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December 26, 2023

The Cleveland Twp. Planning Commission Members did not meet this night.

The Cleveland Twp. Supervisors held their meeting at the Fisherdale Municipal Building starting at 7 pm. All supervisors were present. Chairman, Skip Litwhiler, opened the business meeting.

People who attended: Zoning officer – Jim Wesloskie, (4) planning commission members (Dan, Mary, Barb & Mark) and (1) citizen. Attached to these minutes are said names.

Everyone stood for pledge of allegiance.

Minutes of the previous meeting were distributed to supervisors and (1) copy for the public. Jack Jeffrey made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Steve Llewellyn 2nd the motion. All approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ABOUT ITEMS ON AGENDA – NONE**

Old Business: The ’89 International dump truck was advertised to sell as is. Skip asked for anymore bids from the floor. With none the bidding was closed. Twp. received no bids.

Proposed budget was revised to reflect the $5,000.00 put in the building maintenance. With no other revisions, Skip made a motion to accept as a final budget, advertise for public inspection, reenact the 511 taxes and put the proper money into the budget items. Steve 2nd the motion. All approved.

Jim Cecco’s daughter & son-in-law (Courtney & Ted Deljanovan) variance was approved at the zoning hearing meeting on Nov. 29th.

Resolution #2023-6 declaring the zoning ordinance substantially invalid for lack of zoning authority to govern solar projects was prepared. With no discussion, Skip made a motion to sign this resolution. Jack 2nd the motion. All in favor.

Ordinance # 2023-1 for supervisor’s monthly compensation was advertised and ready for adoption. With no discussion, Skip made a motion to adopt this ordinance. Jack 2nd the motion. All approved.

Old business from zoning officer. Jim took the floor and spoke about Michael Garcia’s non-compliance with getting a driveway permit. He stated that the application was never given to him. The roadmaster (Skip) received it first and it was denied. Skip responded to Mr. Garcia the reasons for denial and the corrections that need to be made, but first he needed to get a permit from DEP. Skip asked Jim to write a letter to Mr. Garcia on the advice of Attorney Greco that he is in violation. Jim stated that since he did not get the application, the roadmaster should do it. Skip stated he would follow up on this.

Jim stated he got a badge identifying himself as the twp. zoning/code officer at the sheriff’s dept. at the courthouse. That dept. did it free of charge.

Jim reported about the trailer (2nd dwelling on a lot) on Robert Conniff property on Ashton Hollow Rd. He tried many times to talk with Mr. Conniff. He will be sending a certified letter to him advising him that he is in violation of the ordinance. This letter was drafted by Attorney Greco.

Jim stated Dynamic Solar sent him plans again, but the setbacks in the back of the property are wrong. This is for a solar farm on Sherry Andrews’s property on Bear Gap/White Church Rd.

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Jim reported that he is upset with the (3) zoning hearing board members for allowing Deljanovan variance to be granted. This now allows anyone to apply for a variance to obtain less ground than what is required in the zoning district. All supervisors stated they will talk to the board.

Jim stated he went into District Magistrate Craig Long office to ask how he goes about fining people and giving them summery papers. That office is not allowed to give him advice. Skip stated to talk with Chief of Police Allen Breach for help.

No old business from board of supervisors.

New Business: Received from Tri-Co COG IBC November’s report. Jim to look over it.

Received by certified mail a letter from Scattered Acres Farms notifying that they are applying for reissuance of NPDES permit for the facility @ 190 Tyson School Rd.

Supervisor’s reorganization meeting will be held on Tues, Jan. 2nd @ 5 pm and the auditor’s meeting will be held on Wed. 3rd @ 7 pm. The meetings for year 2024 will be held on the 4th Tuesday of each month except for December as it will be held on Thursday, Dec. 26th. Skip made a motion to advertise all these meetings. Steve 2nd the motion. All approved.

State convention @ Hershey will be held on April 14th – 17th.

No new business from the zoning officer.

Jack took the floor. He asked if Ed Wenger, planning consultant from Lehigh Engineering, is going to help with rewriting the zoning ordinance over. Cathy sent him an email but he is out of the office until the new year.

Steve took the floor. He reported there are stop signs missing on various roads.

Skip took the floor. He reported that last year 2022, the twp. received floodplain maps from FEMA. A floodplain ordinance needs to be adopted by the time the maps are approved by FEMA. That date is March 13, 2024. Twp. received a model ordinance from DCED. The (3) supervisors talked this over and as roadmaster; Skip edited the model to meet our twp. needs. He did reference recreational vehicles by a creek. Skip sent this draft to Attorney Greco & Jason Snyder, engineer, but has not heard anything back from both gentlemen as of this date. Ordinance needs approval from state before the twp. can advertise it for adoption. After adoption it goes back to the state for FEMA final approval. Skip stated with this adopted ordinance the zoning officer is designated as the flood plain administrator. His time to enforce the regulations needs to be compensated. This compensation will be discussed in 2024.

Treasurer’s report was submitted along with the amount of money to be transferred and withdrawn. Steve made a motion to pay the bills and ratify the transfers and withdrawals. Jack 2nd the motion. All approved. Attached to these minutes is said report.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**  Skip took the floor. He received from the board of election at the courthouse (2) letters advising him that he was written in for 6 year term as supervisor and a 2 year term as auditor. He stated he has reservations on not accepting the supervisor’s term, but he has projects he would like to follow

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thru and get done. These projects are the bank stabilization on Queen City Rd., and stream crossing on Tyler Ave. He will be accepting the supervisor’s position but not for a full 6 years.

Being no further business, Steve made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 pm. Jack 2nd the motion. All approved.

Secretary,