DALLAS TOWNSHIP Minutes of the Regular Monthly Board Meeting December 12, 2022 @ 2:00 pm Approved January 9, 2023

Members Feldpausch, Vern Marvel, Elizabeth Schafer, Stephanie

Present: Koenigsknecht, Therese Schafer, Ann

Members Absent:

Guests: Pohl, Dave Schafer, Mindy

<u>Call to Order:</u> 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 E. Marvel supported by

S. Schafer to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

<u>Minutes of Meeting – November 14^{th} :</u> A motion was made A. Schafer, supported by S. Schafer to approve the minutes from the November 14^{th} monthly board meeting. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills: A motion was made by E. Marvel, supported by A. Schafer to approve the payment of the following bills, General Fund \$18,772.82 and Fire Fund \$5735.60. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

<u>Fire Dept:</u> V. Feldpausch stated the department is very busy and on #109 with 20 calls for mutual aid and structure fires; and still working with sales rep from Halt Fire on small repairs on new truck. Spoke with grant lady, Barb, and will go in with SJFD on Scot Air packs; expecting to receive DNR grant;

<u>Clerk:</u> T. Koenigsknecht filed Stump PA 116 application with county P&Z Dept and Soil Conservation District; sent letter to township resident regarding zoning ordinance issue; sorting files to prepare for new clerk; and worked with P. Schafer and M. Schafer for clarifying accounting procedures.

T. Koenigsknecht informed the board of a \$1500 Election Security Grant from the Michigan Dept of State. A motion was made by E. Marvel, supported by A. Schafer to approve the Clerk to spend \$1500 of the election security grant and up to \$2000 for a fire proof filing cabinet to secure election equipment and other township items. Motion carried.

<u>Treasurer:</u> A. Schafer stated to date she has collected 15% of the total tax amount in the amount of \$257,073.13. The total to collect for the Winter 2022 is \$1,748,104.09.

<u>Supervisor:</u> V. Feldpausch has been working with P. Hanses from the Drain Office on Centerline, west of Grange project; received call from Republican party regarding renewable energy and searching for Planning Commission replacement.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1. <u>Clinton County Wide Broadband Project:</u> See Commissioner Pohl's report under New Business.
- 2. <u>Wind Turbines:</u> T. Koenigsknecht received a call from a local township treasurer regarding process that Dallas Twp used for solar zoning issues. Told her to contact their township attorney regarding this.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. <u>Clinton County Board of Commission (BOC) Report:</u> Commissioner Pohl report is as follows:
 - Following Craig Longnecker's retirement announcement, the County BOC interviewed 4 candidates from a pool of 13. Clinton County approved employment agreement with John Fuentes for the County Administrator position, subject to successful background check and standard pre-employment requirements. The start date is expected to be January 17, 2023.
 - Received an update of the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) by LEAP, on business assistance activity which is completed and the broadband project by the consultant. Evaluation of broadband implementation proposals and sorting out what the grant requirements will be are the current steps.
 - The BOC signed a Buy/Sell agreement for the parcel at 7575 W. Pratt Rd. The \$868,000 price includes constructing a parking area near the road, proper grading for the beach area, and construction of an emergency access path around a portion of the water feature.
 - Eagle Township requested that the BOC do an update of the land use plan, for the property owned by MSU along Wright Rd, south of Grand River and I-96. The Township received an

- inquiry regarding business development and the county agreed to share the cost with Eagle Township.
- The Road Commission reported that the new construction project is going well and the transportation funding is doing well. Some of the road construction projections for next year show some increases.
- It is possible that there may be some expansion of a solid waste cell that already exists between Grand River and I-96. This would be a vertical expansion or building up of a lower cell and would require updating the solid waste plan. More details will follow as the committee is appointed and they study the proposal.
- 2. <u>Zoning Administrator's Report:</u> No report was emailed this month as they are sent after each quarter.
- 3. <u>Dallas Twp Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) Vacancy:</u> A motion was made by S. Schafer, supported by E. Marvel to approve Matthew Leach for the Zoning Board of Appeal Vacancy, due to the death of R. Pline. Motion carried.
- 4. <u>Dallas Twp Planning Commission Vacancy:</u> With the recent resignation of Chairperson Kurt Marvel, the Planning Commission has an opening. V. Feldpausch stated that Matthew Leach will fill the vacancy on the Commission, however, the Planning Commission will meet in January to decide on a chairperson.
- 5. Resignation/Retirement of Dallas Twp Clerk: T. Koenigsknecht presented her resignation/retirement letter to the Township Board. A motion was made by E. Marvel supported by A. Schafer to accept Therese Koenigsknecht's resignation/retirement letter, effective December 31, 2022. Motion carried.
- 6. Appointment of New Dallas Twp Clerk: Mindy Schafer has served as Deputy Clerk since December 21, 2021 and has been training since then with T. Koenigsknecht. A motion was made by S. Schafer, supported by A. Schafer to appoint Melinda (Mindy) Schafer as the Dallas Township Clerk effective January 1, 2023. Motion carried

<u>Public Comments:</u> A. Schafer questioned if ARPA funds could be used for a mural inside of the township hall. A motion was made by S. Schafer, supported by A. Schafer to table the mural discussion until the February 2023 meeting. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

There being no further business, a motion was made by S. Schafer and supported by T. Koenigsknecht to adjourn the meeting at 2:50 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese Koenigsenecht

Therese Koenigsknecht, Dallas Township Clerk

Upcoming Events:

December 15, 2022 C.A.A.S.A. Board Meeting January 9, 2023 Dallas Twp Board Meeting 2:00 pm