

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

IN PERSON MEETING

15JUN23 7:00PM

- I. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance at 7pm by Supervisor Whaley
Roll Call: Trustee Whitford, Trustee Rogers, Treasurer Whaley, Clerk Hoffer, Supervisor Whaley
- II. Approval of minutes from last board meeting- Motion to approve as presented by Nancy, 2nd by Eric, all in favor, motion carried
- III. Approval/Adjustments of Agenda – Motion to remove item V g) Cemetery costs assessed for damage and add POC/HF Report to next mtg agenda; Approve this agenda by Eric, 2nd by Nancy, all in favor, motion carried
- IV. Adjustment/Approval of budget/financial report/bills /revised financial statements- Amendments -
May Report: Income #2379 5/17/23 Karen Stoneman/ Hall Rental \$50, Total Income \$170,144.46, Balance \$153,593.89. June Report: Expense #8475 James Faber/Lawn Mowing \$520, #8476 Accident Fund/Worker Comp Policy Renewal \$715, Total Expense \$21,143.55, Adjusted Balance \$140,629.45. Motion to approve as amended & corrected by Nancy, 2nd by Eric. Roll call vote, all in favor, motion carried
- V. Open Issues/Visitors – DTE representatives present: Theresa, Dan, Ryan, Jim & Scott (J Ranck Construction for the DTE Polaris Project)
 - a) Planning Commission Alternate – Not allowable per attorney and MTA guidance. Motion to vacate the Resolution appointing Alternate Planning Commissioner by Kevin, 2nd by Eric, Roll call vote, all in favor, motion carried
 - b) Hall Foundation update by Supervisor Whaley, new foundation work almost complete, outdoor water spigot has been installed
 - c) Used Equipment lot on US127 – letter to be sent by attorney per Supervisor Whaley
 - d) BS&A update – Supervisor Whaley & Clerk Hoffer scheduled to have a conference call with BS&A next week re: fast track of cloud conversion
 - e) Parking/extension of driveway – discussion for board to consider additional parking on west and east sides for future addition. There is already gravel under the sod on the east side.
 - f) Bathroom Suggestions – ADA compliance being considered for renovations
 - g) Cemetery Costs assessed for damage – an invoice was sent to the gentleman, a partial payment has made with a promise of 3 more payments
- VI. Public Comment for old business/open issues - none

VII. New Business

- a) Alcohol at Hall – discussion of recommendation by our insurance carrier to have the renter sign a waiver & have them provide a copy of liability insurance before allowing alcohol. Motion to continue with no alcohol & have the attorney review current rental agreement & provide recommendations to improve it by Kevin, 2nd by Eric, all in favor, motion carried
- b) Playground Equipment/Old equipment – Equipment was purchased from Sherwood Auction / Fulton Elementary School (list was provided) Discussion of addition for offices and renovations at hall; pavilion & playground to be erected as a way to give back to the community. Need to have blueprints or certified drawings & a plan in order to get good estimates and a permit.
- c) Planting of grass– suggestion to hold off until decision on addition/parking
- d) Planning Commission Recommendations on Solar Resolution. DTE said they will provide training for our local and surrounding area first responders with ongoing updates as needed. Board & attorney discussion of additional conditions to add. Motion by Kevin to adopt Solar Resolution 2023-010 recommended by the Planning Commission modified with the addition of conditions 1) Road use agreement with Gratiot County or similar with Township 2) Regravel Roads upon completion of project installation 3) Reasonable Signage for non-route roads within 1 mile of designated routes 4) Dust control during installation, 2nd by Barb, Roll call vote, all in favor, motion passed
- e) PA-116 Paperwork (if needed) - Motion by Barb to suspend PA-116's for parcels as needed by the DTE Polaris Solar Project until the project is decommissioned, 2nd by Nancy, Roll call vote, all in favor, motion carried. (Clerk Hoffer to sign each PA-116 suspension document following the meeting, copies to be provided to Twp by DTE)
- f) Lawyer Ordinance review & suggestions - ongoing
- g) SLUP vice special use designation/definition by lawyer

VIII. Letters/Correspondence:


- a) Special Use Permit not needed for Lisa Cano for daycare in her home
- b) Election Audit for May 2023 completed & passed on 6/8/2023
- c) Letter from Gratiot County Administrator re: FOIA

IX. Additional Public Comment - none

X. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn by Kevin, all in favor, motion carried

Time: 9:32pm

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Hoffer, Township Clerk



Approved 7/20/2023
Clerk, Barbara Hoffer