel, per the previous board. There are rules when you live in townships. Biggest this is to respect your neighbor

Adjournment

Motion: Motion to Adjourn

By: Tester

Support: Bunting

Motion carried 4-0

Adjourn 8:35 pm

Respectively submitted by

Holly Huff

Douglass Twp. Clerk On Sept 9, 2024