

DALLAS TOWNSHIP
Minutes of the Regular Monthly Board Meeting
November 14, 2022 @ 2:00 pm

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

Members
Absent:

Guests: Schafer, Mindy

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: As noted above.

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

Minutes of Meeting – October 10th: ***A motion was made A. Schafer, supported by E. Marvel to approve the minutes from the October 10th monthly board meeting. Motion carried.***

Approval of Bills: ***A motion was made by S. Schafer, supported by E. Marvel to approve the payment of the following bills, General Fund \$14,974.82 and Fire Fund \$2,317.31. Motion carried.***

REPORTS:

Fire Dept: V. Feldpausch stated since the last two meetings, the department has been very busy with almost 40 runs and currently on run #93; remodeling is almost finished; and minor truck repairs haven't been fixed. Jordan Spitzley is a new firefighter on Dallas Twp Fire Dept.

Clerk: T. Koenigsknecht and Deputy Clerk M. Schafer have been working on absentee ballots as 554 absentee ballots were mailed out and 545 were returned; 800 voters came to the polls and 1345 ballots were tabulated at the General Election. Had some balancing issues, arrived at the Courthouse around midnight and will continue training with M. Schafer between now and December 31st.

T. Koenigsknecht also informed the Twp board that the Bureau of Election is offering a \$1500 grant towards election security items. She requested permission from the Twp Board to purchase a large fire-proof safe to replace the current safe. ***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 safe for election security items. Motion carried.***

Treasurer: A. Schafer stated bills are printed and Jet Speed will fold them; County Treasurer complimented Assessor Peggy Lidgard; newsletter is ready for approval and Commissioner Pohl contacted Treasurer regarding not being present at today's meeting due to interviewing of new County Administrator.

Supervisor: V. Feldpausch worked on partial land division with assessor; CPI going up 5% next year and no word on grant for air packs.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Clinton County Wide Broadband Project: See Commissioner Pohl's report on this topic.
2. Wind Turbines: V. Feldpausch was contacted and informed that the Michigan Public Service Commission were attempting to take power away from the townships on zoning for wind turbines and solar farms. This topic will be tabled until further information is acquired.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Clinton County Board of Commission (CCBOC) Report: Commissioner Pohl emailed his report and it is as follows:
 - The CCBOC adopted the 2023 Budget. It is a balanced budget with costs of pension and retiree health care fully funded. As well as funding for maintenance and capital improvements.

- Several service providers submitted proposals to build out the broadband project for the county and these proposals are being evaluated. The next step will be to apply for grants that are being prepared by the Federal and State government.
- The County engaged an outside firm to review the fee schedules, which have been in place since 2005. The new fee schedule has increases and some rearrangements. There are some significant adjustments after 17 years.
- 911 update is doing the finishing adjustments on the local communications systems as some radios were not able to be upgraded so they are being replaced.
- Road Commission building project is back on track after a small setback.
- Juvenile and Child Care, (abused and or neglected), are operating within the budget.

2. Zoning Administrator’s Report: No report was emailed this month as they are sent quarterly.

3. Brett and Jennifer Stump Farmland & Open Space Preservation Program Application (PA116): T. Koenigsknecht stated that B. Stump delivered this application to her office on October 13, 2022. However, since Dallas Twp had met on October 10, 2022, this application was placed on the November 14, 2022 agenda. Board members briefly discussed this application. ***A motion was made by S. Schafer, supported by E. Marvel to approve the Brett and Jennifer Stump Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program Application. Motion carried.***

Public Comments:

No public comment.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

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

Respectfully submitted,



Therese Koenigsknecht, Dallas Township Clerk

Upcoming Events:

December 5, 2022 Dallas Twp Planning Commission – 7:00 pm

December 12, 2022 Dallas Twp Board meeting – 2:00 pm