



Watertown Township

2630 South Sandusky Road, Sandusky, Michigan

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Watertown Township Planning Commission

Approved Minutes: Thursday January 18th, 2024 - 6:00 P.M. Meeting

CALL TO ORDER WITH PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE @ 6:01 PM by Chairman Jim Hacker

PRESENT: Becky Cambridge, Nathan Campbell, Mark Batkie, Jim Hacker, and Jason Radloff

ABSENT: Jim Franzel and Al Stoutenburg

GUESTS: Soyoung Park, Seth McArthur, Colin Daning, Dick Henderson, Mike & Christine Papp, Jim & Holli Boyles, Scott Kenny, Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson, and others.

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES FROM THE LAST BOARD MEETING:

Motion to accept the minutes as presented by: Mark Batkie, Support By: Jim Hacker, motion passed unanimously

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA:

Motion to accept the agenda by: Jason Radloff, Support By: Nathan Campbell, motion passed unanimously

CORRESPONDENCE: none

PUBLIC OFFICIALS: none

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. Dick Henderson pointed out that the minutes should read 11 Watertown Rd. instead of 19 S Watertown Rd. under continuing business in last months minutes. He also questioned if the township has a proper sworn in zoning administrator to handle zoning enforcement within the township. He also stated that the current acting zoning administrator is not covered under the townships insurance policy. He also questioned if Scott Franzel has been issued a violation notice of his property on 11 Watertown Rd. He provided a list of violations that he seen with the property because he has brought up these issues with the township board and has not seen them recorded in the township board minutes and has reached out to the clerk with no response. He stated that the ordinance 200 is a book of law and not a book of recommendations.
2. Diane Ferguson told the board that there is language at the state board of canvassers to repeal the new law that takes renewable energy zoning away from the local control. She also stated that 87% of the people in Michigan do not support the new law and also that they will get the signatures needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion of the Spicer Group getting the PC a draft by Jan. 26th and the PC reviewing it before the meeting in Feb. Spicer hopes that the PC can recommend the draft to the Twp. Board.
2. Discussion of the Watertown Solar Applications review from Foster & Swift. Theres still missing information and some topics are not in line with the township's ordinance.

Motion to have Foster & Swift and Engineer present for Watertown Solar's Application review, by: Jason Radloff, Support by: Nathan Campbell, motion passed unanimously.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

1. Jim talked to Kyle Omara before the holidays about updating the zoning ordinance book.
2. The township board approved the solar committee, so once all the information is back about Watertown Solar's Application the committee can meet.

ADJOURN: *Motion By: Jim Hacker @ 6:37 PM Support By: Nathan Campbell, motion passed unanimously*

Next Planning Board Meeting Thursday, February 15th, 2024 at 6:00 pm.