

DALLAS TOWNSHIP
Minutes of the Regular Monthly Board Meeting
July 12, 2021 @ 2:00 p.m.

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

Members
Absent:

Guests : Feldpausch, Brett Pohl, Dave Thelen, Mike & Denise
 Feldpausch, Glen & Jill Thelen, Brian & Rose Weber, Gary
 Martella Kehl, Francesca Thelen, Doug & Leann
 (Orsted Project Developer)

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Feldpausch at 2:05 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. Motion carried.**

Minutes of Meetings – June 2nd & June 14th: As there is already a FOIA policy in place, it was requested to strike #5 Profit Business Request, from the June 14th minutes. **A motion was made by V. Feldpausch, supported by S. Schafer to approve the June 2, 2021 Special Board Meeting minutes as well as the amended minutes from the June 14th board meeting. Motion carried.**

Approval of Bills: **A motion was made by E. Marvel, supported by S. Schafer to approve the payment of the following bills: General Fund \$24,732.31; Fire Fund \$15,194.78; 2nd Qtr Payroll \$21,976.14. Motion carried.**

REPORTS:

Fire Dept (FD): V. Feldpausch stated department has been busy with structure fires (mutual aid); one FD member resigned due to moving out of area; truck being built and expected by September/October; reprogramming of radios soon; Central Dispatch looking at replacing all Harris radios; and working with new St. Johns fire chief for new Airpak grant.

Clerk: T. Koenigsknecht received 2 FOIA requests since the last meeting; one involving parcels and currently working on one regarding the Center for Tech and Civic Life election grant; and currently working on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) application.

Treasurer: A. Schafer stated summer taxes were sent out on time and to date, \$101,715.90 (9%) has been collected of \$1,113,464.90; she has filed the Qualifying Statement for 2021; fire dept CD will mature on August 16th and will not renew again for 18 months instead of 12 months, and concerned that township can't charge the for-profit businesses for FOIA requests.

Supervisor: V. Feldpausch has been working with the Drain Office regarding flooding areas; waiting on 2 land divisions; and by-laws state that ambulance service can't go to the people for a vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Wind Turbines: No news from attorney.
2. Solar Farms: Ms. Kehl, Project Developer from Bauer Solar Company, who works for Orsted. Stated Orsted's desire to build a solar project in Dallas Twp, which would also encompass Bengal Township. She stated benefits include the following:
 - Clean energy.
 - Significant driver for local townships and counties with over \$200 million in investments.
 - Landowners benefit as solar leases/rents property with a 30+ year commitment.
 - On-site employees, up to 369 new jobs with 164 jobs in Dallas and 141 jobs in Bengal.
 - Fiscal contributions, upward of \$200 million; all figures are over a 30-year period.
 - Stated 700-800 acres of land will be needed for this project.

Several township residents voiced their opinions, both for and against the solar farm development. It was asked if the solar company would have a lien on homeowner's property. There were also questions regarding if the solar company receives government funding for this project. Ms. Kehl stated they do not receive any funding from the government; only tax credits. Other residents feel the revenue from the solar company would assist with road repair as well as funding for the schools in the area.

Township residents in attendance were thanked for attending the meeting and encouraged to attend the Dallas Twp Planning Commission meeting tonight at 7:00 pm. Ms. Kehl will be there to make a presentation and to also answer any questions that residents have.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Clinton County Board of Commissioner (BOC) Report: Commissioner Pohl stated the following:

- The BOC met with the Clinton County Road Commission (CCRC) Manager, and a CCRC Board member, to discuss bonding options to go ahead with a major facility improvement project.
- County Administration stated the retiree health care plan is in the 140% range and the general retiree pension is at 99% funded.
- Dept of Waste Management (DWM) reported that a scrap tire collection will be held on September 25th at the CCRC facility. No business or agriculture tires, and no tires over 24" rim diameter, due to grant restrictions. For an appointment call 989-224-5186 no later than one week before the event.
- DWM will be hosting a Clean Community Event, at the Granger site on Wood Street, on October 16th. This will be for electronics and hazardous waste and by appointment only.
- Authorized the County Treasurer to waive delinquent dog license fees until the end of September.
- The BOC extended the Emergency Declaration to July 31, 2021.
- The BOC will likely not extend the Emergency Declaration beyond July 31st, unless the data at that time indicates a significant resurgence of the COVID problem. A Board member asked if there will be any usage freedom at Smith Hall and/or the 4H Fairgrounds. Commissioner Pohl didn't think so.

2. Zoning Administrator's Report: Board members briefly discussed Ms. Foster's activity report.

3. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding Grant: Clerk will continue filling out grant paperwork as the deadline to apply is July 27, 2021.


Public Comments:

No public comment.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

There being no further business, a motion was made by T. Koenigsknecht, supported by E. Marvel, to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Therese Koenigsknecht, Dallas Township Clerk

Upcoming Events:

**July 12, 2021 7:00 pm - Dallas Township Planning Commission meeting,
August 9, 2021 - 2:00 pm - Dallas Township Board meeting**