

## ***DOUGLASS TOWNSHIP***

***October 6, 2021***

### ***Board Meeting Minutes***

***Guests:*** Del Christensen, Caryl Hackett, Pam Hemmes and many more Township residents

***Present:*** Terry Anderson, Tom Jeppesen, Pat Althoff, Amy Laper, Ronda Snyder

***7:00 p.m.:*** Terry called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited

1. Tom made a motion to approve the agenda. Amy seconded the motion. Motion passed
2. Amy made a motion to approve the September 1, 2021 meeting minutes. Tom seconded the motion. Motion passed
3. Tom made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Pat seconded the motion. Motion passed
4. Tom made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$72,794.00 (most of that amount went to the Road Commission). Amy seconded the motion. Motion passed

#### ***Old Business:***

1. Hire an acoustic consultant. Our options are Kerri Standlee or Rand Acoustics. Tom made a motion to table hiring an acoustics consultant until further information can be obtained. Amy seconded motion. Motion passed
2. Hire a qualified planner to help write the ordinances. Tom made a motion to hire Paul M LeBlanc. Pat seconded the motion. Motion passed

#### ***New Business:***

1. Approve Sara Stalbaum Beechy for the Douglass Township Indianhead Lake Improvement Board Representative. Amy made a motion to approve Sara as Representative. Tom seconded the motion. Motion passed
2. Approve the Morris Lawn Care Snow Removal Contract in the amount of \$2,250.00. After some discussion about other bids that came in, Tom made a motion to approve the Morris contract. Amy seconded the motion. Motion passed
3. Approve the estimate for Long's propane contract in the amount of \$1.49 a gallon. Amy made a motion to approve the Long's contract. Tom seconded the motion. Motion passed

#### ***Public Comment:***

1. Jeppesen talked about the Zerka property and why they thought they could only purchase a few feet from their neighbor.

2. Laura Engel: Talked more about wind energy and how even though they have signed a contract with Apex she doesn't believe they will build on their property by Clifford Lake.
3. Melissa Banned asked Dave about a tent city at Indianhead Lake. He said he is working on getting them off the property.
4. Shelia Crooks: Said that Spicer Group shouldn't be helping with Wind Ordinances because that would be biased as they have worked for wind companies.
5. Kelli Jeppesen: Talked about the amount of tax revenue that Isabella County has received from the Wind Towers there.
6. Melissa Bannen: Wanted to know who and why we hired the Spicer Group. It was explained to her by Terry and Ronda that we did not and have no plans to hire the Spicer Group. Our attorney sought help from them on some guidelines for writing the Wind Energy Ordinance.
7. Caryl Hackett: Wanted to thank Ronda for posting all of the information that the Planning Commission is working on and that she is hopeful about the edits to the WEO.
8. Kay Scott from Sidney Township. Confused. Wanted to know who is paying Spicer and why did we choose them? Again Terry explained that we didn't, the attorney is the one who contacted Spicer.
9. Amy let the other board members know that their pension contributions are due next month.
10. Eric Tester. Would like to know if Ron (our attorney) can show case studies where Townships have won in court against corporations?

7:33 p.m.: With no other comments and the business finished Tom made a motion to adjourn. Amy seconded the motion. Motion passed