

FREEDOM TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

November 9, 2023

These minutes are not approved until our next meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Chairman Matt Little called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Members present: Matt Little, Karen Flahie and Dan Schaible. Susan Ochs and Mike Bossory were absent. Township Supervisor Larry Lindemann and Engineer Marcus McNamara were also present.

Little wanted to add City Gate under New Business. Schaible made a motion with support from Flahie to adopt the agenda with this addition. The motion passed.

Little made a motion with support from Flahie to dispense with reading the minutes and approve as presented. The motion passed.

Reports: Little received an email from Barn Sanctuary. Solar bills were passed by the House and Senate. The Wolverine Pipeline needs to bring a site plan for their proposed fence project before proceeding. Supervisor Lindemann said MTA had sent information about audits that were needed. Rudy Layher has stepped in as the temporary Town Hall Manager because Steve Hoeft had to step down due to a medical issue. He stated the Township Board is looking into setting a high water mark for Pleasant Lake.

Audience participation: Aaron Helber asked how many registered voters there were in the Township. Little thought 1245.

New Business:

- 1) City Gate. Little had met with Dustin Wood about the berm. It is too late now to plant trees and will address this in the Spring. Little suggested bushes instead of pine trees because of the berm being over a pipeline.
- 2) 2024 Gravel Pit Bonds. Engineer Marcus McNamara gave his reports. Levy/American Aggregates had very little change. They did begin digging toward the East. The total Acreage disturbed was 86. A motion was made by Little with support from Schaible to accept the recommended reclamation bond amount for \$721,100.00. The motion passed.

Stoneco/Burmeister Property. The total acreage disturbed was 102.5. Little made a motion with Support from Flahie to accept the recommended reclamation bond amount for \$882,450.00. The motion passed.

Stoneco-Pleasant Hills Pit 9. The well monitoring has been completed and all is good. The acreage Disturbed was 60. Little made a motion with support from Schaible to accept the recommended Reclamation bond amount of \$479,300.00. The motion passed.

- 3) Review Commercial Renewable Energy Installations. Little wants to talk to Rodney to see if there is Anything we can or should do.

Old Business:

- 1) Stoneco Conditional Use Application for mining expansion at Burmeister site. Bethel Church and Stoneco have met and agreed on a mining area. They will be meeting again and then presenting at the December meeting.
- 2) Master Plan Review. Little suggests if Planning Commission members have comments or notes to forward them to Rodney so he can review them. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Communications: MTA

Audience Participation: Nothing

A motion was made by Little with support from Schaible to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Ann Huehl, Recording Secretary