

## Speaker Township Board Meeting Minutes

March 1, 2022

Meeting called to order **Maitland** @ 7:00 p.m., Five (5) Board members present

Pledge of Allegiance said

Approval of Meeting Agenda with amendment to remove item #4(Fee Structure for Wind Project made by Maitland, second by Murray. Motion carried.

Approval of February 1, 2022 meeting minutes: **Motion to approve February 1, 2022 Meeting Minutes made by Murray, second by Stanley. Motion carried.**

Approval of February 2022 Treasurer's report: **Motion to approve February 2022 Treasurer's Report made by Stanley, second by Murray. Motion carried.**

**Sheldon**(Treasurer) advised the ARPA fund account has been set up and will not see much activity until the second ARPA fund payment is received in the fall of 2022. Maitland(Supervisor) inquired as to what the 2<sup>nd</sup> payment amount would be and he was advised it would be \$64,050.50. **Sheldon**(Treasurer) stated that there was a small check received of left-over ARPA funds that was also deposited into the new account.

**Guest:** N/A

**Public Comment:** ( Present: , Brenda Murray, Hughes, Bonnie Sproul, David Sproul, Brian Mahaffy & Jan Priess)

Priess(resident) mentioned that she did some research and the drain laws changed in March of 2021 and the Drain Commission is supposed to notify residents affected by drains via letter before doing the work and they have to disclose who requested the drain work, etc. She stated that COVID got in the way and the zoom meeting was held on the Sloat and Cole drain work. Maitland(Supervisor) stated he can't tell the Drain Commissioner how to do his job but he will make contact to remind them about the notification required prior to completing drain work.

**Brian Mahaffy**(Liberty Power) gave an update on the Windmill Project. Advised things are going well as they met with some landowners today and believes some turbine routing issues have been resolved. Maitland(Supervisor) mentioned gravel and asked about routes that would be needed. **Mahaffy**(Liberty Power) stated they are not there yet as they need to get the wind turbine locations set and then they will look at the routes and contact the township.

**Fire Report:** **Stone**(Fire Chief) absent. (SEE ATTACHED) **Maitland**(Supervisor) read fire report.

There were three runs all total in February.

We have completed and our site inspection and we are all set to host MFR class at the fire station. MFR classes will start on 4/1/22.

We are in the midst of having Front Line Services perform some repairs on the engine 1 . It needs the onboard air compressor repaired and I was unable to obtain parts to fix it ourselves. They also repaired the on board compressor system on tanker 1 as it was not shutting off properly.

Tanker 1 also had the batteries short out due to age and Charlie replaced them today so we will see a bill for those.

I have also just serviced the fuel filter on the rescue truck.

I have also received notice from Bonnie that she is ready to move forward with the previously planned garage sale in June.

We had the uniform company out at our business meeting and the members that did not previously have a uniform were measured and uniforms ordered.

**Planning Report: Steinhoff(Planning Commission) absent. Motion to approve Murray(Trustee) to give report made by Maitland, second by Cubitt.**

**Murray(Trustee)** stated that a meeting was held last month to discuss and set the Public hearing date for Dean Hughes special land use permit for the campground. The meeting date was set for March 29, 2022. The notice will need to be posted in the paper and the letters notifying the residents will be going out. **Murray(Trustee)** stated that Planning Secretary(**Deb Kesteloot**) is currently working on the same.

**Zoning Report: Sproul(Zoning Administrator) (SEE ATTACHED REPORT)**

**Sproul(Zoning Administrator)** submitted report along with wording to be added to the Zoning Permit in reference to expiration language supplied by Attorney **Brian Garner**. Discussion held that wording looks appropriate and to discuss with Steinhoff(Planning Chairman) prior to implementation.

Review of Zoning Report and Sproul(Zoning Administrator) advised that the citations were ordered and should be in within the next couple weeks.

**Old Business: N/A**

**New Business:**

Resolution 2022-3 2022 Tax Year Hardship Application Process:

**Maitland(Supervisor)** read Resolution 2022-3 for the 2022 Tax Year Hardship Application Process upon request of **Tax Assessor Shelly Baumeister.(SEE ATTACHED DOCUMENTATION)** **Motion to Approve**

**Resolution 2022-3 2022 Tax Year Hardship Application Process made by Stanley, second by Murray. Roll Call Vote: AYES: Sheldon, Stanley, Maitland, Cubitt & Murray. NAYS: 0. Motion carried.**

Drain Commission Estimate for Budget Year 2022(\$9,866.37):

**Maitland**(Supervisor) read the \$9,866.37 estimate from the Drain Commission. There are 3 new drains added to the existing work that continues or has been completed.

Engineer Contract for Wind Project:

Maitland(Supervisor) explained that the township needs to hire an engineer to be in charge of the windmill project Board members met with Chris Townley and he is very experienced in this area. Fremont Township will also be contracting with him. The cost is estimated at \$16,000.00 **Motion to approve the contract with Townley Engineering LLC with an estimated cost of \$16,000.00 made by Murray, second by Stanley. Motion carried.**

Approval of Accident Fund Workmen's Comp Insurance Annual Premium (\$2,125.00):

Maitland(Supervisor) presented the annual bill for Workmen's Comp Insurance from the Accident Fund in the amount of \$2,125.00. **Motion to approve payment to Accident Fund in the amount of \$2,125.00 made by Murray, second by Sheldon. Motion carried.**

2022 Board of Review Appointments:

**Maitland**(Supervisor) presented three (3) Board of Review members for appointment:

**Ben Steinhoff**

**Ken Seckel**

**Bernie Davies**

**Motion to appoint Ben Steinhoff, Ken Seckel & Bernie Davies to the Speaker Township 2022 Board of Review made by Murray, second by Stanley. Roll Call Vote: AYES: Sheldon, Stanley, Maitland, Cubitt & Murray. NAYS: 0. Motion carried.**

**Motion to adjourn meeting @ 7:50 p.m. made by Stanley, second by Sheldon. Motion carried.**

**Dawn M. Cubitt**

**Speaker Township Clerk**