

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

IN PERSON MEETING

December 21, 2023 at 7:00PM

- I. Call to Order at 7:00pm, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call, present: Eric Whitford, Nancy Rogers, Kevin Whaley, Barbara Hoffer, Howard Whaley
- II. Approval of minutes from last board meeting- Motion to accept as presented by Nancy, supported by Eric, all in favor
- III. Approval/Adjustments of Agenda- Motion to remove V.b) by Eric, supported by Nancy, all in favor.
- IV. Adjustment/Approval of budget/financial report/bills – Public questions/Discussion, Motion to approve by Nancy, supported by Barb, roll call vote: all in favor.
- V. Open Issues/Visitors – Josh Holmes/DTE Project Mgr - update on solar project / Q&A; Summary Letter from Rick Hayden/Heartland Farms Wind Project (Howard-fwd to board members & Addison DeMott)
 - a) Used Equipment lot, Police Power Ordinance - Lawyer-ongoing
 - b) ~~Sigma reporting for election reimbursement, update Kevin~~
 - c) Election update -Barb updated on Presidential Primary 2/27/24, election supplies & AV Drop Box installation
 - d) Blue prints/estimates-Nancy/Howard – \$80,000 Gratiot County Grant approved (Howard/Barb to sign) Motion to move forward with project by Nancy, supported by Eric, roll call vote: Yes/Eric, Nancy, Barb, Howard, No/Kevin. Special Mtg to be scheduled for 1/11/2023 at 6:30pm – Barb/post in newspaper
 - e) Hall rental updates – Barb (Hall was rented on 12/2-3 & scheduled for 12/31)
 - f) Terror on 27/Special Use Permit update – Howard
 - g) Check Reader Machine – cost of machine increase update from Kevin. Motion to approve the purchase by Howard, supported by Eric, roll call vote: Yes/Eric, Barb, Howard, Kevin No/Nancy
 - h) Cemetery/McAllister's Excavating, Inc. contract – Nancy/Howard, contract has been signed. Jose is done.
 - i) Ordinance/Planning Commission Mtg needed + 2-Public Hearings + Special Mtg needed – Eric to contact Doreen & Schedule.
 - j) Hall Hours – Hours to be posted "by appointment" for Trustees (revisit once offices are built)

VI. Public Comment for old business/open issues – Discussion on Roads/Gravel

VII. New Business

- a) 2024 Board Meeting Schedule – Motion to continue schedule as is by Barb, supported by Eric, all in favor.
- b) SLFRF/ARPA Report Compliance – Kevin/Barb to get access
- c) Deputy Treasurer – Kevin (Deputy needed ASAP)
- d) Consumers Energy / Invenergy Decommissioning Surety Bond – Howard
- e) Incoming Mail Log – Barb (tax payments/AV ballots, started in Sept '23)
- f) Oaths of Office – Need for Joe Fabus/BOR, Dave Rattay/PC, Dep Treasurer
- g) AAFA Appointments – Motion by Kevin for Howard Whaley & Scott Fischer to remain on the AAFA Board, supported by Nancy, all in favor

VIII. Letters/Correspondence: Dept of Licensing & Regulatory Affairs re: Liquor License to transfer from Bellinger Packing & Associates, LLC > Red Pine, LLC

IX. Additional Public Comment – Discussion about lights on wind turbines

X. Adjourned at 8:32pm

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Hoffer, Township Clerk

Approved 1-11-2024
Barbara Hoffer
~~Howard~~
Supervisor