

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

IN PERSON MEETING September 21, 2023 at 7:00pm

- I. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call – 7pm, Present: Howard Whaley, Barbara Hoffer, Kevin Whaley, Nancy Rogers, Eric Whitford.
- II. Approval of minutes from Board Meeting 8/17/23 & Special Meeting 8/31/23 – Motion by Nancy, 2nd by Kevin to approve both minutes as presented, All in favor, motion carried.
- III. Approval/Adjustments of Agenda – Motion by Kevin, 2nd by Eric to approve as amended, All in favor, motion carried.
- IV. Adjustment/Approval of budget/financial report/bills – Motion to approve as amended with a change of DTE Escrow account to be named DTE Dispute Account by Eric, 2nd by Barb, Roll call vote: Howard/yes, Barb/yes, Kevin/yes, Nancy/yes, Eric/yes, Motion carried.
- V. Open Issues/Visitors – Present: Kyle/FBSR & Karla/Mercantile Bank
 - > Mercantile Bank, new equipment-Kevin/Karla Childers – Presentation & discussion of Remote Deposit Capture device. Motion to table a decision by Eric, 2nd by Nancy, All in favor, motion carried.
 - > *Note of changes on Treasurer Report to be reflected on next months report.
 - a) Decommissioning agreement-all – Motion by Nancy approve the Large Solar Energy System Decommissioning Agreement for the Polaris Solar Project with amendments as recommended by Kyle/FBSR, 2nd by Kevin, Roll call vote: Howard/yes, Barb/yes, Kevin/yes, Nancy/yes, Eric/yes, Motion carried.
 - b) Used Equipment lot, Police Power Ordinance-Eric/Lawyer – moved to VII. h)
 - c) Fall clean-up day – September 30 9am-2pm, dumpsters have been scheduled, volunteers needed.
 - d) Sigma reporting for election reimbursement, update-Kevin – ongoing, nothing new to report at this time.
 - e) DTE Solar farm update-Howard/Theresa-DTE – update/discussion.
 - f) Windscreens update-Pam – still working on these.
 - g) Election update-Barb – Motion by Kevin to accept the Resolution to Establish the Gratiot County Vote Center as an Early Voting Site for All Elections Held Within Washington Township of Gratiot County Resolution with amendments as recommended by the Couty Clerk, 2nd by Eric, Roll call vote: Howard/yes, Barb/yes, Kevin/yes, Nancy/yes, Eric/yes, Motion carried.
 - h) Mileage-Barb – Motion by Kevin to amend Mileage Reimbursement Resolution to reflect the Federal Mileage Reimbursement amount (currently at \$.655), 2nd by Eric, All in favor, Motion carried.
 - i) Blueprints/estimates-Nancy – Two drawing variations were proposed, Motion by Howard to have blueprints completed for the larger addition, 2nd by Nancy, All in favor, Motion carried.

VI. Public Comment for old business/open issues

- a) Twp hall water tank was re-pressurized by R.Oberlitner Well Drilling earlier today.
- b) Twp hall furnace to be reconnected by Blemaster Plumbing & Heating tomorrow.
- c) Sump Pump to be installed by Twp at the hall, crock already in place.

VII. New Business

- a) ~~Mercantile Bank, new equipment Kevin/Carla Childers~~ – moved to V. before a)
- b) Board office hours-all – All board members to hold some office hours at the hall each month, let the clerk know when you can be available.
- c) Oaths of Office-Pam - list of persons an oath is needed for presented.
- d) Election Resolution-Barb – approved in V. g)
- e) ZBOA appointments-All – Discussion, Motion by Kevin to appoint Kim Diffin/PC, Nancy Rogers/Twp Board & Addison DeMott/Resident to the BOA, 2nd by Eric, All in favor, Motion carried.
- f) Employment ads, FB Posts-Barb – discussion about suggested fb posts/ads
- g) Wind & Solar Moratorium Ordinances–Eric/Kyle FSBR – Motion by Eric to approve the Wind Energy Facility Moratorium Ordinance as presented by FSBR, 2nd by Kevin, Roll call vote: Howard/yes, Barb/yes, Kevin/yes, Nancy/yes, Eric/yes, Motion carried.

Motion by Kevin to approve the Large Solar Energy Systems Moratorium Ordinance as presented by FSBR, 2nd by Nancy, Roll call vote: Howard/yes, Barb/yes, Kevin/yes, Nancy/yes, Eric/yes, Motion carried.

h) From V. b) Used Equipment lot, Police Power Ordinance – Motion to go into closed session under MCL 15.268 by Nancy, 2nd by Kevin, Roll call vote: Howard/no, Barb/yes, Kevin/yes, Nancy/yes, Eric/yes, Motion carried, Entered into closed session at 9:35pm

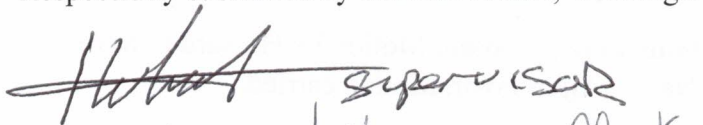
9:55pm re-opened open meeting, Motion by Howard to amend the zoning ordinance and pursue civil infraction citation per MCL 600.870, 2nd by Kevin, Roll call vote: Howard/yes, Barb/yes, Kevin/yes, Nancy/yes, Eric/yes, Motion carried.

VIII. Letters/Correspondence: Road Construction E-mail

IX. Additional Public Comment - none

X. Adjournment Time: 10:04pm

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Hoffer, Washington Township Clerk


Barbara Hoffer, Twp. Clerk
Approved 10/19/2023