

WORTH TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 9, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

6903 S. Lakeshore Rd., Lexington, MI 48450

MEETING CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Wilson called meeting to order at 6:30 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Present: John Cuppen, Stan Lessard, Tom Gilbert, Boni Lillibridge, Byron Wilson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Mr. Gilbert to approve agenda as presented, supported by Mr. Lessard. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Mr. Lessard to approve the minutes of January 5, 2022, supported by Mr. Gilbert. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE: None

ZONING/OEO REPORTS: Mr. Yatros gave reports concerning a property rezoning on Mar. 2, 2022, the status of new build permits in the Township, building violations that were going to court and upcoming Board of Review.

TRUSTEE REPORTS: Mr. Gilbert had nothing to report at this time.

ANNUAL REPORT: The 2021 End of Year Report for the Planning Commission. Motion by Mr. Lessard to postpone the Annual Report until Mar. 2022 Planning Commission meeting, supported by Mr. Gilbert. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Renewable Energy

- Chairman Wilson asked Joel Wyatt; Sanilac County Commissioner; to speak on the subject of wind energy. Mr. Wyatt stated that this is a topic of interest nationally. He stated that the requirement is on the township to create an ordinance. So, it's the creation of an ordinance which regulates behaviors, activities, or action. It's not the absence of an ordinance that prohibits people from taking action. Zoning ordinances

regulate activity. Worth Township currently has an ordinance concerning wind energy; ordinance number 300-25. Mr. Gilbert asked if we could amend our current ordinance to effect commercial since our current ordinance is a maximum of 140 foot high towers? And could we amend the current ordinance for the amount of Kwh usage? Mr. Lessard said that he would look up the Utilities Act for non-commercial usage. Chairman Wilson suggested that the Planning Commission meet for a workshop before the next scheduled meeting to discuss our findings.

A motion was made by Mr. Lessard to table the discussion of Renewable energy until the March Planning Commission meeting. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Parliamentary Procedure:** Mr. Lessard made a motion that the Planning Commission should use Roberts' Rules of Order to conduct business, supported by Mr. Cuppen. Motion Carried. Agreement among members that during a meeting, phones will be either turned off or on silent. Members will not use their phones during a meeting. Chairman Wilson said that he thinks that there should be comprehensive minutes for every meeting and should be by-laws for the meetings.
- **Planning Commission Budget:** Mr. Gilbert said that he thinks the budget for the Planning Commission is about \$2,000 to \$2500 per year. Mr. Gilbert will ask the Board of Trustees about the budget.
- **Planning Commission Training:** Ms. Lillibridge said there are 4 MTA webinars that pertain to Planning and Zoning that are available. It was recommended that everyone on the Planning Commission be enrolled in these classes. The suggestion was made to have a group training class in the small conference room at the township.

BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR: Nothing

MEETING ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Mr. Gilbert, supported by Mr. Lessard to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.