

**DOUGLASS TOWNSHIP**  
**JUNE 2, 2021**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

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

**Guests:** Laura Engle, Keith Phelps, Sheila Crooks, Holly from Coral Rd, Ron Finegood, David Stevens from Mt. Haley Twp, Caryl Hacket, Linda Reynolds, Albert Jongewaard from Apex, Larry Reynolds, Tricia Rose from Eureka Twp and many other Township residents.

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

1. Tom made a motion to approve the Agenda, Pat seconded the motion. Motion passed
2. Tom made a motion to accept the May 5, 2021 meeting minutes
3. Ronda made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, Tom seconded. Motion passed
4. Amy made a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$29,243.14 plus the Belvidere Twp Fire bill if it comes in, Tom seconded. Motion passed

**Public Comments:**

1. Laura Engel- She talked about the problems that she and her husband has had with the residents of Clifford Lake. She said someone started a rumor that they were going to parcel off their property that is across the road from Clifford Lake just so that the new property owners would flood the loading dock at the lake. She said this was a lie and they feel like they are being attacked form the residents.  
She also talked about how they had thought about putting a wind turbine on their property but that the Apex people decided against it as there is a pair of nesting Eagles in the area and they didn't want to disturb them. She feels Apex is getting a bad rap.
2. Mike- has been doing wind studies for many years and he feels the 55dbls should be brought down to 45-50 and he talked about the Pierson Twp ordinance and how he feels it is prohibitive.
3. Sheila Crooks- of Douglass Township brought up the Citizens Ordinance during public comment Wednesday, speaking to Douglass Township Board Supervisor Terry Anderson directly as an audience of more than 30 people listened.  
"Mr. Supervisor, you told us there are good people on the Planning Commission and if we give them a chance, they will come up with a good ordinance — and they have done that," Crooks said. "I challenge the board to take a step back, to pass the ordinance

referred to as the Citizens Ordinance, allow pro-wind supporters to petition it if they choose, and then we will vote. I believe a vote would go a long way to heal this community. Please, let's stop the madness and take a vote. Everybody wants to vote, that's what I hear overwhelmingly, so let's vote on the ordinance and see where it goes." Shelia Crooks comments come from the Daily News article.

4. Holly- from Coral Rd in Douglass Twp. She said we can restrict businesses in the township. We have chosen to not allow marijuana businesses and she feels like if we can do that we should be able to restrict Wind Energy companies from coming in.
  5. Ron Finegood- He spoke about the money side of having Wind Energy companies in the township.
  6. David Stevens- Mt Haley Twp. Read a letter he had written about his experience living next to 11 wind turbines. He is against them. Letter attached. Suggests we look at [michiganschoolsdata.org](http://michiganschoolsdata.org) and [hometownlocator.com](http://hometownlocator.com).
  7. Caryl Hacket- 1 chance to get this right
  8. Linda Duel- spoke against wind turbines. Laura Engel responded to Linda's comments
  9. Ron Finegood- Said there was 3 large farmers who had to send cease & desist orders to Apex. He would like to see the Township pass a new small tax that would go to litigation if the Township were to get sued.
  10. Albert Jongewaard (Apex)- Spoke against some of the claims made about him and his company. "We do not lie".
  11. Larry Duel- Any board member who has a vested interest in Wind Turbines should recuse themselves. He wants them to be upfront and honest.
  12. Tricia Rose- Lives in Eureka Township. She is against wind turbines and wants people to watch a youtube video from Cary Schindlecker. She also wants a vote on the Ordinance.
  13. Amy Laper- Tax bills will go out the first part of July
- 8:08 p.m. with no other people wanting to make comments, Tom made a motion to adjourn. Amy supported Tom's motion. Motion passed.