

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

IN PERSON MEETING

17AUG23 7:00PM

- I. Call to Order at 7:05pm by Supervisor Whaley, Pledge of Allegiance,
Roll Call – Present: Howard Whaley, Barbara Hoffer, Kevin Whaley, Nancy Rogers, Eric Whitford.
- II. Approval of minutes from last board meeting- Motion to approve as presented by Kevin Whaley, 2nd by Nancy Rogers, all in favor, motion passed.
- III. Approval/Adjustments of Agenda – Motion to approve with the addition of item V. h) Moratorium on Renewable Energy by Eric Whitford, 2nd by Kevin Whaley, all in favor, motion passed.
- IV. Adjustment/Approval of budget/financial report/bills – Motion to approve contingent on Clerk verification of numbers by Nancy Rogers, 2nd by Eric Whitford, Roll call vote: all yes, motion passed.
- V. Open Issues/Visitors
 - a) Hall Foundation update - Final inspection has been requested, waiting for approval.
 - b) Used Equipment lot, next steps - Waiting for response to letter from FSBR.
 - c) Sigma reporting for election reimbursement - Letter with request for changes to account was submitted.
 - d) Heartland Farms update - Rick Hayden, DTE Solar farm update – Howard
 - e) Windscreens, update - Pam
 - f) Election update, printer requirements, AV drop box decision, record retention requirements- Barb
 - g) Blue prints/estimates – Discussion on proposed plans. Motion by Eric, 2nd by Barb for Nancy to spend \$2000 from ARPA funds to obtain blueprints for proposed addition to Township Hall so we can get estimates, roll call vote: all yes, motion carried.
 - h) Moratorium on Renewable Energy Land Use Applications – Discussion with Kyle/FSBR on 12month police power moratorium while our ordinance is being reviewed and amended.
- VI. Public Comment for old business/open issues – None
- VII. New Business
 - a) Office Printer – Not ordered yet
 - b) Solar decommissioning agreement - Presentation by Kyle/FSBR. Motion by Eric to table until next meeting so Board can review, 2nd by Kevin, all in favor, motion carried.
 - c) Fall clean-up day decision - Motion by Kevin for Howard to schedule dumpster with Bryan Terrell for 9/30/2023 clean-up day with an alternate date of 10/7/2023, 2nd by Eric, Roll call vote: all yes, motion carried.

- d) Post card wording for millage ballot proposal/public hearing - Howard & Barb to compile wording for postcard/flyer inviting to Public Hearing (email draft to board members for input)
- e) Insurance Policy renewal - Motion by Kevin to approve as presented, 2nd by Howard, Roll call vote: all yes, motion carried.
- f) MAMC Election training - Training on 8/30/2023 at Soaring Eagle in Mt. Pleasant, \$50/person to attend, must pre-register.
- g) Greater Gratiot Master Plan - Kevin made a motion to approve the 5-year contract renewal of the Greater Gratiot Master Plan & pay the \$1033.50 fee out of Contract Services, 2nd by Barb, Roll call vote: all yes, motion carried.
- h) Rogers' variance - Variance needed to split property due to not enough set back clearance between buildings & proposed new property lines. Howard made a motion to table until a Zoning Board of Appeals is appointed and able to review, 2nd by Kevin, Nancy abstained due to conflict of interest, all yeas', motion carried.
- i) Consumers resolution - Motion by Kevin to renew Consumers Energy Gas Ordinance 4 from 1993 as presented, 2nd by Nancy, all in favor, motion carried.

VIII. Letters/Correspondence: ~~DTE, Road Use Agreement~~ MDOT Construction updates - Howard per email from Brian Atkinson/MDot

IX. Additional Public Comment: none

X. Adjournment Time: 9:13pm

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Hoffer, Township Clerk

Approved 9/21/2023
Barbara Hoffer, Twp. Clerk
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Supervisor
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