

Douglass Township Board Meeting
3521 McBride Rd.
Stanton, MI 48888
January 4th, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

- **Call to Order** 7:00 p.m. Shick
- **Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Roll Call** Board Member Present: Cindy Shick, Amy Laper, Holly Huff, Eric Tester, Ken Bunting
- **Approval of Minutes dated 12/07/2022**: Motion Tester, 2nd Laper, passed unanimously
- **Approval of Amended Agenda**: Motion Laper, 2nd Huff, Motion passed unanimously.

- **Public Comments on Agenda**
 - Lighting in back parking lot.
 - Co-chair on PC-Montcalm Township

- **Reports**
 - Treasurer – Laper
 - Motion to amend budget Tester, 2nd Bunting, passed unanimously
 - Clerk -Huff
 - Motion to amend budget - Laper 2nd Tester
 - Motion to pay bills -Laper, 2nd Tester, passed unanimously
 - Administrator report – Dave Kelsey – Motion to accept Huff, 2nd Laper, passed unanimously.

- **Old Business**
 - Moratorium on wind and solar – Resolution - Board petition township planning commission to amend commercial wind and solar ordinances. Board repeals existing wind and solar regulations direct township planning commission to hold public hearing. Ordinance imposed a moratorium on Commercial wind and solar energy projects for up to 12 months. Ordinance to repeal sections pertaining to wind and solar energy systems.
 - Motion Shick, 2nd Tester.
 - Roll call-yes; Shick, Laper, Huff, Tester, Bunting. Passed unanimously
 - Planning Commission Appointments - Mike Swan 3 years, Kathy Craig 3 years.
 - Motion Shick, 2nd Huff.
 - Roll call-yes; Shick, Laper, Huff, Tester, Bunting. Passed unanimously
 - Zoning Board of Appeals – Sara Beechy 2 years, Rick Baldwin (PC rep) 1 year. Ben Reynolds 2 years, Wendie Switala 1 year.
 - Motion Shick, 2nd Tester.
 - Roll call-yes; Shick, Laper, Huff, Tester, Bunting. Passed unanimously
 - Board of Review – Assessment board in place till 2024
 - Resolution to approve FOIA procedures and guidelines written public summary and detailed itemization.
 - Motion Shick, 2nd Bunting.
 - Roll call-yes; Shick, Laper, Huff, Tester, Bunting. Passed unanimously

- Resolution to adopt Board of review start dates and alternative dates for board of review.
 - Motion Laper, 2nd Tester.
 - Roll call-yes; Shick, Laper, Huff, Tester, Bunting. Passed unanimously
 - Resolution to adopt taxpayers & non-resident taxpayers to protest in writing by letter or email for board of review.
 - Motion Laper, 2nd Shick.
 - Roll call-yes; Shick, Laper, Huff, Tester, Bunting. Passed unanimously
 - Resolution to except Township household income & asset standard to eligible for a poverty exemption.
 - Motion Laper, 2nd Tester.
 - Roll call-yes; Shick, Laper, Huff, Tester, Bunting. Passed unanimously
 - Lock changed for township hall doors- Ralstons hardware, Stanton Mi will do work for \$100.
 - Motion Laper, 2nd Huff
 - Voice: Passed unanimously
 - Planning commission- communicate plans for public hearing and hold on master plan review.
- **Approval of 2023 Meeting Dates**- First Wed of every month 7 pm at Douglass township hall. Will be posted on website douglasstwp.org. Bunting state he is unable to attend Feb 1, 2023 due to conflict of schedule with Job.
- Motion Laper, 2nd Tester
 - Voice: Passed unanimously
- **Public Comments**. Property dispute, zoom meeting comments both for and against, budget question, board absences and payment, webpage posting by Rachel, question about supervisors meeting and transparency, invite county commissioners, wind ordinance/citizens wind ordinance questions, appreciation for board
- **Adjournment**
- Motion Tester, 2nd Laper. Passed unanimously
 - Adjourned 8:35 p.m.

~Respectfully submitted by Holly Huff, Clerk