

Township of Ingham
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

August 16, 2021 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 7:02 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Supervisor Bruce Harris, Clerk Kathy LaGrow, Treasurer Holly Speck,
Trustee David Harns, Trustee Barb Braman

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Harns, second by Braman to approve draft Minutes of:
Regular Board Meeting July 19, 2021, Special Board Meeting July 28, 2021, Closes Session, July 28, 2021,
Special Board Meeting July 30, 2021, and Special Board Meeting August 11, 2021.
Motion carries unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Several residents expressed concerns, some of which are the of the loss of property values, question the health implications, the possibility of a no-fly zone, eliminating the possibility of critical time that a medical flight may give in the event of an emergency, the inefficiency of the turbines compared to other energy options, the value of our community as being quiet, farming setting without the tall, obstructive infrastructure of a city or metro area as laid out in the Plan for Ingham Township, the loss of students in our schools due to families leaving the community, the expenses that the Township/Taxpayers could incur fighting lawsuits, possibility of election expenses, among other expenses and that a wind turbine project could impose. It was requested that both the Board of Trustees and the Planning Commission watch the YouTube video of Kevon Maris Montcalm County Wind Zoning Meeting 4-8-2021.

CORRESPONDANCE: Village/Crossing Guard, Opinion of Wind Turbines expressed

PRESENTATION:

LaGrow delivered packets to the Board Members prior to the Meeting, offering Board Meeting Guidelines, at the meeting additional packets and a book were given to each member for individual viewing. LaGrow expressed the need for a Board agreed meeting structure to help facilitate the flow of Board Meetings. It was requested that the Members review the packet and that a policy, of which to follow, be made. The agenda is one step in that direction. A recommended agenda template was provided to the Members.

Motion by LaGrow, second by Harns to utilize the agenda template as presented.

VOTE: AYES: Harns, Speck, LaGrow NAYS: Braman, Harris motion carries

CHANGES TO AGENDA: None

DEPARTMENTS:

Sheriff: None
Fire Chief: Attached. Harris thanked Whipple for the work he is doing.

Motion by Harns, second by Braman to extend the Interim Fire Chief Position to September 15,2021 a Special Meeting for this matter is called for Wednesday September 8, 2021 at 7 p.m.

VOTE: AYES: Harns, Braman, Harris, LaGrow, Speck NAYS: None motion carries

Assessor: Attached
Zoning: None
Freer Park: Current work being done will be completed by 8/21/2021
Dedication scheduled for 8/29/2021at 1:00 p.m.
Planning Commission: 8/25/2021 Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Supervisor: None
Clerk: None
Treasurer: Incoming collections are slower than usual
Trustee: None

PENDING BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Planning Commission Appointment

Braman resigned as ex-officio Board Member of the Planning Commission, as required Board of Trustees Member must sit on the Planning Commission Board as a voting member. Supervisor appoints this position, the Board as a whole, approve with a vote.

Motion by Harris, second by LaGrow, to accept the resignation of Braman, appointing Harns as ex-officio Board Member of the Planning Commission. Effective immediately.

VOTE: AYES: Harns, Braman, Harris, LaGrow, Speck NAYS: None motion carries

Water samples:

Motion by Harns, second by Braman to hire Jason Meade to provide required water testing kits to the State for testing as required. Mead will be paid the current Township Budget rate of this service.

VOTE: AYES: Harns, Braman, Harris, LaGrow, Speck NAYS: None motion carries

Snow plowing:

need to obtain bids

Library soffit: The Library soffit and fascia are needing repair; the wood is exposed. Grounds keeper, has included this as part of his bid of removing limbs extending into the drive and hindering the entrance to the play area. His cost, trimming trees and removal, replacing fascia, including materials \$185 LaGrow make request to abstain.

Motion by Harns, second by Braman to accept abstained vote by LaGrow and to accept the bid for work at \$185

VOTE: AYES: Harns, Braman, Harris, Speck NAYS: None ABSTAIN: LaGrow motion carries

Fire Chief Administration: Holly Speck will remain in this position until a permanent Chief is hired

Park Dedication: August 29,2021 at Freer Park

Scrap tire event: September 11, 2021 time to be determined

Park Grass:

Motion by Harns, second by Braman to pay up to the amount of \$5000 for reseeding the dead areas due to flooding, overseeding, fertilizing and repairing all grass areas of Freer Park.

VOTE: AYES: Harns, Braman, Harris, LaGrow, Speck NAYS: None motion carries

Budget Amendments: none

Submission of Payables:

Motion by Speck, second by Harns to pay both Fire Department and Township bills as submitted.

VOTE: AYES: Harns, Braman, Harris, LaGrow, Speck NAYS: None motion carries

Adjourn:

Motion by Harns, second by Braman to adjourn, all in favor, meeting adjourned 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Kathy LaGrow

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