DALLAS TOWNSHIP Minutes of the Regular Monthly Board Meeting January 10, 2022 @ 2:00 pm

Members Feldpausch, Vern Marvel, Elizabeth Present: Koenigsknecht, Therese Schafer, Ann

Members

Schafer, Stephanie

Absent:

Guests: Martin, Louie Pohl, Dave Thelen, Doug

<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 A. Schafer to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Minutes of Meeting – December 13th: A motion was made by E. Marvel, supported by V. Feldpausch to approve the minutes from the December 13th monthly board meeting. Motion carried.

Approval of Bills: A motion was made by E. Marvel, supported by V. Feldpausch to approve the payment of the following bills, General Fund \$3649.80 and Fire Fund \$9314.86. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

<u>Fire Dept:</u> V. Feldpausch stated the new truck, #71, is here and 13-14 firemen have trained on it thus far and Michigan Graphics Signs will be detailing it. He also stated a valve was left off and the department would like to add 200' of hose to #71. The department has been very busy, especially with mutual aid calls.

<u>Clerk:</u> T. Koenigsknecht was in contact with Township attorney regarding solar farm moratorium and ordinances; 4th quarter payroll; met with new deputy clerk; contacted auditor for assistant with ARPA fund coding and updated SAM.gov account.

<u>Treasurer:</u> A. Schafer stated taxes collected to date are \$1,022,220.79, about 61%; Capital Outlay report through 3rd quarter of fiscal year 12/31/21; ARPA funds moved to a new MI Class account as stipulated by the federal govt; Board approval needed to open CD at PFCU (see item #4 under New Business.) Deputy Treasurer Kate Halfmann continues training and both worked with Patti Schafer on pre-audit account reconciliations. A. Schafer is pleased with K. Halfmann's progress and states she's an asset to the township.

<u>Supervisor:</u> V. Feldpausch stated he worked with Barbara Breen and the \$92,000 AFG grant has been applied for and submitted; with the addition of the new engine, automatic aid will assist in lowering the ISO rating to around 4; and also meeting with Drain Commissioner Phil Hanses. V. Feldpausch also stated the BOR has a 3-hour training coming up.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1. Wind Turbines: No news from attorney.
- 2. <u>Solar Farms:</u> The Dallas Township Planning Commission has forwarded more questions and concerns to legal counsel and waiting to hear back from them. D. Thelen inquired about U of M studies that were mentioned at a Planning Commission meeting.
- 3. American Rescue Plan Act: Clerk will continue to forward document(s) regarding eligible expenses.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. County Commissioners Report: Commissioner Pohl stated the following:
 - With complexity during the last couple of years, the 911 update has been delayed due to some unforeseen challenges. It is now scheduled for the week of January 31, 2022. The drive and signal test were completed the end of November and successful in meeting the contractual agreement through-out the county.

- LEAP reported on the Small Business Relief Grant Program through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). 185 applications were received and 107 qualified and were provided grants from \$10,000 to \$25,000. The County broadband can also clarify the rational for soliciting public and private funding and grants.
- Approved Dept. of Waste Management Clean Community Event for April 30th at the Clinton County Road Commission Facility and Free for Fall Event for September 24th at the Granger facility on Wood Street in Dewitt Township. More details to follow.
- Clinton County Road Commission is proceeding with new facility plans and are scheduled to bid the project on January 10th.
- The Planning Commission submitted a reformatted zoning ordinance. It does not change the substance but the intent is to make it more user-friendly, especially online.
- The Board of Commissioners changed the policy for new full-time employees to be eligible for health insurance after 30 days, a reduction from 90 days.
- County is also visiting COVID protocols.
- 2. Zoning Administrator's Report: Board members briefly discussed Ms. Foster's November December 2021 Activity report.
- 3. Amendment to Solar Farm Moratorium, Ordinance #14, Amendment #1: Board members discussed Ordinance #14, Amendment #1, which in summary reads as follows: An Ordinance to amend Ordinance #14, Temporary Moratorium Ordinance for Solar Energy Systems to continue the moratorium on Commercial Solar Energy Systems for continued review, research and development of provisions within the Dallas Township Zoning Ordinance that meet the needs of the Township and its land use goals related to allowing alternative energy and preserving agricultural uses and available land, while permitting Non-Commercial Solar Energy Systems as viable alternative energy systems that have been found by the Planning Commission thus far to be less of a burden on the Township agricultural land use goals and promote the health, safety, and welfare of the residents and visitors to Dallas Township. A motion was made E. Marvel, supported by T. Koenigsknecht to approve Ordinance #14, Amendment #1. Roll call vote was taken by the Clerk: Marvel: yes; A. Schafer: yes; V. Feldpausch: yes; T. Koenigsknecht yes. Motion carried.
- 4. <u>CD Purchase from General Fund</u>: Ann Schafer, Dallas Twp. Treasurer, stated she would like to open a CD for \$20,000 and also \$5.00 to open an account at Portland Federal Credit Union, 605 E. Grand River Avenue, Portland, MI 48875 or 102 West Main Street, Westphalia, MI 48894. She stated that it is a 2-year CD, which will either be rolled over or cashed out by the Treasurer at the time of maturity. A motion was made by T. Koenigsknecht, supported by E. Marvel to authorize Ann Schafer, Dallas Twp Treasurer, to open this CD on behalf of the Township of Dallas. Motion carried.
- 5. <u>C.A.A.S.A. Service Budget and Authority Budget:</u> The township board discussed the budgets in detail. **A motion** was made by T. Koenigsknecht, supported by V. Feldpausch to approve the 2022-23 C.A.A.S.A. Service Budget and Authority Budget. Motion carried.
- 6. Sale Price for Old Engine #71: V. Feldpausch stated that Maple Rapids Fire Department is purchasing the old engine #71 for \$12,000 and will reimburse Dallas Township approximately \$650 for the pump test. A motion was made by E. Marvel, supported by A. Schafer to approve selling old engine #71 to the Maple Rapids Fire Department for \$12,000 with the stipulation that MRFD will also reimburse DTFD the total bill for the pump test. Motion carried.
- 7. <u>Revenue & Expenditure Report month ending 12/31/2021:</u> The clerk disseminated the Revenue and Expenditure report for both fire and general funds for month ending 12/31/2021.

Public Comments:

No public comment.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

There being no further business, a motion was made by V. Feldpausch, supported by E. Marvel to adjourn the meeting at 3:22 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Therese Koenigsknecht, Dallas Township Clerk