

DALLAS TOWNSHIP
Minutes of the Regular Monthly Board Meeting
December 13, 2021 @ 2:00 p.m.

Members Present: Feldpausch, Vern Schafer, Ann
Koenigsknecht, Therese Schafer, Stephanie

Members Absent: Marvel, Elizabeth

Guests: Finnila, Mark Rivet, Ed
Pohl, Dave Thelen, Doug
Randolph, Bob Thelen, Kimberly

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Feldpausch at 2:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Guests: As noted above.

Additions or Correction to Agenda/Approval of Agenda: **A motion was made by S. Schafer, supported by A. Schafer, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.**

Minutes of Meeting – November 8th: **A motion was made by A. Schafer, supported by S. Schafer to approve the amended minutes from the November 9th monthly board meeting. Motion carried.**

Approval of Bills: **A motion was made by S. Schafer, supported by A. Schafer to approve the payment of the following bills, General Fund \$1,260.16; and Fire Fund \$2189.90. Motion carried.**

REPORTS:

Fire Dept: V. Feldpausch stated the FD is doing an on-line inspection, the truck will be ready after December 17th and looking at picking up by December 31st. Fire and rescue runs have been slow.

Clerk: T. Koenigsknecht completed two on-line election trainings; one FOIA request; numerous calls regarding if township accepted donations to run elections; and numerous calls/emails from township residents requesting to be placed on permanent AV list.

Treasurer: Collections were brisk last week, with this year’s Winter Tax Roll of \$1,675,817.02. Total collected to date is \$284,825.91 (or 17% of the total amount; and cash flow charts for April 2021 through November 2021 were disseminated.

Supervisor: V. Feldpausch has been working on an AFG Grant and also the ISO rating.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Wind Turbines: No news from attorney.
- Commercial Solar Farm: K. Thelen, requested that the Township Board rescind the moratorium on the non-commercial solar farms. E. Rivet, Ex. Director from Michigan Conservative Energy Forums (MCEF), which is a non-profit organization, stated he works on energy policies, and shares model ordinances with townships/cities. Stated he has many resources to help people understand solar power and where it is going. M. Finnila, questioned the difference between residential and commercial solar panels. Bob Randolph, stated residential, ag and commercial become commercial if solar farms are put on them.
- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA): Clerk assembled binders so Board members could keep ARPA paperwork separate from other paperwork. Still collecting more information from Treasury Department on eligible expenses for use of ARPA funds.
- A.F.G Grant: V. Feldpausch has been working with Barb on this grant.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dave Pohl – Clinton County Board of Commissioner (CCBOC) report: Commissioner Pohl submitted the following report:

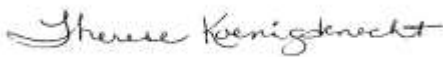
- 911 full conversion plan is scheduled for January 11, 2022. By doing all at once, there is less risk of confusion by the dispatchers.
 - Rehmann IT Solutions provided an update on the cybersecurity work being done at Clinton County. Clinton County has a virtual certified information security officer and has been working to provide NIST (National Security Standards and Technology) risk assessment.
 - LEAP (Lansing Economic Area Partnership) reported on the Small Business Relief Grant Program. 184 eligible apps were submitted and 60% will likely receive grant funding.
 - Legal counsel reported on the OPIOID litigation. Significant potential for modest compensation to the county and these funds must be used for past, and future opioid related expenses. This might include law enforcement, emergency services, mental health, substance abuse and other related expenses.
 - The Clinton County BOC approved an environmental evaluation of properties for possible future park development.
 - MSU Extension greatly expanded use of the extension website for visits and viewing as well as on line learning.
2. Zoning Administrator’s Report: No report submitted; however, one will be submitted for December meeting.
3. Poverty Exemption Resolution for 2022: Assessor Peggy Lidgard emailed a Resolution to Modify Guidelines for Poverty Exemptions from Property Taxes. In 2014 and 2015 there were resolutions passed and the current one from today will modify the guidelines. **A motion was made by V. Feldpausch, supported by T. Koenigsknecht to approve a Resolution to Modify Guidelines for Property Exemptions from Property Taxes. Ayes: S. Schafer; A. Schafer; T. Koenigsknecht and V. Feldpausch. Motion carried.**

Public Comments: No public comment.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

There being no further business, a motion was made by S. Schafer, supported by A. Schafer, to adjourn the meeting at 3:40 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Therese Koenigsknecht, Dallas Township Clerk

Upcoming Events:

January 10, 2022 Dallas Twp Meeting 2:00 pm

January 18, 2022 Clinton County Officer’s Association Mtg – 7:00 pm Ovid Twp