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# Minutes

Tuesday

August 8, 2023

**1. Meeting called to order** at 7:00 pm

**Board Members present:** Jerry Rohde, Supervisor; Neil Jenkins, Trustee; Kelly Bushre, Clerk, Brian Goward, Trustee. Absent: Marguerite Cooper, Treasurer.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance recited**

**3. Public Comments** – Jackie Lacosse asked a few questions on requirements for putting up a privacy fence on her property.

Paul Beach asked if the question if we had a quorum at tonight's meeting.

**4. Approval of Consent Agenda** – N. Jenkins made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. K. Bushre with support. Motion carried. 4 yes and 0 no votes.

**5. Approval of Agenda** – Motion by B. Goward to approve the Agenda as presented. Support by J. Rohde. Motion carried.

**6. Guest** – none

**7. Approval of Minutes** –

**Township Board Minutes of 7-11-2023.** Motion by N.Jenkin to approve the minutes as presented. Support by B. Goward. Motion carried.

**8. Approval of Invoices** – Clerk reported the bills for payment. Motion by B. Goward to approve the bill invoices for payment. Support by N. Jenkins. Motion carried. Roll call vote 4 Yes and 0 No votes.

**9. Report by:**

**Supervisor:**

**1. Zoning Permits:** M. Brown – Pole Bldg., D. Ostrander – Dog Bldg.

**2. Land Division:** Deitrich but still waiting on survey.

3. **Assessing update:** work continuing on updating parcels.
4. **Complaints** – lawns unmowed. If board is ok Supervisor would like to get G. Smith to mow lots and then charge the land owners. Talked about the barking dogs in the Village of Wheeler.
5. **MREC** – Holding a meeting with Constellation on August 10<sup>th</sup> to discuss the agreements.
6. **MMWA** – finalizing the audit on making sure we have correct address and everyone is getting charged trash assessment.
7. **Planning Commission** – Special meeting is being held on August 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm for the Wheeler Dairy Anaerobic Digestive System.

**Treasurer:**

1. **Update** – no report

**Clerk:**

1. **Update:** Reported on upcoming meetings and hall rentals.
2. **Township ARPA funds**
  - **Playground** – equipment will arrive next week. Handyman will work on getting it installed.
  - **Cemetery** – work is continuing on Chapel building along with meeting cement companies to place a pad for the Columbarium.
  - **Township Hall** – Discussion and giving the chairs to the Fire/Rescue Department and getting new chairs at the Township Hall.

**10. Fire/Rescue Department**

1. **Update** –new tables have been purchased. Still in process of plans for a new Fire Hall.

**11. Unfinished Business**

1. **Solar Ordinance** – has been sent to Attorney and waiting back on a reply from them.
2. **Public-Contact Policy** – Web page – Policy Manual – in process of getting everything updated.

**12. New Business:**

1. **Consumers Energy Franchise Agreement** – discussed. Motion by K. Bushre to approve the Consumer Energy Gas Franchise Agreement. Support by B. Goward. Motion carried on a roll call vote. 4 yes and 0 no.
2. **Letter from Sheriff on Ordinance Enforcement** – discussed.

**3. Master Plan – County agreement – discussed. Motion by B. Goward to pass the resolution to have Greater Gratiot Development work on a county wide Master Plan. Support by N. Jenkins. Motion carried on a roll call vote. 4 yes and 0 no votes.**

**4. Letter of Engagement with Fahey-Schultz-Burzyck-Rhoads – discussed. Supervisor Rohde signed and returned to them so they could get started reviewing the Solar Ordinance.**

**13. Public Comments – Teresa from DTE gave some input on the Solar Ordinance.**

**P. Beach would like to see things put on the Website.**

**George Bailey the County Commissioner talked and had flyers on the Tire Recycle pilot project that will be held for Gratiot County at the Alma Fairgrounds. County is working on the Budget.**

**14. Board Comments – none**

**15. Adjournment - J. Rohde adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.**

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Jerome Rohde, Supervisor

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Kelly A. Bushre – Clerk