

## November 2022 Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the board was called to order by Clerk Oman at 6:00 p.m. All in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was conducted and board members Wille, Dixon, Stienbrecher and Oman were present. Mattson was absent and is out of town. Also attending the meeting Fire Chief Anderson, Cemetery Sexton Rebecca Pollack, plus several other guests and all were asked to sign in on a separate sheet.

Citizen's time was offered, and notice given that each person's time will be limited to 5 minutes per person. Of those attending the meeting the following people addressed the board during this time.

Mrs. Emmy Lou Harder, Ms. Mary Ann Lazeratti, Mr. Eric Wickman, Mr. Hollsworth, and Mr. Roberts. Concerns raised by the people who spoke are summarized as follows: The proposed Solar Farm at the old Groveland Mine Site. Toxins in the Solar Panels, how will they be disposed of. Toxic Soils and testing for the same on the proposed construction site, access to the recreation areas, questioned board member Mrs. Steinbrecher if she had a conflict of interest, the projected power output of the project site, Mr. Wickman provided information to the board about solar sites in other states and the power output of those sites and power costs, the bonding of the project to ensure cleanup after it is done being a solar site was questioned, expansion of the power sub-station on the Groveland Mine Road to handle the solar farm was also questioned. Mr. Roberts of Circle Power addressed the board and provided more information about the company's plans for an endowment fund and Recreation Grants. He also provided some answers to some of the citizens questions and took contact information from them so he can follow up with them on their questions. Clerk Oman speaking for the board, reported that Supervisor Mattson has advised the board that he has contacted an attorney from the MTA to get advice before the scheduled Felch Planning Commission meets. Mr. Mattson has estimated that the meeting will be in either December or January. Mr. Oman stated that he feels Mr. Mattson's actions are exactly what the citizens and the board need to do before we move forward with anymore items on the matter. We limited the time we allow for the citizens to speak because regular board business needs to be conducted, Oman feels this issue should be scheduled for a public meeting specific to this issue rather than at the regular meetings that are scheduled. After discussing with Supervisor Mattson If a meeting specific to this subject is scheduled, the notice of the meeting will then be published. 50 minutes of the meeting was dedicated to the citizens for comment/discussion time.

The agenda was reviewed and approved on a motion from D, Dixon supported by G. Wille all voted in favor and the agenda was approved.

Regular minutes of the October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2022 meeting were reviewed D. Dixon moved to approve as written supported by M. Stienbrecher. All voted in favor, the minutes were approved.

Treasures Report was reviewed and D. Oman made a motion to accept and place on file as presented. The motion was supported by D. Dixon. All voted in favor the motion was approved.

Review and payment of the bills. The visa account and Home Depot account charges were reviewed in addition to the other bills. D. Dixon made a motion to approve payment of the bills. Supported by G. Wille. All voted in favor, no one was opposed the motion was approved.

Fire Department report was given by Chief Anderson. The department responded to one mutual aid call for Sagola Township and one lift assist for Nordic Ambulance. Chief Anderson also stated that there is maybe 3 citizens who have interest in attending a future firefighters course and joining the department and requested copies of the townships application for joining the fire department. Clerk Oman will get the blank applications to Chief Anderson.

Custodians Report. Mr. Fuchs was not present, however Oman stated that the oven door on the stove in the small kitchen is sprung and will not heat correctly. Oman requested that he be allowed to contact Peterson Electric and purchase a new electric stove. D. Dixon moved to approve, supported by M. Steinbrecher. All voted in favor of purchasing a new stove.

Cemetery Report. Mrs. Pollack, cemetery sexton, reports there were four burials. Reiterated the need to hold a meeting about updating the cemetery ordinance. Providing examples of questions that have been presented to her. She also stated she is working with a company to get the cemetery mapping updated by using sonar technology. More information is forthcoming.

Parks and Recreational Report. Mr. Ryan Wille provided some information about the Rec Planning. The review period is ending and the need for a public hearing on the new plan. It was originally thought that the rec plan hearing would be held in conjunction with the Master Plan review. However the meeting has been postponed for the Planning Committee so Mr. Wille will contact Ryan at CUPPAD and see if we can move forward on its own with the rec plan so we can get grant writers hired and move forward with grants.

Mrs. Nord addressed the board. We reviewed a request from Mrs. Robbie Nord (Becky Nord) of Foster City to use the township kitchen to prepare cheese cakes she intends to sell. She must use a licensed and health department inspected kitchen. After review and discussion D. Dixon moved and was supported by G. Wille the request is granted at a fee of \$25.00 for the rental and is temporary and the rental and use be reviewed in 90 days by both parties. She must schedule each use with Mr. John Fuchs and as long as her use does not interfere with other rentals. It was noted that Becky used to run the senior citizens meals from the same kitchen. Is very familiar with it the townships polices and has a history of leaving the kitchen very clean after she has finished using it. All voted in favor and the request is approved.

Supervisor Mattson has suggested that the front sidewalk replacement project be delayed until spring. The board agreed. It is too late in the season to do the work.

Grant writing proposals update: We are waiting for an approved 5 year rec plan to provide to grant writers to get proposals.

Agreement for land purchase. D. Oman will follow up with attorney after the elections. No actions have been taken yet.

Other communications from Supervisor Mattson: The new addition for the ambulance use is nearly completed. A DCRC member questioned the engineering of the road project recently completed on Davidsons Hill on 581. The DCRC will need to address this.

Board Member Privilege

D. Dixon. Need to get scrap metal picked up before we get snow and no more scrap metal accepted unless it fits into the trailer. None on the ground.

Review of the bathroom project by the board. Everyone look at it and provide input at the December meeting so that we can clearly define what we expect completed and go out and get bids so the project is completed this winter.

The lawn vacuum machine needs to be put away and stored.

D. Oman presented a copy of an email that has been received from the State Treasury department asking the board to respond to deficiencies discovered in our last audit. Due to the past due time a response was expected by the state treasury department. D Oman will respond for the board rather than wait for Supervisor Mattson to return and further delay our response.

Brittany Olson has been working back of the house preparing for elections. John Fuchs needs to take a few days off for medical in November and Brittany will be filling in for him doing cleaning. John can still do hall scheduling. Brittany will be continuing to work for the clerk's office on election records.

The polls will be open at 7 am. Until 8 p.m. tomorrow for the elections.

A proposal from Vicki Lindholm was requested and received for the creation and use and updating of a message board for township events. After discussion it was decided not to move forward with the project. Instead, we will look to find change the scope of the project back to an on line calendar that can be adapted to our needs so the public can see when the community center has been reserved.

M. Steinbrecher – Summer Tax Collection agreement with North Dickinson County Schools. M. Steinbrecher moved to agree to the same amount as last year, supported by D. Dixon. Wille, Dixon and Steinbrecher agreed to approve. D. Oman abstained because of his employment at the school.

D. Dixon made a motion to adjourn and was supported by G. Wille. All voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Darrell Oman  
Felch Township Clerk