



# *Watertown Township*

*2630 South Sandusky Road, Sandusky, Michigan  
48471*

## **Watertown Planning Commission Special Meeting**

***January 12th, 2023 - 6:00 P.M.***

### ***Approved Minutes***

***CALL TO ORDER WITH PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:*** By Chairman Jim Hacker @ 6:02PM

***PRESENT:*** Jim Hacker, Jason Radloff, Rebecca Cambridge, Jim Franzel, Nathan Campbell

***ABSENT:*** Al Stoutenburg and Mark Batkie

***GUESTS:*** Scott Franzel arrived @ 6:45PM

***PUBLIC OFFICIALS:*** none

***PUBLIC COMMENTS:*** none

### ***NEW BUSINESS:***

1. After discussion of amending the townships solar ordinance at the request of the township's attorney, The Planning Commission makes the following recommendation. (See Attached Document).

Motion By: Jason Radloff to send the attached letter to the township board as the Planning Commission's Recommendation. Second By: Nathan Campbell, motion passed unanimously.

2. Discussion of Master Plan timeline, proposed survey, and mailing from the Spicer Group.

Motion By: Nathan Campbell, to recommend the Spicer Group handles mailing the Master Plan Surveys out. Second By: Jason Radloff, motion passed unanimously.

### ***ADJOURN:***

Motion to adjourn @7:04PM by Jason Radloff, second by Rebecca Cambridge, motion passed unanimously.

***Next Scheduled Planning Commission Meeting: Thursday March 16th, 2023 at 6:00 pm.***

Respectfully Submitted,

*Jason G. Radloff*

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WATERTOWN TOWNSHIPS PLANNING COMMISSION IS IN THE BEGINNING STAGES OF UPDATING IT'S MASTER PLAN. THIS HAS OPENED UP AREAS THAT WE FEEL NEED IMPROVEMENT.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION IS REQUESTING THAT A MORITORUM ON ALL RENEWABLE ENERGY BE PUT IN PLACE FOR A SIX (6) MONTH PERIOD OF TIME TO ALLOW FOR PROPER REVIEW OF THE ORDINANCES AND COMPLETE OUR MASTER PLAN REVIEW.

THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND ITS MEMBERS ARE ALSO REQUESTING THAT A SECOND ATTORNY BE CONTACTED FOR A MORE THOROUGH REVIEW OF THE RENEWABLE ENERGY ORDINANCES. OUR CONSENSUS IS THAT IT WOULD BE A DISSERVICE TO THE TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS TO NOT HAVE A FURTHUR REVIEW OF THIS ORDINANCE BY ANOTHER ATTORNEY OFFICE. UPON MUCH RESEARCH AND REVIEWS, WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND THE LAW OFFICES OF FOSTER SWIFT. THEY HAVE MULTIPLE ATTORNEYS ON STAFF THAT DEAL SPECIFICALLY WITH MUNICIPAL/TOWNSHIP LAW AS IT PERTAINS TO (ZONING/LAND USE/RENEWABLE ENERGY/MASTER PLANS/ORDINANCES/ETC.)

## AREAS

- OVERALL REVIEW OF OUR ORDINANCE
- ORDER OF PROCEDINGS/ INFO NEEDED AND WHEN FOR GRANTING A PERMIT
- CLARIFICATION OF A PARTICIPATING PARCEL
- PAY SCHEDULE AND AMOUNTS
- SPECIAL USE PERMITS
- ZONING CHANGES – PROPERTY TAX IMPLICATIONS