

**DALLAS TOWNSHIP**  
**Minutes of the Regular Monthly Board Meeting**  
**June 14, 2021 @ 2:00 p.m.**

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

Present:

Members  
Absent:

Guests:            Finnilla, Mark    Martin, Louis    Moody, Karen    Lidgard, Peggy  
                                 Pohl, Dave    Thelen, Brian    Thelen, Denise    Thelen, Doug  
                                 Thelen, LeeAnn    Thelen, Mike

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: 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 – May 10<sup>th</sup>: A. Schafer stated her corrected May 10<sup>th</sup> report is as follows: *“The expected loss of revenue from the SOM sales tax, due to COVID, did not happen. The Twp received a check for more than \$17,000 in May and most of the checks received were for the usual amount.”* **A motion was made by E. Marvel, supported by A. Schafer to approve the amended May 10<sup>th</sup> board minutes, as presented. 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 \$3236.74 and Fire Fund \$8503.50. Motion carried.**

**REPORTS:**

Fire Dept: V. Feldpausch stated radios are being updated and new truck is being built.

Clerk: T. Koenigsknecht stated she received a call from a resident regarding solar farm; working on journal entries; check reconciliations; June payroll, and checking for updates for American Rescue Plan Act.

Treasurer: A. Schafer stated new database has been set up; mortgage codes checked/entered, summer 2021 tax bills printed; and newsletter ready for final inspection by the board. Citizen contacted her looking for information regarding revenue, in the form of personal property taxes, from solar farm companies; DWM requesting approval of the \$15 per household charge for recycling services; and received FOIA request asking for tax rolls.

Supervisor: V. Feldpausch worked on newsletter article, a new land division; and working on bid for exterior painting of township hall.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. Wind Turbines: No news from attorney.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. County Commissioners Report: Commissioner Pohl stated the following:

- 2020 Audit is complete and is considered “unmodified” meaning there are no significant areas of concern or reportable conditions.
- Ingham/Clinton Department of Veteran Affairs stated benefits counselors were issued remote equipment to assist veterans and kiosk for veteran’s use will be set up in the courthouse.
- County Board initiated the annual Capital Improvement Plan, and anticipates needed maintenance and major project needs will be addressed.
- Clinton County has adopted a U.S. Flag Etiquette Program. This includes proper display at County facilities and proper disposal of worn flags. Free flag collection boxes placed in the courthouse for County and public use.

- Clinton County extended Emergency Declaration to June 30, 2021. This allows any unit of government in the County to conduct meetings virtually.
- Still pursuing park property
- New prosecutor promoting more technology.

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

3. Solar Farm: Due to illness, a representative from the solar company could not attend today's meeting. Several guests were in attendance to discuss a possible solar farm development in Dallas Twp. Several residents stated their goal was to educate everyone with the financial and environmental impact a solar farm would have on the township. L. Thelen noted that Emerson Twp was getting money from solar companies for local roads/bridges. Information was given about two solar farms in St. Johns (Walker Road) and in Delta Twp (I-96 @ Mount Hope). It was also noted that money will come from the solar companies, as in taxes, electricity to the grid as well as solar companies pay rent to the landowners.

4. Jeff Rehmann – PA 116 Request: Mr. Rehmann submitted paperwork and stated he sent it months ago to the SOM, however, they never received it. Clerk advised him that it must first be approved at the Township board level. **A motion was made by V. Feldpausch, supported by S. Schafer to approve placing Jeff and Cheryl Rehmann's farmland into the PA-116 program. Motion carried. (Contingent if Mr. & Mrs. Rehmann update application with a sketch showing their property.)**

5. Profit Business Request: A. Schafer stated For-Profit businesses have been requesting entire tax rolls for Dallas Township residents. She is requesting that the Dallas Twp FOIA policy be in compliance with the county and charge \$1 per parcel. **A motion was made by E. Marvel, supported by V. Feldpausch to charge \$1 per parcel for businesses who request tax rolls from Dallas Township. Motion carried.**

6. Rural Recycling Site Partner Agreement/Surcharge through the Dept of Waste Management (DWM): The clerk received correspondence from K. Neese, requesting renewal of the \$15 per household for the Fowler Rural Recycling site. Clinton County will be liable for approximately \$56,000 in expenses for 2021. **A motion was made by S. Schafer, supported by E. Marvel to approve the renewal of the \$15 per household surcharge for the 2022 year. Motion carried.** It was also noted that due to the increase in local ambulance operational costs, this amount will be revisited next year.

Public Comments:

Above under Solar Farm

**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:**

***There being no further business, a motion was made by V. Feldpausch, supported by T. Koenigsknecht to adjourn the meeting at 4:08 pm. Motion carried.***

Respectfully submitted,



Therese Koenigsknecht, Dallas Township Clerk

**Upcoming Events:**

**June 24, 2021 C.A.A.S.A. Board Meeting  
July 12, 2021 Twp Board Meeting @ 2 pm**