

## Essex Township- Minutes of the Monthly Meeting

October 18, 2023 @ 7:00pm

**Members Present:** Deputy Supervisor Eric Verlinde, Clerk Tim Karasek, Treasurer Kathy George, Trustee Jim Gavenda, Trustee Mark Winsor

**Visitors:** Bonnie Hale- Cemetery Manager, Beth Botke-Assessor, Dave Pohl- County Commissioner, Jody Smith- Resident, David Smith- Resident, Kevin Smith- Resident, Theresa Owen- Land Use Specialist.

**Call to Order:** Township Deputy Supervisor called the meeting to order at 7:00pm followed by the pledge of allegiance.

### Visitor Statements:

#### Bonnie Hale- Cemetery Manager

- The new grass seed is working well. GrassMaster is pulling off flowers by November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Questions and discussion on graveside planting and maintenance at the cemeteries.

#### Beth Botke- Assessor

- Visited last years construction, currently visiting this years now.

#### Dave Pohl- County Commission

- Approved a video surveillance agreement between 911 and RESA.
- Courthouse access is changing. ALL will go through security checkpoint now.
- ITC transmission meetings have been held. Some meetings were better attended than others.
- Budget hearing on the 10th. County received small opioid settlement.
- New planning and zoning officer has been hired.
- Open house at the new Road Commission building coming soon.

#### Jody Smith- Resident

- Presented a brochure on Clinton County Transit Service.

#### Kevin Smith- Resident

- Thanked the Clinton County Road Commission on fixing Paxton Rd.

**Theresa Owen- Land Use Specialist**

- Review of the proposed MPC takeover of rural rights to determine wind and solar placement.

**Approval of Board Minutes and Special Land Use Meeting Minutes:**

Approval of the August 30, 2023 Board Minutes.

**M. Kathy George, S. Jim Gavenda: MCU**

**Trustee Report: Jim Gavenda**

- Presented the MRFD report from Kelby Lieby

**M. Kathy George, S. Tim Karasek: Accept the Trustee Report as presented. MCU**

**Treasurers Report: Kathy George,**

- Review Transaction Detail by Account
- Solar and Wind Advisory Board
  - Finished draft ordinance. Came to a majority vote decision and happy with where it is but planning commission may alter it.
- Bengal Twp may be willing to work with Essex to merge our zoning with theirs.
- Winter newsletter ideas welcome.

**M. Tim Karasek, S. Mark Winsor: Accept the Treasurers Report as presented. MCU**

**Clerks Report: Tim Karasek,**

- Review of Budget and Financial Reports

**M. Kathy George, S. Jim Gavenda: Accept the Clerks Report as presented. MCU**

**Supervisors Report: NONE**

**Old Business: NONE**

**New Business:**

- Resolution to support local control of land use read. Roll call vote. Resolution passed unanimously.
- Budget discussion.
  - o Cemetery accounts should be structured similar to other employee accounts.

**Final: October 18, 2023 Meeting**

**M. Kathy George, S. Mark Winsor:** Change Account name of “Projects and Miscellaneous” to just “Miscellaneous Expenses”. **MCU**

**Adjournment:**

Motion to Adjourn 7:57pm.

**M. Eric Verlinde, S. Jim Gavenda. MCU**

**Nest Meeting December 6th, 2023 7:00pm**

Respectfully submitted by:

Timothy Karasek

Essex Township Clerk