

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

IN PERSON MEETING

June 20, 2024 at 7:00pm

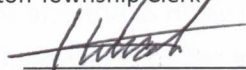
Held at Washington Township Hall, 8989 S. Baldwin Rd. Ashley, MI 48806

- I. Meeting called to order by Supervisor Whaley at 7:10pm; Pledge of Allegiance, Roll call- Present: Eric Whitford, Howard Whaley, Barbara Hoffer; Absent: Kevin Whaley (family emergency) & Nancy Rogers (on vacation-attending by phone).
- II. Motion to approve minutes from May 16, 2024 Board meeting as amended and to approve minutes from June 12, 2024 Special Meeting as read & correct by Eric, 2nd by Howard, all in favor, motion carried.
- III. Motion to approve Agenda with additions of: V.I) Grant Update-Nancy, VII.d) MTA Membership Access, by Howard, 2nd Eric, all in favor, motion carried.
- IV. Motion to approve financial reports (upon reconciliation by clerk by Eric, 2nd by Howard, roll call votes, yeas- Eric, Howard, Barb, nays- none, Absent- Nancy & Kevin; motion carried.
 - a. The proposed budget was approved at the March 21, 2024 Final Budget Meeting. Supervisor to be added to BS&A for Budget approval. Howard made a motion to adopt the approved proposed budget, 2nd by Eric, roll call votes: yeas-Eric, Howard, Barb, motion carried.
 - b. Motion by Barb to mandate the use of BS&A software by the clerk's, treasurer's, supervisor's and the assessor's offices in order to keep our records up to date, 2nd by Eric, all in favor.
- V. Open Issues/Visitors: Jason & Theresa Hannath / DTE, Corey Fowler / Terror on 27.
 - a. DTE solar update by Theresa Hannath & general wind turban issues update by Jason. Discussion re: workable Ordinance &/or CREO's needed to be compatible with the state regulations for green energy including wind, solar & battery storage.
 - b. Sale lot on 127-Howard/Nancy. Ordinance can now be enforced.
 - c. Lawyer update-Howard. Working with attorney re: police power enforcement.
 - d. Terror on 27-Howard. Notice for a Special Hearing at the Planning Commission meeting on 7/9/2024 at 6pm has been posted in the paper.
 - e. Microsoft 365-Barb. Still waiting for .gov domain name before getting this.
 - f. Election update-Barb
 - a) Election Inspector Training by County Clerk scheduled for 1pm on 7/17/2024 at Washington Township Hall. Doreen Summer (new); Barb, Pam, Gayla, Jeannette, LuAnn & Annette (review) have signed up.
 - b) EPB Training yet to be scheduled.
 - c) Preliminary Test Date 6/22/2024 at 9am, County Clerk will be here.
 - d) Public Test Date 7/19/2024 at 9am.
 - e) Election Inspectors scheduled: D – Pam Reed, LuAnn Diffin, Annette Bontrager R – Kathy Stahl, Gayla Phillips, Bob Baxter.

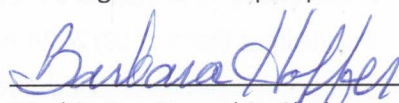
- g. Domain name-Barb. Get.gov is now in review but not yet approved.
 - h. ARPA reports-Barb. Overdue, still having issues with login.gov and a complaint has been filed requesting assistance.
 - i. Grant update-Nancy. Barb is still trying to obtain a Unique Entity ID number for the township needed when submitting the grants.
- VI. Public Comment for old business/open issues: none
- VII. New Business:
- a. Status of siting law & moratorium-Eric. Our moratoriums will expire before state takeover of green energy which will nullify moratoriums still active.
 - b. Blueprints/estimates-Nancy. Discussed funding, grants & rough estimates for smaller addition with the suite of offices and bathroom renovations. Question re: 1) water softener being added to grant request 2) new insulation on old building added to estimate 3) fire code to remove south entrance (Howard to inquire of AAFA) 4) Nancy to be added as Project Manager on grant request. Eric made a motion for Nancy to move forward with detailed drawing for smaller addition of office suites with basement & bathroom renovations, 2nd by Barb, roll call vote: Yes – Eric, Howard, Barb, all in favor, motion carried.
 - c. Sight right-of-way in Pompeii-Nancy. Road Commission was notified but does not feel it is their problem. Zoning Officer to send a certified letter to homeowner re: Zoning Ordinance and annotate state law on right of way.
 - d. MTA Membership-Barb. Discussion re: three levels of covered training costs. Motion to purchase Premium Pass for \$1,900 with Membership Renewal by Barb, 2nd by Eric, roll call vote: Yes - Eric, Howard, Barb, all in favor, motion carried.
- VIII. Letters/Correspondence:
- a. update on road construction on US127-Howard
 - b. Letter from Drain Commission re: Drain 014
 - c. Letter from Drain Commission re: Drain 044
 - d. Letter from Drain Commission re: Drain 181
- IX. Additional Public Comment:
- a. Assuming Doreen Summer is elected as the Township Clerk we will be seeking a candidate for the Planning Commission.
 - b. John Chvojka inquired about possible hall rental on July 21st.
- X. Adjourned at 9:12pm

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Hoffer, Washington Township Clerk

Approved on 7/18/2024

 Supervisor

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