

Meeting

I am recirculating this list of 31 protective ordinances and asking that it be added to the official record partially because it was misrepresented at a previous meeting by Mr. Redick and also because an alternate pro-wind list provided by the Spicer group, was the only one published on the Township Website. I am therefore requesting that this list be published on the website as well as added to the minutes of this meeting.

Mr. Redick made the comment that the planning commission would pass an ordinance that was more protective than the ones on this list which wasn't the case before and certainly does not appear to be the case now.

I'm sure you are all aware that the PC, with its new Board appointed pro-wind members, is clearly heading down the road to a pro-wind ordinance that will not protect Douglass Township.

I would suggest that since the Supervisor and Mr. Redick can no longer legitimately threaten us with the 2017 ordinance, that we now know is invalid, they revisit this list of 31 protective ordinances which have not been challenged. After all, the Supervisor has been very clear from the beginning that he does not want this township to be sued.

Clearly the majority of our residents want an ordinance that protects Douglass township. Thanks to Robert Scott, we know that only 3.4% of the tax base has leased and thanks to Kathy Craig, we know that 74% of the meeting comments have been in favor of a protective wind ordinance and out of the 19% of comments that were pro-wind, 20% of those were from Apex.

Let's be clear, we believe we have the support of a large majority of township voters to referendum any new ordinance that does not protect us.

So my question is....does the Supervisor really want to protect this township or does he just want to lease his land for turbines?

Sheila Crooks

March 1, 2022

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Dan Croy
4701 N Grow Road
Stanton, MI 48888

Please make this letter public and share with all board member

1 message

holly huff <forward2holly@msn.com>

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There are other money making options out there. Do your research and find them. Keep our land natural and beautiful!

Holly Huff
Douglass Township land owner

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S21 Ultra 5G, an AT&T 5G smartphone
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From: Linda Olson
Sent: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 5:03 PM
To: Board Members
Subject: Thank you

Dear Douglass Township Board Members

We appreciate all you have done in the years past, and what you are doing now. We are sorry for all that you have been through. Thank you.

Regards,
Linda Olson
481 Musson Rd NW
Stanton, MI 48888
+19892893487
lindaolson1965@gmail.com

From: James Jackson
Sent: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 3:24 PM
To: Board Members
Subject: Thank you

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Regards,
James Jackson
3898 Lake Montcalm Rd
Six Lakes, MI 48886
+19895650106
jacksonfarms8@gmail.com

From: Vicky Brunges
Sent: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 2:52 PM
To: Board Members
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Vicky Brunges
2233 N Marble Rd
Coral, MI 49322
+12313540036
vibrunges@hotmail.com

From: Jeanne Poulsen
Sent: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 11:22 AM
To: Board Members
Subject: Thank you

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Regards,
Jeanne Poulsen
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Trufant, MI 49347
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poulsenjeanne@gmail.com

From: Clare Thomsen
Sent: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 1:48 PM
To: Board Members
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Regards,
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Douglass Township
 Treasurer's Report
 February 2022

	Feb 22	Feb 21	\$ Change
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Administration Fees	20.00	0.00	20.00
Fire Millage	4,430.14	13,353.21	-8,923.07
Interest Inc	12.56	9.98	2.58
Metro Act Annual Maintenance	0.00	164.66	-164.66
Permits	80.00	0.00	80.00
Refunds & Misc.	40.40	5,339.45	-5,299.05
SET Reimbursement	0.00	1,562.50	-1,562.50
Uncategorized Income	11.99	0.00	11.99
Total Income	4,595.09	20,429.80	-15,834.71
Gross Profit	4,595.09	20,429.80	-15,834.71
Expense			
Attorney	5,496.26	1,669.50	3,826.76
Clerk			
Office Supplies-Clerk	94.73	0.00	94.73
Total Clerk	94.73	0.00	94.73
Elections			
Elections Salaries	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Elections	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fire Protection & Etc	125.00	0.00	125.00
Legislative			
Misc.			
Internet	64.95	64.95	0.00
Intuit	515.00	0.00	515.00
Misc. - Other	375.00	485.00	-110.00
Total Misc.	954.95	549.95	405.00
Printing & Publishing	121.40	0.00	121.40
Telephone	0.00	152.45	-152.45
Total Legislative	1,076.35	702.40	373.95
Payroll Expenses	8,553.73	8,235.48	318.25
Planning Commission			
Plan Comm Supplies			
Postage	0.00	10.00	-10.00
Total Plan Comm Supplies	0.00	10.00	-10.00

