DALLAS TOWNSHIP Minutes of the Regular Monthly Board Meeting November 8, 2021 @ 2:00 pm

Members Feldpausch, Vern Marvel, Elizabeth Schafer, Stephanie

Present: Koenigsknecht, Therese Schafer, Ann

Members Absent:

Guests: Rademacher, John Thelen, Kimberly Thelen, Brian Thelen, Rose

<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: Noted above.

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

Minutes of Meeting - October 11th: A motion was made by E. Marvel, supported by S. Schafer to approve the minutes from the October 11th monthly 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 \$48,670.51 and Fire Fund \$359.68. Motion carried.

REPORTS:

<u>Fire Dept:</u> V. Feldpausch stated truck final inspection should be in December; fireman Dave Feldpausch is retiring and department continues to have many false rescue runs due to alert devices.

<u>Clerk:</u> T. Koenigsknecht received two additional FOIA requests ref November 2020 election; compiled information and met with Work Comp auditor on November 3rd; continue election on-line training and reviewing eligible ARPA expenses.

<u>Treasurer:</u> A. Schafer stated due to weakness in interest rates, it is necessary to transfer funds from general fund to tax collection account; SOM is requiring new accounting number for ARPA funds as well as a separate place to hold/disperse from these funds; newsletter for the Winter tax mailing is finished for approval and will be ready to print; Steve Schafer attended the Treasurer's meeting; and Treasurer continues pre-audit work with Deputy Treasurer and Patti Schafer.

Treasurer also stated to avoid banking fees, additional \$200 is needed in tax collection account. A motion was made by S. Schafer, supported by E. Marvel, to transfer additional \$200 from general fund to tax collection account. Motion carried.

<u>Supervisor:</u> V. Feldpausch has been working with Clinton County Road Commission on projects for the new year and meeting with a grant writer (see under Supervisor's report.)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- 1. Wind Turbines: No news from attorney.
- 2. <u>Solar Farms:</u> The Township Board continues to accept letters, under advisement, regarding a potential commercial solar farm in Dallas Township. See additional information under Public Comments.
- 3. American Rescue Plan Act Funding: Dallas Township has received half (\$61,283.50) of the eligible amount.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Clinton County Board of Commissioners (CCBOC) Report: Commissioner Pohl sent the following information:
 - The CCBOC adopted the 2022 budget, which is a balanced budget and under 5% increase from the 2021 budget.

- The 911 update is moving along with anticipated transition for law enforcement in December; and fire/EMS in January or February of 2022. Some phases are still subject to delivery and installation issues.
- Child Care Program indicates the County is still within budget. A significant issue is substance abuse in most juvenile cases, which includes substance abuse by the parents.
- COVID testing and vaccination, including the booster, will be available at Smith Hall the Wednesdays of November (3,10,17,24) from 6:30 am until noon. Bring ID and vaccination card, if seeking the booster. The MMDHD reported COVID transmission in schools is still of concern.
- The CCBOC approved LEAP (Lansing Economic Area Partnership) to administer the Small Business Relief Grant Program. This involved a distribution of up to \$1.3 million dollars to county businesses demonstrating significant pandemic impact.
- The CCBOC approved seeking a firm to conduct a fiber feasibility survey. Broadband discussion of where Clinton County is, what is available to expand, funding, collaborations and who are the successful players in the field.
- The CCBOC approved a Facility Master Plan, prepared by the architectural firm of Hobbs & Black and looking 20 years out. They have experience with other counties, private sector; Agro-Liquid and the County Animal Shelter building.
- The CCBOC are reviewing future parking issues, in light of the Rodney B. Wilson facility, which may be sold soon.
- 2. Zoning Administrator's Report: Board members briefly discussed Ms. Foster's activity report.
- 3. <u>A.F.G. Grant Writer for Scot Air Packs:</u> V. Feldpausch met with Jordan Whitford, from SJFD, regarding a grant writer for Scot Air packs. It was suggested that Dallas Twp Fire Department, (DTFD), use the same firm as SJFD, Breen's Professional and Personal Services. *A motion was made by S. Schafer, supported by E. Marvel to hire Breen's Professional and Personal Services, from Grand Blanc, MI to perform grant writing for the Dallas Township Fire Department.*

<u>Public Comments:</u> B. Thelen, T. Thelen, and K. Thelen read a letter showing support for a potential commercial solar farm. J. Rademacher questioned the length of the moratorium and S. Schafer stated it can last for 12 months or longer.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

There being no further business, a motion was made by V. Feldpausch, supported by T. Koenigsknecht to adjourn the meeting at 3:20 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Therese Koenigsknecht, Dallas Township Clerk

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Upcoming Events:

December 6th, Dallas Twp Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 pm December 13th, Dallas Twp Board Meeting 2:00 pm