

**DALTON TOWNSHIP BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 14, 2022 – 6:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order, invocation and pledge of allegiance was said and roll call taken.

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nola Twining, Renea Knight, Tracy DeMarse, Kerry Knight, Lee Witte and Jeffrey Martin.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kristy Miles

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by K Knight, supported by N Twining to approve the agenda. **PASSED:** All in favor. **No;** None.

MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 10, 2022 REGULAR MEETING:

Motion by K Knight, supported by R Knight to approve the October 10, 2022 Regular Board meeting minutes with typo corrections and place them on file. **PASSED:** All in favor. **No;** None.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

October 2022 Treasurer's report was presented to the Board today and reviewed. General Fund Accounts \$2,136,114.81, Fire Operating Fund \$429,205.02, Sewer Fund \$687,842.13, Trust and Agency Fund \$514,838.31, Water Fund \$109,740.96, ARPA Fund \$726,957.33. Total interest earned for the month was \$6,937.34. This report is for information only and will be placed on file.

PAY BILLS:

The invoice distribution list for 10/03/2022 through 11/07/2022 was reviewed. **Motion** by R Knight, supported by K Knight to approve paying the bills. **PASSED:** Roll call vote. **Yes;** T DeMarse, R Knight, N Twining, K Knight, L Witte and J Martin **No;** None.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

October 2022 Fire Department report, there were 58 requests for service with an average 7 minutes and 52 seconds response time. (This included several mutual and auto aid requests to neighboring Departments). Fire Prevention Open House was a success with approximately 375 citizens in attendance.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Lee Witte- October 25, 2022. Public Hearing to amend Ordinance 2022-06 Solar Energy Systems. There was no public comment and the item was motioned and supported to move to Township Board Approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT-Summarized:

- Kim Cyr, County Commissioner thanked residents for support on his re-election.

QUARTERLY BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

Quarterly budget amendments were presented. **Motion** by K Knight, supported by N Twining to approve the quarterly budget amendments as recommended. **PASSED:** Roll call vote. **Yes;** T DeMarse, R Knight, N Twining, K Knight, L Witte and J Martin **No;** None.

BOARD OF REVIEW APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATION:

The Board of Review terms are expiring and two of the three members would like to continue to be on the Board.

BOR APPOINTMENT: Motion by K Knight, supported by L Witte to approve the appointment of Craig Monette to the Board of Review starting January of 2023. **PASSED:** All in favor. **No;** None.

BOR APPOINTMENT: Motion by T DeMarse, supported by K Knight to approve the appointment of Wanda Todd to the Board of Review starting January of 2023. **PASSED:** All in favor. **No;** None.

BOR RESIGNATION: Motion by N Twining, supported by R Knight to accept the resignation of Scott Holland from the Board of Review. **PASSED:** All in favor. **No;** None.

PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATION:

Planning Commission terms are expiring. There are three appointments and one resignation.

PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT: Motion by K Knight, supported by L Witte to approve the appointment of Dave Glick to the Planning Commission for a three year term beginning January of 2023. **PASSED:** All in favor. **No;** None.

PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT: Motion by K Knight, supported by N Twining to approve the appointment of Jesse McCormick to the Planning Commission for a three year term beginning January of 2023. **PASSED:** All in favor. **No;** None.

PLANNING COMMISSION RESIGNATION: Motion by R Knight, supported by K Knight to accept the resignation of Nick Kunnen from the Planning Commission as of November 30, 2022. **PASSED:** All in favor. **No;** None.

PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT: Motion by R Knight, supported by N Twining to approve the appointment of Kevin Ferguson to the Planning Commission beginning December 1, 2022 and completing the term through August 2023. **PASSED:** All in favor. **No;** None.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATION:

Zoning Board of Appeals terms are expiring. There are three appointments and one resignation.

ZBA APPOINTMENT: Motion by K Knight, supported by L Witte to approve the appointment of Craig Monette to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a three year term beginning January of 2023. **PASSED:** All in favor. **No;** None.

ZBA APPOINTMENT: Motion by L Witte, supported by K Knight to approve the appointment of Dave Glick to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a three year term beginning January of 2023. **PASSED:** All in favor. **No;** None.

ZBA RESIGNATION: Motion by N Twining, supported by K Knight to accept the resignation of Scott Holland from the Zoning Board of Appeals. **PASSED:** All in favor. **No;** None.

ZBA APPOINTMENT: Motion by K Knight, supported by R Knight to approve the appointment of Nick Kunnen to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a three year term beginning December 2022. **PASSED:** All in favor. **No;** None.

DREXEL AND PUTNAM LAND SALE BID OPENING:

There is interest in purchasing parcels 61-07-702-005-0012-00 and 61-07-702-005-0001-00. At the September meeting the Board determined the method for setting the minimum bid. At the October meeting the Board determined the minimum bid to be \$11,000. This meeting is to open bids. There was one bid received. **Motion** by N Twining supported by K Knight to accept the bid from Carey Coleman for the bid of \$11,500. **Yes;** K Knight, N Twining, T DeMarse, R Knight, L Witte, and J Martin **No;** None.

