

Bridgehampton Township Regular Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2017

Regular meeting for February 8, 2017 was held at Bridgehampton Township Hall Carsonville, Michigan. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Sonck, welcome, followed by The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll call by Sonck, present were: Innes, Kelly, McCarty, Hewitt, and Sonck.

Motion by Hewitt to accept the January 12, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented, supported by Innes. All Ayes

Motion by Hewitt to accept the December 13, 2016 Planning Commission Hearing Minutes and the December 6, 2016 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes both as presented, supported by Kelly. All Ayes

Innes read the Treasurer's report into record as of January 31, 2017. General Fund account balance \$3,825.32, Investment account balance \$83,599.16, Tax Checking account balance \$9,581.58, Tax Savings account balance \$77,345.75, and the Escrow account balance \$32,839.13. The balance difference in the General Fund and Investment account from January 31, 2016 to January 31, 2017 is +\$11,379.43. Motion by Kelly to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, supported by Hewitt. All Ayes

Public Comment: Adam Davis from Arcadis, present on behalf of Michigan Wind III, is here to remind us that they still have an active application in play with the Planning Commission that is currently under a moratorium. Mr. Davis states he knows the revised ordinances may be considered and adopted tonight, and he'd ask that the board reconsider and send it back to the Planning Commission for a revised ordinance that would be a compromise, and allow for the project to proceed and benefit the families in the township.

McCarty reported on communications received from Denise McGuire. There will be no cost for the new election equipment to local jurisdictions. However, there will be an annual maintenance charge in year 6-10 of \$615.00 per year.

Kelly reported on meetings attended: The Sanilac County Planning Commission missed the deadline of 30 days to be able to review our Wind Ordinance. Chris Martinelli was recommended for Zoning Administrator at the February 7, 2017 Planning Commission Meeting. The Planning Commission talked about a Solar Ordinance and Kelly stated the prospective company is only interested in hooking up to DTE utilities. The solar panels would be 15 ft. above ground, 30-50 acre parcels, \$800.00 per acre per year, and a 50 year commitment. The Planning Commission has requested a 6 month moratorium on Solar Farms to allow for time to write an ordinance.

McCarty reported she attended her 2 day accreditation meetings in Lansing on January 19th & 20th 2017. She also passed her online courses and is now accredited and will be receiving her certificate in the mail.

Old Business: With regard to the Tucker Cemetery, Jay Hartford has given permission to use the property around the cemetery to remove the trees and burn debris. Sonck left messages with 2 tree removal companies for estimates to clear approximately 30 ft. around the edge of the cemetery. Anyone working at the cemetery will need to have liability insurance or sign a waiver of liability, and a lift will probably be required. Status open.

Met Towers were taken down on Sunday February 5, 2017. They had until April 1, 2017 to take them down and they were down in ample time.

New Business: Motion by Sonck to appoint Chris Martinelli as Zoning Administrator, supported by Kelly. All Ayes

Motion by Kelly for the Zoning Administrator to purchase a hat and coat signifying his official capacity as Bridgehampton Township Zoning Administrator, supported by Sonck. All Ayes

Motion by Hewitt to adopt the Federal Poverty Guideline Exemptions for the Board of Review, supported by Kelly. All Ayes

Motion by Sonck to change the land split form to say survey is required, from survey is preferred. Must have legal description from a licensed surveyor by the State of Michigan. Supported by Hewitt. All Ayes

Motion by Sonck for a Resolution to adopt a Solar Energy Systems Moratorium Ordinance for six (6) months or until the Solar Energy Systems regulations in the Township's Zoning Ordinance are amended or adopted, whichever occurs first. Supported by McCarty. Roll call vote: Innes yes, McCarty yes, Kelly yes, Hewitt yes, and Sonck yes. Motion passed with 5 yes votes.

Motion by Hewitt for a Resolution to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-2 an Ordinance to Amend Zoning Ordinance Regarding Wind Energy Conversion Facilities, supported by Kelly. Roll call vote: McCarty yes, Kelly yes, Hewitt yes, Sonck yes, and Innes abstain. Motion passed with 4 yes votes and 1 abstaining.

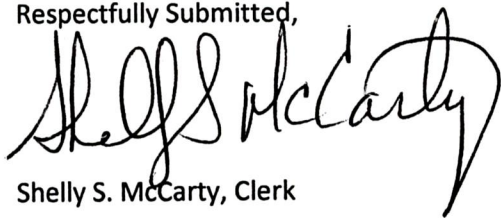
Motion by Kelly to post the 2017 Planning Commission & Township Board Meetings in the Tribune/Recorder as presented, supported by Hewitt. All Ayes

Motion by Sonck to publish the Solar Moratorium and the Wind Energy Conversion Facilities adoption in the Tribune/Recorder, supported by Hewitt. All Ayes

Motion by Hewitt to pay the bills was supported by Kelly. All Ayes

Motion to adjourn at 8:45 pm was made by Kelly and supported by Sonck. All Ayes

Respectfully Submitted,



Shelly S. McCarty, Clerk

Lu Ann Simonson
Katherine Kelly Trustee
Alan D. Innes, Treasurer