

DALLAS TOWNSHIP
Minutes of the Regular Monthly Board Meeting
August 12, 2024 @ 2:00 p.m.
Approved September 9, 2024

Members Present: Feldpausch, Vern Schafer, Mindy
 Douglass, Elizabeth Schafer, Ann

Absent: Feldpausch, Patrick

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: None Present

Approval of Agenda ***A motion was made by E. Douglass, supported by A. Schafer to approve the agenda with the addition of adding Par Plan Grant Resolution to New Business. Motion carried.***

Minutes of Meetings –July 8, 2024 ***A motion was made by E. Douglass, supported by V. Feldpausch to approve the minutes from the July 8, 2024 board meeting. Motion carried.***

Approval of Bills: ***A motion was made by E. Douglass, supported by A. Schafer to approve the payment of the monthly bills totaling \$59256.34 in General Fund bills \$14509.59 in Fire Department and any other regular bills received prior to next meeting. Motion carried.***

Reports

Fire Dept: Chief Feldpausch reported that the department has been busy. They had the opportunity to purchase a used Jaws of Life and were able to do so using FD funds. One new hire is completing First Responder Training. He is looking for an outlet for the old air supply tanks.

Clerk: Clerk Schafer provided an update on the August early voting and election. Overall voter turnout was very low (approximately 32%) with most voters choosing to vote via absentee ballot. Wifi has been installed in the township hall. She finished work with the accountant and will continue preparation for the audit on August 19. Clerk Schafer shared the breakdown of election inspector pay.

Following end of year work with the accountant, there is a need to make a few budget adjustments.

A motion was made by E. Douglass, supported by V. Feldpausch to amend the 2023-2024 budget as follows:

Move \$500 from Contingency to Pensions
Move \$4000 from Contingency to Transfer Out
Move \$4000 from Election to Transfer Out
Motion carried.

Also in reviewing policies prior to the audit, the accountant suggested that we may want to revise our Capital Assets Policy. Clerk Schafer suggested raising the minimum amount from \$1000 to \$5000.

A motion was made by E. Douglass, supported by A. Schafer to amend the policy to increase the individual cost from \$1000 to \$5000, retroactive to 4/1/2022. Motion carried.

Treasurer: Treasurer Schafer reported that summer tax collections are coming in slower than in the past, with approximately 27% collected to date. She and Deputy Halfmann also worked with the accountant to finish audit preparation.

Supervisor: V. Feldpausch reported that he is working on several land divisions. He shared that he acquired used tables and chairs from MHT. He is working on securing grant funding via Par Plan for security camera installation.

Old Business

Clinton County Wide Broadband–none

Wind Turbines–Clerk Schafer presented a proposed resolution from MTA to amend our

zoning ordinance to be compatible with the state ordinance. Board discussed the ordinance and decided to forward it to the Planning Commission for discussion.

Fee Study For Ambulance Service-Vern will speak with attorney regarding meeting dates.

Trash Complaints on Walker Rd: Several board members have noticed a significant improvement of the property and are satisfied with the progress made.

Zoning and Permit Fees-Clerk Schafer presented the board with two resolutions to modify the current Land Division Fee (2024-6) and Zoning Application Fees (2024-8)

A motion was made by E. Douglass, supported by V. Feldpausch to approve Resolution 2024-6 which amends the land division fees established in Ordinance 2018-15. Roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: Vern Feldpausch, Elizabeth Douglass, Ann Schafer, Melinda Schafer

Nays: None

Motion carried

A motion was made by M. Schafer, supported by V. Feldpausch to approve Resolution 2024-8 to amend the zoning application fees established in Resolution 2015-2.

Roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: Vern Feldpausch, Elizabeth Douglass, Ann Schafer, Melinda Schafer

Nays: None

Motion carried

New Business

Clinton County Commissioners Report: Commissioner Pohl provided a written report.

Zoning Administrators Report: None

Par Plan Grant Resolution: Supervisor Feldpausch presented a resolution to show board support to apply for a Risk Reduction Grant for security cameras through Michigan Township Participating Plan in the amount of \$3000.

A motion was made by V. Feldpausch, supported by E. Douglass to approve Resolution 2024-7, which supports Supervisor Feldpausch to apply for a Michigan Township Par Plan Grant.

Roll call vote was taken.

Ayes: Vern Feldpausch, Elizabeth Douglass, Ann Schafer, Melinda Schafer

Nays: None

Motion carried

Public Comments (3 min. limit)-none

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

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

Respectfully submitted,



Mindy Schafer, Dallas Township Clerk