

Speaker Township Special Board Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2023

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

Pledge of Allegiance said

Approval of Meeting Agenda:

**Motion to Amend May 15 2023 Meeting Agenda with the amendment of adding Public Comments made by Maitland, second by Stanley. Motion to approve May 15, 2023 agenda made by Murray, second by Sheldon. Motion carried.**

**New Business:**

Resolution for a Referendum Election on the Speaker Township Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 2023-01:

**Maitland**(Supervisor) asked for **Attorney Brian Garner** to read the petition language that was circulated and to advise as to the clarity of the language. **Garner**(Attorney) read the petition language along with the law pertaining to petitions/referendums. Discussion held and **Garner**(Attorney) concluded as all aspects were met to go forward with the resolution to adopt the ballot language for the August 8, 2023 election and to get the ballot language to the County Clerk by 4:00 p.m. on March 16, 2023.

**Garner**(Attorney) read the Resolution for a Referendum Election on the Speaker Township Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 2023-01 in its entirety, which included the ballot language.

**Murray**(Trustee) questioned item #3 stating it was missing some verbiage. **Garner**(Attorney) reviewed and agreed that it needed to be revised to include “non-participating residences” to match the ordinance amendment. **Murray**(Trustee) also, stated that Item #7 was not clear. **Garner**(Attorney) reviewed and agreed it needed to be revised to take out “run with the land” to be replaced “run with the operating assets”

Motion to Adopt the Resolution Calling for a Referendum Election on the Speaker Township Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 2023-01 with the approved changes made by Maitland, second by Sheldon.  
Roll Call Vote: AYES: Sheldon, Stanley, Maitland, Cubitt & Murray. NAYS: 0 Motion carried.

**Motion to Adjourn meeting @ 7:40 p.m. made by Sheldon, second by Stanley. Motion carried.**

Dawn M. Cubitt

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INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE SIDE

LOCAL PROPOSAL PETITION

We, the undersigned qualified and registered electors, residents in the

City  
 Township  
 Village of  
(CHECK ONE)

Speaker

in the County of

Sanilac

State of Michigan, respectively petition

A referendum election on Speaker Township Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 2023-01 to amend the provisions of Article XI of the Speaker Township Zoning Ordinance regarding the Wind Energy Overlay District, as adopted by the Speaker Township Board on March 16, 2023 and published in the Sanilac County News on March 29, 2023.

**WARNING - A person who knowingly signs this petition more than once, signs a name other than his or her own, signs when not a**  
**opposite his or her signature on a petition, a date other than the actual date the signature was affixed, is violating the**



**TOWNSHIP OF SPEAKER**

**RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A REFERENDUM ELECTION ON THE  
SPEAKER TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 2023-01**

At the Special meeting of the Speaker Township Board, Sanilac County, Michigan, held on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023, at 7:00 p.m., the following resolution was offered by Maitland and supported by Sheldon.

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, the Township Board establish zoning in the Township by passing the Speaker Township Zoning Ordinance;

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2023, the Township Board amended the Speaker Township Zoning Ordinance by adopting the Speaker Township Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 2023-01;

**WHEREAS**, a referendum on Speaker Township Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 2023-01 was initiated by filing a letter of intent and a petition for referendum pursuant to Section 402(1) of the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, PA 110 of 2006 (MCL 125.3402), calling for an election to repeal the Speaker Township Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 2023-01; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Board submits to the electors of Speaker Township the question of whether or not the Speaker Township Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 2023-01 should be adopted.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The Speaker Township Board hereby calls an election to be held on the scheduled election date of August 8, 2023, for the purpose of submitting to the electors of Speaker Township the question of whether or not the Speaker Township Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 2023-01 should be adopted; and

2. The ballot proposal shall be worded as follows:

**REFERENDUM OF SPEAKER TOWNSHIP  
ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 2023-01**

Shall the Speaker Township Zoning Ordinance Amendment No. 2023-01, which: 1) requires Aircraft Detection Lighting System if authorized by the FAA, 2) removes the definition of the total height of the turbine as defined in 11A.06.04(A), 3) lowers the maximum sound pressure level for non-participating residences from 50 dBA to 45 dBA, 4) requires the estimate of salvage value to be determined by a licensed engineer and that it be reassessed every two years, 5) requires a decommissioning financial security prior to construction, 6) requires that the decommissioning financial security be reassessed every two years, and 7) requires that the decommissioning bonding requirements run with the operating assets in the event that the wind turbine assets are bought by a different company, be approved?

YES \_\_\_\_\_

NO \_\_\_\_\_

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

AYES: *Sheldon, Stanley, Maitland, Cubitt + Murray*

NAYS: *Ø*

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

The undersigned Clerk of the Speaker Township Board hereby certifies that this Resolution was duly adopted by the Speaker Township Board at a meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023.

  
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Dawn Cubitt  
Speaker Township Clerk