RIVER ROAD LAND SALE BID OPENING:

There is interest in purchasing parcel 61-07-032-400-0022-00 on East River. At the September meeting the Board determined the method for setting the minimum bid. At the October meeting the Board determined the minimum bid to be \$11,000. This meeting is to open bids. There was one bid received. **The bid received was lower than the minimum and so no action was taken.**

E DANIELS LAND SALE REQUEST:

There is interest in purchasing parcel 61-07-507-066-0011-00 on E Daniels. This meeting is to determine the method for setting the minimum bid. **Motion** by J Martin supported by K Knight to use comparables and True Cash Value from Assessing to consider the minimum bid for parcel 61-07-507-066-0011-00. **Yes;** K Knight, N Twining, T DeMarse, R Knight, L Witte, and J Martin **No;** None.

BID OPENING FOR THE 1988 GMC SIERRA

The Board set a minimum bid of \$1,500 at the October meeting. Four bids were received. The highest bid was from Mark Shaw at \$1,963.00. **Motion** by K Knight supported by N Twining to accept the bid of \$1,963.00 for the 1988 GMC Sierra. **Yes;** K Knight, N Twining, T DeMarse, R Knight, L Witte, and J Martin **No;** None.

TOWNSHIP HALL ROOF:

Bob's roofing, which specializes in torched roofing supplied two bids for different parts of the township hall roof. Their opinion was that the roof does not need to be replaced at this time but some repairs are necessary. **Motion** by K Knight supported by T DeMarse to accept the bid for roof repairs from Bob's Roofing. **Yes;** K Knight, N Twining, T DeMarse, R Knight, L Witte, and J Martin **No;** None.

VILLAGE ZONING ADMINISTRATION CONTRACT:

The zoning administrator for the Village of Lakewood Club is resigning. The Village would like to contract with the Township to share zoning administration services. The township zoning administrator is willing to take on the extra responsibilities. **Motion** by R Knight supported by N Twining to approve the Zoning Administration Contract with The Village of Lakewood Club and authorize the township supervisor to execute beginning December 1, 2022. **Yes;** K Knight, N Twining, T DeMarse, R Knight, L Witte, and J Martin **No;** None.

TREASURER RESOLUTION 2022-20 FOR SMALL CLAIMS COURT:

This resolution was drawn up to allow the treasurer to pursue collection of delinquent personal property taxes.

Motion by N Twining supported by K Knight to approve resolution 2022-20 authorizing the treasurer to appear in small claims court. **Yes;** K Knight, N Twining, T DeMarse, L Witte, J Martin and R Knight **No:** None.

WATER POLICY ORDINANCE 2022-08:

The Board has been discussing this Ordinance Update for several months as the Water System Policy Board was making its changes. The ordinance was passed by the Water System Policy Board and now goes to the individual municipalities for approval. **Motion** by T DeMarse supported by J Martin to approve ordinance 2022-08 for rates, charges and mandatory connection regulations for the water system. **Yes;** T DeMarse, J Martin, L Witte **No;** K Knight, N Twining, and R Knight **MOTION FAILS**

ZONING ORDINANCE 2022-06 FOR SOLAR:

This zoning ordinance was approved by the Planning Commission and moved to the Township Board for approval.

Motion by L Witte supported by R Knight to approve ordinance 2022-06 for solar energy systems and corrections to accessory buildings. **Yes;** K Knight, N Twining, T DeMarse, L Witte, J Martin and R Knight **No:** None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS – Summarized:

- Lake Treatments – Residents have inquired about not doing chemical treatments on West Lake and instead doing mechanical cutting to help support the fish population. PLM has provided a quote. The Board discussed the alternatives. One option could be a petition from the owners.
- Maintenance Salary – The Board discussed whether this could or should be a salaried position. Winter plowing is always a challenge because the hours can vary so much in order to keep up with the snow and ice at the fire station. More to come on this topic.
- Food Sovereignty – Supervisor J Martin provided a draft ordinance and will continue to tweak it as necessary. Supervisor Martin would like feedback on the draft. The updated version is included in the reference packet.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Summarized:

- Jesse McCormick – Inquired about the escalation clause that some bids have had recently and suggested the Board make a rule regarding whether or not to allow the practice. He also addressed a question in the language of the water policy ordinance and the contract with the Village for zoning services.
- Al Richards – Agrees with Nola regarding on government overreach relating to the water policy. He also discussed that because of Proposal 3, there may be some conservatives that may not take the oath.
- Rachel Church – Discussed the upcoming Library events. She let the Board know that the Historical Society has been meeting at the Library. The next meeting is Dec 14th from 5-7. There will be a puzzle swap going on this month and Santa will be at the library Dec 5th at 5pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motioned by N Twining, supported by R Knight to adjourn. **Passed:** All in favor.
Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

DALTON TOWNSHIP BOARD

Jeffrey A Martin

Supervisor

Tracy L DeMarse

Clerk

Kristy Miles

Treasurer

Kerry Knight

Trustee

Renea Knight

Trustee

Nola Twining

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Leeland Witte

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Clerk:

Tracy L DeMarse

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