**Township of Douglass
Profit & Loss Detail
March 2, 2022**

12:26 PM
03/02/22
Accrual Basis

Type	Date	Numb	Name	Memo	Clr	Split	Amount	Balance
Ordinary Income/Expense								
Income								
Pension	03/02/2022	31156...	John Hancock USA	Said they bille...		Accounts Paya...	-75.00	-75.00
Bill							-75.00	-75.00
Total Pension							-75.00	-75.00
Total Income							-75.00	-75.00
Expense								
Attorney								
Bill	03/02/2022		Mika Meyers	Zoning matters		Accounts Paya...	819.00	819.00
Bill	03/02/2022		Mika Meyers	General Matters		Accounts Paya...	346.50	1,165.50
Bill	03/02/2022		Mika Meyers	Wind Energy ...		Accounts Paya...	7,831.76	8,997.26
Total Attorney							8,997.26	8,997.26
Clerk								
Office Supplies-Clerk								
Postage	03/02/2022	1058	Ronda Snyder	USPS 2/02/22		CHECKING IS...	1.36	1.36
Check							1.36	1.36
Total Postage							1.36	1.36
Office Supplies-Clerk - Other								
Bill	03/02/2022	2022...	Killer Bee Printing	1000 printed e...		Accounts Paya...	179.00	179.00
Check	03/02/2022	1058	Ronda Snyder	Meijer 1/12/22...		CHECKING IS...	23.86	202.86
Total Office Supplies-Clerk - Other							202.86	202.86
Total Office Supplies-Clerk							204.22	204.22
Total Clerk							204.22	204.22
Elections								
Elections Salaries								
Paycheck	03/02/2022	1060	Almas, Holli M			CHECKING IS...	0.00	0.00
Paycheck	03/02/2022	1067	Snyder, Ronda L			CHECKING IS...	0.00	0.00
Paycheck	03/02/2022	1068	Sumerix, Suzanne L			CHECKING IS...	0.00	0.00
Total Elections Salaries							0.00	0.00
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Fire Protection & Etc								
Paycheck	03/02/2022	1063	Jeppesen, Thomas L			CHECKING IS...	125.00	125.00
Total Fire Protection & Etc							125.00	125.00

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Paycheck	03/02/2022	1065	Laper, Amy L			CHECKING IS...	16.34	3,280.17
Paycheck	03/02/2022	1066	Larsen, Donald L			CHECKING IS...	630.00	3,910.17
Paycheck	03/02/2022	1066	Larsen, Donald L			CHECKING IS...	0.00	3,910.17
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Paycheck	03/02/2022	1066	Larsen, Donald L			CHECKING IS...	39.06	3,949.23
Paycheck	03/02/2022	1066	Larsen, Donald L			CHECKING IS...	9.14	3,958.37
Paycheck	03/02/2022	1067	Snyder, Ronda L			CHECKING IS...	1,351.88	5,310.25
Paycheck	03/02/2022	1067	Snyder, Ronda L			CHECKING IS...	0.00	5,310.25
Paycheck	03/02/2022	1067	Snyder, Ronda L			CHECKING IS...	83.82	5,394.07
Paycheck	03/02/2022	1067	Snyder, Ronda L			CHECKING IS...	19.61	5,413.68
Paycheck	03/02/2022	1068	Sumerix, Suzanne L			CHECKING IS...	131.25	5,544.93
Paycheck	03/02/2022	1068	Sumerix, Suzanne L			CHECKING IS...	0.00	5,544.93
Paycheck	03/02/2022	1068	Sumerix, Suzanne L			CHECKING IS...	8.13	5,553.06
Paycheck	03/02/2022	1068	Sumerix, Suzanne L			CHECKING IS...	1.90	5,554.96
Paycheck	03/02/2022	1069	ZEMLA, CHUCK			CHECKING IS...	2,026.78	7,581.74
Paycheck	03/02/2022	1069	ZEMLA, CHUCK			CHECKING IS...	125.66	7,707.40
Paycheck	03/02/2022	1069	ZEMLA, CHUCK			CHECKING IS...	29.38	7,736.78
Total Payroll Expenses							7,736.78	7,736.78
Planning Commission								
Planning Commission Advisor								
Bill	03/02/2022	036-0...	PLB Planning Group			Accounts Paya...	0.00	0.00
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Bill	03/02/2022	036-0...	PLB Planning Group			Accounts Paya...	375.00	1,312.50
Bill	03/02/2022	036-0...	PLB Planning Group			Accounts Paya...	37.50	1,350.00
Total Planning Commission Advisor							1,350.00	1,350.00
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Township Hall								
Misc								
Bill	03/02/2022		Morris Lawn Care & ...			Accounts Paya...	450.00	450.00
Total Plowing							450.00	450.00
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